

FOUR ORANGE THURSDAY CLUB

NEWTOWNHAMILTON

Charity No NIC 103002

TRUSTEES REPORT

This report covers the period 1st April 2023 to 31st March 2024

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, and 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 a very good year for the club and are getting back to normal after the Lock Down, the volunteer and committee are working well together to help the elderly living in isolation and loneliness.

During the year we have organised 24 afternoon Tea Dances with 912 members this includes members from the local community. We had 2 Day Trips one to Montalto House Ballynahinch and one to Colemans Garden Centre where 98 members attended. We also had Senior Citizen Lunches and Coffee Mornings which were well attended both by the local Community and our members. The Members Overnight Respite Break this year was to The Bushtown House Hotel which the members enjoyed meeting new friends at the Dance in the hotel. 52 of our members attended.

This has been an enjoyable Year for the club, and we have met all our targets. We continue to contact the senior citizens who live alone by social media and ensure that they do not need any help and also encourage them to join the Thursday Club when it is safe to do so. 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 the Volunteers Training programme and next year we hope to have a programme of training suitable to our needs this will help with the further running of the club. Can I


thank all that have been involved in running the club over the past 11 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, at the beginning of the year the club had £4719.03 (Funding) and the closing balance is £11353.27

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


James Copeland
Chairman


Samuel Courtney BEM
Secretary