

## **Cross Glebe Community Association – Charity Number – 102962**

### **Trustee Report April 2024-March 2025**

#### **About the Charity**

Our organisation is made up of a group of local residents committed to improving the area in which they live.

The charity uses a model of community development aimed at enhancing the quality of life of people living within the Cross Glebe Ward. We achieve this by organising projects that tackle environmental issues, delivering youth clubs and programmes for young people, offering the opportunity for residents to take part in programmes to improve their health and well-being and organising community events to encourage good community relations. The group also organises education and training programmes and volunteering opportunities to help improve the skills and build the capacity of local people.

We are based in an NIHE house in the middle of Harpurs Hill estate.

To manage and plan the work of the charity, the trustees meet monthly on the first Wednesday of every month (excluding July & August) and hold an AGM annually in October.

#### **How the charity is funded**

Cross Glebe community association (CGCA) fundraises throughout the year to help meet its charitable aims. The area is classed by the Department for Communities as “an area at risk” and as such received a grant of £41167 this year to support the work of the association. Fundraising activities throughout the year raised a total of £14350 from the Big Lottery towards the work of the charity.

#### **Administration Information**

During the financial year the charities offices were based at 68 Cuilrath Street, Harpurs Hill, Coleraine, BT52 2ER. The trustees are as follows: Catherine Lee Calvin, Charmaine Bones, Debbie McLelland, Cara Mullholland, Edna McCauley, Sam Scott, Barbara Moore, Sue McCreadie, Feeny McCurdy, Chris McDowell, Nicola McCurdy, Lee Campbell.

### **Activities undertaken and the furtherance of the charities purposes.**

The purposes of the charity are the advancement of citizenship and community development. We include in this purpose all residents of the ward from cradle to grave without distinction of sex, sexual orientation, marital status, disability, caring responsibilities, race or political, religious or other opinions.

#### **COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT/BONDING**

**Youth club** – weekly term time, 19/4-21/6 (10 weeks), 6.30-7.30pm. Aimed at primary school children P1-P4, as this age group is not catered for by the EA provision. A fun space for local children to get together and have fun. Approx 25 children attended weekly. This project is supported by 4 volunteers committing a total of 80 hours.

**Summer scheme** – Ran for 3 weeks 22/7=9/8. A total of 58 local children attended the scheme and from the daily feedback received both from children and parents, the scheme was a great success. The scheme was supported by 8 paid staff, all from the local community.

**Community picnic** -48 senior citizens attended an intergenerational picnic at the local primary school to celebrate the retirement of the principal. Many of those attending have grandchildren at the school, and it was lovely to see the mingling of generations.

**Summer festival** - Teddy bears picnic – 45 children attended this community event with 65 adults accompanying them,

Lake trip – 24 teenagers got the opportunity to have a day out at the Lake. Kilrea

Bus trip – 48 senior citizens went on a bus trip to Craigavon stopping off at a garden centre en route to enjoy a cuppa.

Ladies bingo – 45 ladies attended a bingo night in the community centre.

Colour run – 65 children enjoyed getting splattered with coloured powder while attempting to complete an obstacle course.

All of the festival events aimed to be inclusive of the whole community, offering something for everyone, to encourage a sense of belonging. A total of 11 volunteers contributed 56 hours to enable the activities to run.

**Photographic evidence of all the activities can be seen at Cross Glebe facebook page.**

#### **HEALTH RELATED ACTIVITIES**

Happy Hookers - The club has been running since April. Offering friendship and support, it aims to support good mental health. There are 28 members registered with the club with a weekly attendance of 20. The club is run by 3 volunteers who contributed 120 from April-September

Summer sports - 65 children attended a week long summer sports programme encouraging physical fitness in a fun environment. We had 3 volunteers each contributing 8 hours (24 in total) to help the week run safely.

Seniors catch up - 15 seniors had the opportunity to come together for a social and a meal. They were members of the Hearts of Gol club that folded during covid. They are especially isolated and we aim to offer them the opportunity to come together regularly to reduce isolation and promote positive mental health.

Signed

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Lynne Ballentine

Development worker

On behalf of the group