

FOUR ORANGE THURSDAY CLUB

NEWTOWNHAMILTON

Charity No NIC 103002

TRUSTEES REPORT

This report covers the period 1st April 2024 to 31st March 2025

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 26 Tea Dances with an average of 43 members per a Thursday. The volunteers arrange the event and provide the refreshments; over the 26 weeks we have had several artists providing the entertainment and several speakers.

The clubs annual overnight respite break was to, Londonderry area where 53 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 Lodge 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 Colemans Garden Centre and Ballymena when 50 members attended provided an excellent networking event and, on our way, home stopped at The Ramble Inn Restaurant, for an evening meal. Another very enjoyable trip.

This year we started walks in the park to help with Mental Health issues and to combat isolation we went to 4 different parks with an average of 30 members per day with light refreshments on our way

home. We also had a Networking event with a Group from Dungannon when 50 of our members attended.

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 13 years and hope we can continue and improve our service to our members. The Club was formed in February 2011 and still improving

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 £11353.27, and the closing balance is £11502.29

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



James Copeland
Chairman



Samuel Courtney BEM
Secretary