

Causeway Coast Peace Group

Northern Ireland · Charity number 102957

Details

Known as	CCPG
Status	Received
Registered	2015-06-01
Register	View on the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland register

Contact

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Activities

Purposes: To create and provide opportunities for Christians of various denominations to meet with each other as a means of getting to know, understand, appreciate and respect each other's beliefs, traditions and cultures. To help to build bridges between Christians and people of other faiths or none. To promote ways of sensitively relating to minority groups. To support and encourage local Clergy in the task of peacemaking in the community.

What the charity does: The advancement of education, The advancement of religion, The advancement of citizenship or community development, The advancement of human rights, conflict resolution or reconciliation or the promotion of religious or racial harmony or equality and diversity

How the charity works: Community development, Cross-border/cross-community, Education/training, General charitable purposes, Human rights/equality, Religious activities, Volunteer development

Who the charity helps: General public, Interface communities, Voluntary and community sector

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2026-03-31	£590	£1,577	£0	0
2025-03-31	£7,727	£6,540	£0	0

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Dr Victor Dobbin		
Glenise Morgan		
Mary Taylor		
Mckeown Helen		
Mrs Bernadette Thompson		
Ms Kathleen Browne		
Pat Crossley		
Rev Patrick Barton		

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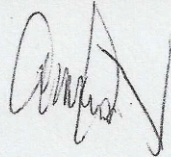
CAUSEWAY COAST PEACE GROUP

RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st MARCH 2026

Danske Bank			
Balance at 1st April 2025	6540.59		
Sources of Income		Expenditure	
Membership Fees	500.00	Speakers / Use of Halls	720.00
Refreshments (Net)	89.65	PL Insurance	77.80
Charity Donations	0.00	Bank Fees	41.31
		Printing	72.60
		Annual Service	70.00
		Christmas Lunch (Net)	850.00
		Group Day Trip (Net)	465.80
		Danske Bank	
		Balance at 31st March 2026	4832.73
	7130.24		7130.24

I have prepared the Receipts and Payments Account to the 31st March 2026 from the books and records provided and confirm it is correct. The Bank Balance of £4832.73 with the Danske Bank has been reconcilled at 31st March 2026 and is correct.

Arthur McAlister



26th April 2026

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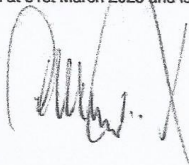
RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st MARCH 2025

Danske Bank			
Balance at 1st April 2024	1815.04		
Sources of Income		Expenditure	
Membership Fees	330.00	Speakers / Use of Halls	490.00
Grant - Awards for All	5245.00	PL Insurance	75.27
Charity Donations	0.00	Bank Fees	69.18
Refreshments (Net)	135.00	Printing	80.00
Apex Grants for Trip	201.95	Annual Service	160.00
		Christmas Lunch (Net)	80.00
		Group Day Trips (Net)	231.95
		Danske Bank	
		Balance at 31st March 2025	6540.59
	7726.99		7726.99

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26th April 2025



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CCPG Annual Report April 2023 – March 2024

The Causeway Coast Peace Group has had a full programme of meetings and activities this year which have been well attended by members. We are very fortunate to have received the 'Awards for All' grant which has helped with the costs of running our programme and offering activities at a reduced or no cost. It is encouraging that we now have 60 members which is an increase on our pre-pandemic membership, and all our meetings have attracted a number of friends and visitors.

On a lovely sunny day in June 2023, we visited the Moravian Village at Gracehill and had a guided walking tour. We learnt about the Moravian way of community life and were able to see inside the Store, the Meeting House and a former accommodation house which is now a museum and restaurant. We had an excellent meal in the restaurant before travelling to Cloughmills to visit their Community Environment Project. It was encouraging to see how the project was sustainable and that they grew food which was offered free to the local community. Members agreed that it was a most enjoyable, interesting and informative day out.

Later in June we had our annual Service of Thanksgiving which was held in St Mary's and St Joseph's Church, Ballintoy. Music was provided by Celtic Psalms and the address entitled 'Acorns of Justice' was given by Rev Cheryl Meban. Rev Meban said, that even small acts of kindness can have significant impact on others and can bring about change for the better in our communities. Members lit candles and renewed their commitment to peace. The retiring collection raised £320 for the work of the Corrymeela. Refreshments were provided by the committee after the service in St Joseph's Hall where we enjoyed the opportunity to socialise with guests and friends.

Our new programme, 'Signs of Hope' was launched at the September meeting when we welcomed Dr Alex Wimberly, Leader of the Corrymeela Community, as our speaker. His talk titled, 'Lost Swans: Finding our Internal Compass', challenged us to have a communal spirit, and to learn to share and trust one another as we travel together, bringing hope and light for the future.

Professor Gladys Ganiel from QUB, and Professor Darren Kew from Boston, USA were our speakers at the November meeting. They spoke on the theme, 'Signs of Hope in Faith-Based Peacebuilding in NI'. Professor Ganiel talked about the many groups in Belfast who have formed to try to bring healing and safety to their communities. One sign of hope is that the younger generations are more socially engaged across the divide, and youth programmes, like one at Clonard, are doing good work. She also challenged us, that for a sustainable peace everyone would need to go beyond their comfort zone which may involve forgiveness. Professor Kew is doing some research at QUB and was interested in grass roots stories which are effective in leading the way to a better, shared future. Several members met with him in January and shared their stories

about their motivation for joining the Peace Group, and some of the influences we've had as a group over local sectarian and racist issues.

Our Christmas lunch was held at the Royal Court Hotel, Portrush and attracted more members than we've ever had previously. Before lunch we were entertained by Katy Bustard and the Dunseverick Harpers which was truly delightful. It set the tone for the occasion and there followed a happy buzz of conversation whilst having our meal.

Captain Tim Cook from the Salvation Army spoke about 'Faith in Action' at our January meeting. He gave us a very interesting talk about the history of the Salvation Army, and the work that they continue to do today. He told us about the sort of problems they are dealing with locally and identified some of the signs that would help us recognise people who may have been trafficked. Tim said that the Salvation Army seeks not to treat people as problems but as humans with needs, which was a helpful thought.

In February, 20 members went on a visit to the Belfast Synagogue. Michael Black, one of the Synagogue leaders, gave us a comprehensive tour, and a very informative talk about the Belfast Jewish community, their worship and culture. Following the tour, we had a delicious lunch at the NI Hospice café.

The speaker at our March meeting was Rev Shona Bell who talked about her experiences of working with groups of young people from different backgrounds. This has involved discussing the issues which affect them today and exploring ways to keep them safe from exploitation by paramilitaries, which can trap them into drugs and crime. Rev Bell also spoke about the work of the charity 'Prevent' who, through persistence and neighbourhood initiatives are seeing real signs of change which gives hope for a better future for the younger generation.

I hope you have all enjoyed the Causeway Coast Peace Group programme 'Signs of Hope' this year and feel encouraged that even the small things you do can make a positive difference in our community. I'd like to thank you all for your continued support this year attending meetings and events. To finish, I would particularly like to thank the committee for their hard work this year in planning and delivering the programme. They have all shown such dedication and commitment to the task which has made my job as your Chair much easier. This concludes my report for 2023-2024. Thank you.

Mary Taylor

Chair CCPG

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INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF CAUSEWAY COAST PEACE GROUP

I report on the Receipts and Payments Account of the Charity for the year ended 31st March 2024.

Responsibilities of Charity Trustees and Examiner

As the Trustees of the Charity you are responsible for the preparation of the Receipts and Payments Account in accordance with the Charities Act (Northern Ireland) 2008.

It is my responsibility to;

Examine the Accounts under Section 65 of the Charities Act.

Follow the procedures laid down in the general directions given by the Charity Commission (NI) under Section 65 (9) of the Charities Act.

State whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of Independent Examiner's opinion.

I have examined your Charity Accounts as required under Section 65 of the Charities Act and my examination was carried out in accordance with the general directions given by the Charity Commission (NI) under Section 69 (9) of the Charities Act.

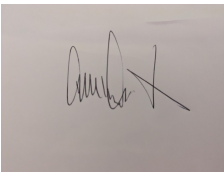
My examination included a review of the accounting records kept by the Charity and a comparison of the Accounts presented with those records. It also included consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the Accounts and seeking an explanation from you as the Charity Trustees concerning any such matters.

My role is to state whether any material matters have come to my attention giving me cause to believe;

- 1 That accounting records were not kept in accordance with Section 65 of the Charities Act.
- 2 That the Accounts do not accord with those accounting records.
- 3 That the Accounts do not comply with the accounting requirements of the Charity Act.
- 4 That there is further information required for a proper understanding of the Accounts to be reached.

Independent Examiner's Statement

I have completed my examination for the Causeway Coast Peace Group and have no concerns in respect of the matters 1 to 4 listed above and, in connection with following the direction of the Charity Commission NI, I have found no matters that require drawing to your attention.



Arthur McAlister
Accountant
60 Hopefield Avenue
Portrush BT56 8HD

10th May 2024

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INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT FOR THE PERIOD ENDED 31st MARCH 2023

Danske Bank
Balance at 1st April 2022 1769.49

Sources of Income

Membership Fees	205.00
Meeting Teas	45.00
Christmas Lunch - Net	0.00
Sundry Income	30.00
Charitable Donations	405.00

Expenditure

Speaker / Hall - Meetings	230.60
PL Insurance	71.92
Bank Fees	40.37
Postage & Printing	55.00
Sundry Expenses	0.00
20th Anniv. Lunch	60.00
Christmas Lunch - Net	40.00
Annual Service	522.50
B'castle Churches Action Group	405.00

Danske Bank
Balance at 31st March 2023 1029.10

£2,454.49

2454.49

I have prepared the Income and Expenditure Account to 31st March 2023 from the books and records provided and confirm it is correct. The Bank Balance of £1029.10 with Danske Bank has been reconciled at 31st March 2023 and is correct.


Arthur McAlister

7th May 2023

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Causeway Coast Peace Group Annual Report April 2022 - March 2023

It has been so good to be able to meet this year after the global pandemic lockdowns, and to resume our Peace Group meetings and events once again. Whilst we have sadly lost several members due to death and changes in circumstances, it is encouraging that we have been able to welcome 8 new members, bringing our membership this year to 58.

2022 was the year of the Peace Group's 20th Anniversary and we celebrated the event in May with a meal at the Royal Court Hotel, Portrush. We were delighted that Mr Richard Holmes, the Mayor of Causeway Coast and Glens Borough Council, was able to join us as well as guests from Ballycastle Church Action and Portstewart Churches Friendship Group. There was a very interesting display of photographs and some of the significant Peace Group press coverage reports, which served to remind everyone of the journey of friendship and peace building we have made together over the last 20 years.

In June we held a special Service of Thanksgiving in Ballintoy Parish Church for the 20th Anniversary of the Peace Group. We were delighted to welcome The Route Singers with their artistic and uplifting music. It was a privilege to welcome the Very Rev. Martin Magill who took as the theme of his inspirational address, 'Beyond peace-making to peace building'. As reported in the Coleraine Chronicle, he gave us three principles: "The first principle: don't contrive - build a friendship, and when the time comes and God wants a response to something new, respond from the foundation of the friendship. The second principle: look beyond those you perceive to be your own - we must, as people of faith, work in the spirit of tolerance, peace and reconciliation. The third principle: develop a contemplative spirit – we must develop our skills to listen and to reflect before we act and take time to process and to discern what God is calling us to be and to do." Mr Ivor Wallace, the new Mayor of Causeway Coast and Glens Borough Council, joined many members and friends at the service and afterwards for tea and biscuits in the Fullerton Arms. From the retiring collection we were able to send £405 to support the work of Good Morning Ballycastle.

Following suggestions from a discussion of members at the meeting in March 2019, we launched our new programme on the theme of 'Justice and Peace-making' at our September meeting. Members also expressed a desire to have more opportunities for social time and discussion. To this end, the committee decided to have refreshments at the beginning of the meeting with seating around tables, rather than in rows. Speakers were asked to provide a few questions for us to discuss after their talk. Our speaker at the September meeting was Jean Horstman who talked about 'Nurturing Hope'. She encouraged us to seek out ways to initiate change within our communities, crossing from fear and anxiety to a place of peace and hope. Jean posed us the question 'How do we spread and share hope?' which resulted in searching and interesting discussions.

Roisin O'Hara from Trocaire was the speaker at our November meeting. She gave an excellent presentation on the theme, 'Environmental Justice and Ecological Conversion' which was both disturbing and challenging. She highlighted how global warming and exploitation of indigenous people's habitats and minerals was having a severe impact on the

poorest nations in Africa and the southern hemisphere. Roisin gave us hope for the future if we embraced Ecological Conversion- working for the common good with an attitude of 'what is mine is yours'. During the discussion which followed the talk, some practical ideas were suggested about what we could do locally to reduce carbon emissions, food waste and increase recycling.

The Peace Group met for the first time in 1st Ballymoney Presbyterian Church Hall for our January meeting. Nigel Handforth and Sheila Jackson came from Portstewart Community Association to speak on the theme, 'Justice for Refugees'. They brought with them two Syrian refugees who have settled with their families in Portstewart. It was a very informative presentation about the realities for refugees and asylum seekers, and the challenges they face. Learning English and integrating into our society are big issues for refugees, who often feel vulnerable and isolated. It was good to be able to hear about the experiences of the two Syrian men, who joined in with the discussion following the talk. The issues raised at the meeting highlighted the need to have greater understanding of each other's cultures and faiths, and how important it is to treat everyone with dignity and kindness.

In March our theme was 'Criminal Justice and Victim Support'. Sergeant Wendy McConnell addressed the first issue informing us about the different levels of reporting a crime and the challenges to bring cases to court. She highlighted various issues and pressures faced by the local Neighbourhood Team which include staffing shortages and lack of resources. Inspector David Cleland outlined how the PSNI tries to provide a joined-up service of support for victims of crime. Victims need to consent to support, most of which is provided by the voluntary sector.

On behalf of the Peace Group, the committee has responded to a couple of local issues this year. A letter of support for Mr James Nesbitt was sent following a sectarian graffiti attack on his Portrush home. We have also written to the Policing and Community Safety Partnership, and had dialogue with two of North Antrim's MLAs, about getting the anti-PSNI posters in Bushmills removed. We live in hope but are realistic about the difficulties.

In conclusion, I hope you have all enjoyed the Causeway Coast Peace Group programme this year and as a result feel motivated to work for justice and peace in some new way. I would like to thank you all for attending meetings and events. I would particularly like to thank all the committee for their hard work, support and encouragement during this, my first year as your chairperson.

Mary Taylor
Chair of CCPG
May 2023

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Independent examiner's report to the Trustees of Causeway Coast Peace Group

I report on the Accounts of the Charity for the year ended 31st March 2023

Respective responsibilities of Charity Trustees and examiner.

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It is my responsibility to;

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Basis of Independent Examiner's opinion.

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Independent Examiners Statement

I have completed my examination for Causeway Coast Peace Group and have no concerns in respect of the matters (1) to (4) listed above and, in connection with following the direction of the Charities Commission for Northern Ireland, I have found no matters that require drawing to your attention.

Arthur McAlister
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7th May 2023

