

# Magheralin Community Association

Northern Ireland · Charity number 102951

## Details

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**Status** Received

**Registered** 2015-07-02

**Register** [View on the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland register](#)

## Contact

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## Activities

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**Purposes:** To promote the benefit of the inhabitants of Magheralin without distinction of political, opinion, religious belief, disability, gender, race, age, sexual orientation, those with marital status and family status, or other opinion, by engaging in and organising community activities and projects with the object of improving the quality of life of said inhabitants.

**What the charity does:** The advancement of citizenship or community development

**How the charity works:** Community development, Environment/sustainable development/conservation, Rural development, Volunteer development

**Who the charity helps:** Community safety/crime prevention, General public, Older people, Volunteers

## Finances

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Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-03-31	£10,839	£5,306	£0	0

## Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Caitriona Hughes		
Connor Mcgee		
Harry Briggs		
Mrs Mary Scullion		
Mrs Maureen Mccann		
Tom Hughes		

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<b>MAGHERALIN COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION</b>				
<b>Statement of Receipts &amp; Payments – Year ended 31-3-2024</b>				
		<b>Unrestricted Funds</b>	<b>Restricted Funds</b>	<b>Total 2024</b>
<b>Receipts</b>				
	Donations	100.00	1320.00	
	Grants		3441.41	
	Membership Activities	264.79	0.00	
	<b>Total</b>	<b>364.79</b>	<b>4761.41</b>	<b>5126.20</b>
<b>Payments</b>				
	Cost of Fundraising	0	0	
	Cost of Charitable Activities	1166.05	2623.13	
	Governance Costs	0	1000.59	
	<b>Total</b>	<b>1166.05</b>	<b>3623.72</b>	<b>4789.77</b>
<b>Asset and Investment Purchase</b>		0	0	0
<b>Net Receipts (Payments)</b>		-801.26	1137.69	336.43
<b>Transfer From funds</b>		0		
<b>Surplus (Deficit) for this year</b>		336.43		336.43
<b>Reconciliation 31.03.24</b>				
Cash in hand & bank 31.03.2023		6633.00		
Surplus Deficit this year end		336.43		

Cash in hand & bank 31.03.2024		7057.86		
<b>Statement of assests and Liabilities- Year ended 31 March 2024</b>				
<b>Funds Reconciliation 21.3.24</b>				
<b>Receipts</b>		<b>Unrestricted funds</b>	<b>Restricted Funds</b>	<b>Total 2024</b>
Cash in hand & bank 31.03.2023		6633.00		
Surplus Deficit this year end		336.43		
Cash in hand & bank 31.03.2024		7057.86		
<b>Cash at bank and in hand at 31.3.24</b>				
Bank Current Account Balance	6698.16			
Cash in hand Petty Cash	59.70			
<b>Liabilities Restricted Funds</b>	0			
	0			
<b>Other Assets</b>				
Laptop Computers (at Cost)	998.00			
Polytunnel (at Cost)	1139.00			
Gardening Equipment (Est Value)	1000			
Notice Boards (at Cost)	450.00			

Sound System (Est Value)	250.00			
<b>Total</b>	<b>3837.00</b>			







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# Annual report

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## MAGHERALIN COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

AGM 17<sup>th</sup> October 2024

### Chairperson's Report – October 2023 – Now

This past year has gone by so quickly, it is hard to believe and when young people tell you this as well, it is daunting! This year's report will cover from last year's AGM in September until tonight.

We are fortunate to have such a bunch of dedicated hard working members on our Committee but in particular on our Litter Picking and Gardening Teams as this has enabled our Community Association to continue in its work of endeavouring to improve the lives and environment of those living in the village and its surrounding areas.

I had mentioned at our AGM last September that we were a bit disappointed with the quality of the ABC flowers received for the Ulster in Bloom Competition and unfortunately this obviously did not impress the Judges and their Report was a very disheartening. I challenged a number of their comments, in particular when they stated that there was ***little sign of community involvement. I got confirmation last week that the Judges Reports will be out next week on the 22<sup>nd</sup> October.*** We don't know when the judges were here so we can only hope that this year's report will be more encouraging as the village looked very well on the TV coverage of the Daniel Wiffen Welcome Home Event, more of that later.

Our Annual Art and Poetry Competition was well supported by both schools and we were delighted that Rev Simone Genoe and Fr Shajan were happy to

judge the entries. Photographs of the winners were displayed on our Noticeboards and you will have seen them tonight on our Display Boards.

We held a Recycling Session in April, delivered by ABC Officers Dominic Marsden, which was a very useful and informative session, enjoyed by those who attended. We also had some plants for sale, propagated by our Gardening Team in our Poly-tunnel and at their homes and we sold out and reports back from those who bought were very favourable.

The summer months of May and June kept the Gardeners busy getting the flower beds and boxes ready for the ABC Plants which this year arrived on the 19<sup>th</sup> June. We have asked would it be possible to get the plants a week or so earlier as Moira got theirs the week before. This would give us more time to get all planted before the Judges who could arrive as early as 1<sup>st</sup> July!

We had our Fun Day planned for Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> August and nothing more till September but we hadn't factored in Daniel Wiffen, a Magheralin man, ex pupil of St Patrick's PS and a member of the Parish of Magheralin to be so successful in the Paris Olympics winning 1 Gold and 1 Bronze medal. Our phone was hot and heavy from the 26<sup>th</sup> July with BBC, UTV, Belfast Telegraph, Irish News, Irish Times and RTE all asking were we organising a Crowd viewing for the 800 metres race. With no Community Hall with a large TV screen and at 7 minutes long we said nothing was possible. They were back after his amazing win to see what was planned for the 1500metres race - 14 minutes long ! I spoke to Dan Byrne and he was more than happy to let us have the Lounge Bar where adults and children could come together to enjoy the race. Although he didn't get Gold, but Bronze, it was still an amazing achievement and all there enjoyed the craic, bar a chat with some folk about what sort of a home coming could we organise.

Our Annual Fun Day on 3<sup>rd</sup> August started with a heavy shower but thankfully the sun came out and we had a lovely afternoon, enjoyed by over 300 children and adults. The children enjoyed the Fire Engine but unfortunately the PSNI was unable to spare Officers as they were busy with Parades and other duties. Leprino and their staff enjoyed their time with bubble blowing and football with the children. Activity NI as in previous years delivered a variety of activities in a professional manner. Funding by ABC and Leprino and the support of ABC staff with Bin Collections and provision of the Portaloo is much appreciated.

A surprise phone call from Derry McVeigh, Daniel's Agent on the 6<sup>th</sup> August to say that Team Ireland would be home on Monday 12<sup>th</sup> and the Wiffen family would be back home in the afternoon so what were we thinking of organising?? Tom and I were heading off for a break for our Wedding Anniversary from the 6<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> but this changed to 3 very hectic days liaising with ABC staff and PSNI. A big thanks to Peter Lavery and Kyle Savage who were able to smooth the way for us to get all we needed for our event and PSNI Event Officers, who met with us on the 8<sup>th</sup>. They suggested if at all possible we should hold the event outside St Patrick's Parish Hall to allow for an anticipated 200-300 attending. A bit thank you to Ryan Costley who organised getting a Banner from Print it in Moira which was displayed on the Church railings for the event and is now at the side of the Butchers. Trevor was also on the ball and ordered commemorative pens. I attended and spoke at assemblies at both schools in mid September and pupils and staff were delighted to get their pens and you are very welcome to get your pen on the way out. We were not guaranteed a good spell of weather but thankfully we were blessed with a dry and sunny evening. The Lurgan Mail had 8 pages of photos and said there were 1000 there, we reckon about 550. A big thanks to Trevor Waddell who drove his Bentley to bring Daniel and his twin brother, Nathan from their home to the Hall. We were delighted that Kyle Savage was

able to attend as Deputy Mayor and we really appreciated the Lord Mayor's contribution to the event. We were very pleased to have a surprise visit from our MP Sorcha Eastwood, Deputy First Minister Emma Little-Pengelly and a number of other local politicians. It was a very successful event with great coverage of Magheralin on both TV and local press.

You may remember that with Council help we got our Oak Carving of 1500 years of Magheralin history moved onto Flinty Hill last November. The artist Andrew McCann continued to work on the sculpture when he was well with the aim to have it completed by the end of August. He excelled himself by completing the carving of the 5 Olympic Rings 2024 and DW in time for the Celebration Event and it was great to see a number of folk getting their photos taken on the Sculpture later on the evening.

We invited our MP Sorcha Eastwood to unveil the Sculpture on the 31<sup>st</sup> August and had a lovely BBQ afterwards with the 9 Villagers who contributed to the recording of their memories of living in Magheralin, as special guests. They are Falkiner Small, Noel Robinson, David Mills, Eamon Wright, Trevor Waddell, Jean Gregg, Mona Byrne, Maurice Hull and Dan Byrne.

Please do check out the Ceramic tiles to the left of Byrne's Off Licence which depicts the carvings and the QR code, which is also on the Sculpture, which magically will let you listen to the great stories from our 9 speakers and narrated by Harry Briggs. A big thank you also to Brett Young, TADA officer who did a great job of recording the stories and creating the QR Code.

Members of our **Litter Picking Group** continue to work hard to keep the outlying roads clean although the litter still appears very quickly after a Clean Up.

Our **Gardening Team** are a bunch of very energetic and enthusiastic members who enjoy working together, sharing knowledge and seeds. A lot of hard work and effort is needed to collect and plant the Ulster in Bloom's 4,000 plants. This year the selection was a big improvement on last year's and we are very pleased with how the village looked. We are always looking for new members to share the load of keeping the village looking as good as we can. We would encourage you to talk to friends and neighbours and whether they are a total novice or have green fingers, they would be very welcome to join us.

### **Anti Social Behaviour**

Unfortunately we had quite a spate of anti social behaviour involving a group of youngsters between 10-14/5 years old. We met with Inspector Kelly at the end of July and a number of visits were made to homes and the young folk spoken to. It is very sad that there is so little respect for the village and older people in particular feel unsafe. Things have quietened down since September and we can only hope Halloween will pass without any bother.

May I express my gratitude to ABC Council and TADA, for its funding and their staff for their support. To our Political Representatives for their support throughout the year and of course to all our Committee Members, Gardeners and Litter Pickers and our friends in the village who support our work. To Rev Genoe and Fr Shahjan for being our willing Art & Poetry judges. Lastly our appreciation to St Patrick's, the Church of Ireland and the Masonic Hall for hosting our monthly meetings in 2022-23.

**Caitriona Hughes**

**Chairperson**

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# Annual return

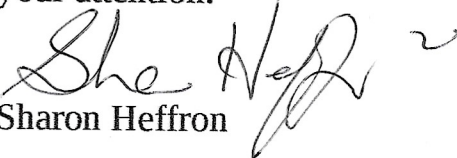
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61 Kilmore Rd  
Lurgan

15<sup>th</sup> October 2024

**Independent Examiner's Statement**

I have completed my examination of the Financial Records of Magheralin Community Association 2023-2024 and have no concerns that require drawing to your attention.

  
Sharon Heffron

Regional Bank Manager - Santander ( Retired)

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## MAGHERALIN COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

### Statement of Receipts and Payments – Year Ended 31 March 2023

<b>RECEIPTS</b>	<b>Unrestricted funds</b>	<b>Restricted Funds</b>	<b>Total 2023</b>	<b>Total 2022</b>
Donations	650	-	650	531
Grants		3821	3821	14680
Membership Activities	717	-	717	-
	1367	3821	<b>5188</b>	15211
<b>PAYMENTS</b>				
Cost of Fundraising	354	-	354	-
Cost of Charitable Activities	837	8321	9158	7698
Governance Costs	81	1005	1086	1275
Total	1167	9326	<b>10598</b>	8973
Asset & Investment purchase	-	-	-	-
Net Receipts (payments)	200	(5505)	(5410)	6238
Transfer from funds	(5410)	-	-	-
Surplus (deficit) for this year	(200)	(5305)	<b>(5410)</b>	6238

#### Reconciliation 31.3.2023

Cash at bank & in hand 31.3.2022	12043	-	12043	5321
Surplus (deficit) this year end	(5410)	-	(5410)	6722
Cash at bank & in hand 31.3.2023	6640	-	<b>6633</b>	12043

# MAGHERALIN COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

## Statement of assets and liabilities – Year Ended 31 March 2023

### Funds Reconciliation 31.3.2023

<b>RECEIPTS</b>	<b>Unrestricted funds</b>	<b>Restricted Funds</b>	<b>Total 2023</b>	<b>Total 2022</b>
Cash at bank & in hand 31.3.2022	12043	-	12043	5289
Surplus (deficit) this year end	(5410)	-	(5410)	6722
Cash at bank & in hand 31.3.2023	6640	-	6633	12043

### Cash at bank and in hand at 31.3.2023

Bank Current Account Balance	£6,621
Cash in Hand – Petty Cash	£19 00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>6640</b>

### Liabilities (Restricted Funds)

TAKE 500+ Grant	£965
Police Property Fund	£449
	<b>1414</b>

### Other Assets ( Unrestricted Fund)

2 Computers (at cost)	£998
Polytunnel (at cost)	£1139
Various Gardening Equipment (estimated value)	£1000
Notice boards (at cost)	£450
Sound System (estimated value)	£250
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>3837</b>

*Caitriona Hughes*

**Caitriona Hughes**  
Chairperson



**Ryan Costley**  
Treasurer



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# **MAGHERALIN COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION AGM 21 SEPTEMBER 2023**

## **CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT April 2022 – March 2023**

This meeting will give us a chance to let you know what we have achieved and carried out in the last Financial Year.

Once again we have had a busy year with a number of successful applications for funding, this takes a lot of effort but worth it when successful. Our Video created by Brett Young from TADA shows some of our work in the village and it along with the great posters designed by Brett have been displayed in the village and On our Facebook Page in the hope we would attract some new members. It will run again during Refreshments

Looking back at last year it was good to see Crocus Flowers thickened out well at the base of the Magheralin Sign on Flinty Hill and they were a nice display in the Spring.

The Police Property Fund Grant allowed us to cover a number of areas and the first project was the completion of the Mural in Clarendon Park Recreation Area in May which was done by more senior members of the village. We had great fun and we were pleased with the finished work. We had a wonderful Senior's Outing to Antrim Castle Grounds and Glenarm Castle and this brought together older members from both communities, some of whom had not met up in years. In the Autumn we had PSNI Officers deliver 2 sessions for young people and parents/guardians on Anti Social Behaviour, One Punch Kills, Internet Safety,

unfortunately these were not as well attended as we would have liked. Our IT Course for Beginners delivered by Southern Regional College was a great success with 10 very happy participants who went home able to order Online, book holidays etc. The Home Safety and Internet Security Session for adults was very well attended and delivered in an informative and interesting way. We had 2 Health Sessions – Bowel Cancer for Men and Breast & Cervical Cancer for Women, both well attended and found to be very useful. To further increase awareness, we were delighted to be able to book the Action Cancer Big Bus visit the village and the take up was excellent. We were very happy as the Police Property Fund agreed that they would cover the hire cost of £450 as we were able to keep it within our budget. Although there was a lot of work co-ordinating the many different sessions, the Police Property Fund was well used and of great benefit to the village.

As we have developed a very good working relationship with both schools we once again organised the Christmas Art & Poetry Competition with Rev Genoe and Fr Shahjan judging the entries. Both schools videoed their schools singing Carols and these were incorporated into Santa's Walk About and the Switching On of our Christmas Lights and the video shown on our Facebook Page. The Community Association was happy to be successful in its application for the Queen's Platinum Jubilee Funding and both schools held Tea Parties.

Craigavon Volunteer Bureau informed us of the EPIC Award – Empowering People in Communities and a number of our Members have to date received their 100 hours Certificate.

Our Polytunnel at the rear of Maralin VPS has been a real asset – and it enabled us to apply successfully for the **ABC TAKE 500+ Grant for our Project Growing Together Young and Old**. We had a very attractive display in the Civic Centre with art work completed by our Ukrainian Guests and we attracted a lot of attention with Selfies and enough votes to get our Grant of £965. **SEE THE NOTICEBOARD AS YOU CAME IN, YOU COULD HAVE A SELFIE!!** We developed our School's Programme teaching the children where food comes from and how to grow vegetables from seed. St Patrick's Club members grew courgettes, marrows, potatoes and herbs and Maralin pupils helped us to plant our tomatoes, peppers and cabbages along with Sunflower Seeds. A big thank you to Jain Wright you provided the expertise for this project. The project will finish tomorrow when St Patrick's Garden Club Members will make the return visit to Maralin Village PS to see the work carried out by the Pupils and enjoy meeting up and having some refreshments We were delighted to access DART Transport for this.

Our 2<sup>nd</sup> St Patrick's Concerts had to be cancelled because of Covid We had organised one this year, tickets printed and ready to go when we had the tragic death of the young child in Moira whose family is from Magheralin so it was felt it was only right to cancel.

The Flower beds created in Clarendon Park are developing well and we had a visit from the Mayor in August when the Recreation Area was officially opened. He seemed impressed with our work on the Beds and with the Wetland area

which has attracted all varieties of bugs, butterflies and insects. The plants in the Old Graveyard are getting established and it is hoped overtime they will not require too much maintenance. We got our Bench installed there last summer with the Inscription Magheralin Community Association Live Here Love Here, very apt for the setting.

Members of our **Litter Picking Group** continue to work hard to keep the outlying roads clean, but it is an uphill battle. A number of us have registered with the Keep N Ireland Beautiful - Adopt a Spot programme - this covers New Forge Rd, Acre Rd, Springhill Rd and Ballymagin/ Damhill Rd. We got additional Gardening tools and seeds for this as we had already got our Hi Vis vests.

Our Gardening Team are a bunch of very energetic and enthusiastic members who enjoy working together, sharing knowledge and seeds. We meet every Tuesday morning at 10 and work until 12 or a little later if work needs finished. We have a Whats App Group and members are kept informed each week where we will work and most importantly meet for a cuppa usually around 11 30. The Polytunnel has been the perfect meeting spot especially in bad weather. Planting of the Ulster in Bloom 4,000 plants kept us very busy at the end of June but unfortunately some of the plants were no longer at their best or had time to be established when the Judges were probably out and about. The Housing Executive created and look after the flower beds outside the

Pensioner's bungalows at Florenceville, but we underplant them and keep the beds weeded and watered when needed. We are always looking for new members to share the load of keeping the village looking as good as we can. Whether you are a total novice or have green fingers, we would love to have you join us and hopefully our Video highlights the benefit of being a member.

**Neighbourhood Watch Schemes** I would invite **Mary Scullion** one of the members to give a short report.

**The Oil Club – Tom Hughes will give a short report**

**Mens Shed Report - Tommy Burke will give a short report.**

May I express my gratitude to ABC Council and TADA, for its funding and their staff for their support. A big thanks to the Police Property Fund which enabled us to deliver such a wide and varied programme. To our Political Representatives for their support throughout the year and of course all our Committee Members, Gardeners and Litter Pickers and our friends in the village who support our work. To Rev Genoe and Fr Shahjan for being our willing Art & Poetry judges. Lastly our appreciation to St Patrick's and the Masonic Hall for hosting our monthly meetings in 2022-23.

We have already noted a number of apologies at the beginning of the meeting including Harry and Liz Briggs who are enjoying some sunshine in Zynthos.

**Harry** has decided to stand down as Vice Chairperson but thankfully will still

remain on the Committee though in a more reduced role. At this point I would like to record my thanks to him for his enthusiasm and commitment from the formation of the Association in 2014 and we hope he will still share his wisdom and advice when he can. **Mary Mann**, our Secretary is also standing down, a big thank you to Mary for her patience with me over the years getting Agendas and Minutes ready to circulate to members. We wish you well Mary and your continuation of membership of the Committee is appreciated.

**Caitríona Hughes**

**Chairperson**

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Claire  
Catney

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Magheralin Community Association

T O T R U S T E E S O F M A G H E R A L I N C O M M U N I T Y A S S O C I A T I O N

I have completed and examined your accounts and have no concerns that require drawing to your attention.

*Claire Catney*

Yours sincerely,  
Claire Catney

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