

# ***FOUR ORANGE THURSDAY CLUB***

**NEWTOWNHAMILTON**

**Charity No NIC 103002**

## **TRUSTEES REPORT**

This report covers the period 1<sup>st</sup> April 2022 to 31<sup>st</sup> March 2023

### **THE PURPOSE**

The Four Orange Thursday Club has been established to promote the advancement of community relations between all members of the community in Newtownhamilton and surrounding areas and its environs without distinction of age, sex, race, political, religious or other opinion. It will so do by associating the statutory authorities, voluntary organisations and inhabitants in common effort to advance education and to provide facilities in the interest of social welfare, education, recreation or other leisure time occupation with the object of improving the conditions of life for the said inhabitants, to establish a community development initiative and to co-operate with other relevant organisations in the promotion of activities by the club and its constituent bodies in furtherance of the above objects. To promote and provide education in the Ulster-Scots music and culture and other indigenous traditions and cultures.

### **PUBLIC BENEFIT**

The trustees have agreed to the Commissions Public Benefit system during the year.

### **REPORT**

We have just had another very successful year for the club, numbers have been improving steadily and all the volunteers and committee are working well together to improve the club.

During the year we had 23 Tea Dances with an average of 38 members per a Thursday. The volunteers arrange the event and provide the refreshments, over the 23 weeks we have had several artists providing the entertainment and several speakers.

The clubs annual overnight respite break was to, Londonderry/North Coast where 51 members attended, some for the first time, our first stop was at the Silver Birch Hotel, Omagh for Morning Coffee and then to Londonderry for an Historical Tour, our overnight Break was at the White Horse Hotel there we had an excellent meal, followed by an evening of entertainment. The next day on our way home we stopped in Cookstown for an evening meal. Thanks must go to our secretary and his volunteers for all the arrangements.

Our day trip was to Ballynahinch when 53 members attended provided an excellent networking event and, on our way, home stopped at The Hillside Restaurant, Hillsborough for an evening meal. Another very enjoyable trip.

When there was no Social Dancing the volunteers kept in contact with the senior citizens by phone, especially the members living in isolation and to help to combat loneliness. This was very much appreciated by the members.

This has been a very busy and successful year for the club, and we have met all our targets. We continue to visit senior citizens in the area who live alone and encourage them to join the Thursday Club. We are still thankful to Newry and Mourne Community Transport for their assistance getting the senior citizens to and from our events.

This year we have completed our Training programme and an independent Evaluation this will help with future Funding and further running of the club. Can I thank all that has been involved in running the club over the past 7 years and hope we can continue and improve our service to our members.

#### TRUSTEES

Mr. James Copeland, Mr Thomas McBirney, Mr Samuel Courtney BEM, Mrs Noreen Kennedy, Mrs Georgina Johnston, Mr Joe Conn

At the beginning of the year the opening balance was £757.42, and the closing balance is £4819.03

Other than our Bank Account we have no other assets or liabilities.

James Copeland  
Chairman

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Samuel Courtney BEM  
Secretary

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