

Armoy Community Association

Northern Ireland · Charity number 103162

Details

Status	Received
Registered	2016-02-22
Register	View on the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland register

Contact

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Activities

Purposes: The Association is established for: - The advancement of community development and active citizenship for the public benefit of the inhabitants of Armoy and its environs in Co. Antrim. (also referred to as area of benefit). - The relief of those in need. The association seeks to relieve the burden of poverty. It seeks to promote educational, social, and developmental opportunities for the aged and the young alike in Armoy. - the promotion of the inhabitants of Armoy and surrounding area, without distinction of age, race, political, religious or other opinion, by associating statutory organisations, voluntary organisations and inhabitants in a common effort: to advance education in the area of benefit, and provide facilities for social welfare, recreation and leisure-time occupation. - The improving of conditions, living, working and general life conditions for the inhabitants of Armoy and the surrounding area. - The Association seeks to see advancement in conflict resolution and reconciliation by promoting opportunities for the people of Armoy to mix in a caring, cohesive and united environment. - The Association seeks the advancement of equality and respect for diversity in the carrying out of its activities. As an organisation seeking to bridge together two communities, the principles of equality and diversity are cornerstones for the Association.

What the charity does: The prevention or relief of poverty, The advancement of education, 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, The relief of those in need by reason of youth, age, ill-health, disability, financial hardship or other disadvantage

How the charity works: Accommodation/housing,Advice/advocacy/information,Community development,Community enterprise,Cross-border/cross-community,Education/training,Environment/sustainable development/conservation,Playgroup/after schools,Relief of poverty,Rural development,Volunteer development,Youth development

Who the charity helps: Adult training,Children (5-13 year olds),General public,Interface communities,Older people,Parents,Physical disabilities,Preschool (0-5 year olds),Specific areas of deprivation,Tenants,Unemployed/low income,Voluntary and community sector,Volunteers,Youth (14-25 year olds)

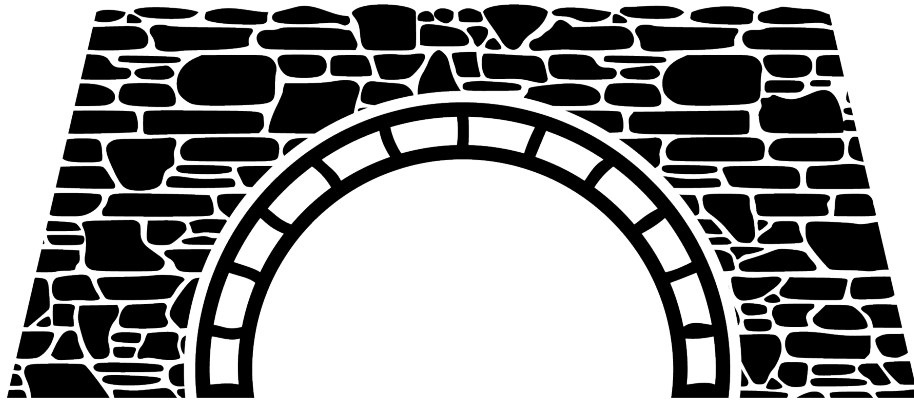
Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-04-05	£75,683	£64,936	£0	2

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Gerry Burns		
Miss Cathy Coyle Bsc Behavioural Science		
Mr Conleth Burns		
Mr John Ward		
Mrs Roma Stevens R.N R.M		
Mrs Susan Kirkpatrick		

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INDEPENDENTLY EXAMINED FINANCIAL ACCOUNTS

YEAR END 5TH APRIL 2025

NIC: 103162

January 2026



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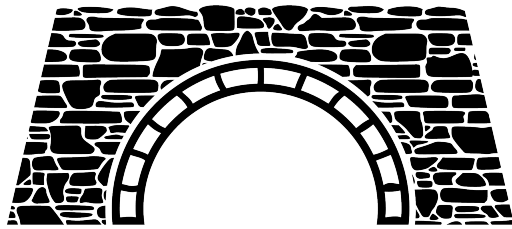
Dated: 30th January 2026

Armoy Community Association**Income and Expenditure for the Year ended 5 April 2025**

	24-25		23-24	
	£	£	£	£
Income				
Grants		43,944		22,120
Rental income		27,714		22,846
Donations		2,375		6,600
Summer Scheme Payments		1,650		5,485
		75,683		57,051
Expenditure				
Employment Costs		29,031		29,311
Summer scheme / Youth Activities		9,524		11,303
Repairs & Maintenance		3,676		1,107
Electricity		8,004		6,383
Insurance		5,799		5,421
Operational costs		2,174		1,334
Environmental costs		2,276		666
Water rates		1,371		2,112
Rates		1,183		1,117
Telephone		1,851		1,815
Bank Charges		46		41
ACA Big Sister Project	-			516
DAERA Grant - Lift & Wi-fi Installatipn	-			867
				-
		(64,936)		(61,993)
Profits		10,747		(4,942)

**Statement of Financial Position at the year ended
5 April 2025**

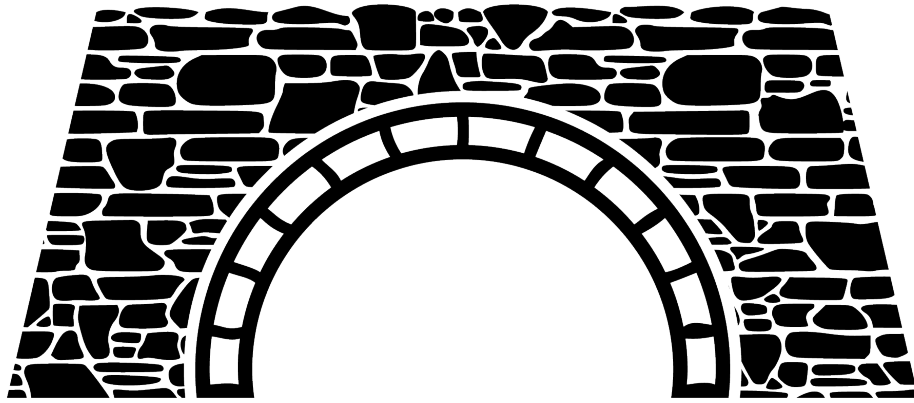
	£	£	£	£
Fixed Assets				
Land and Buildings		540,000		540,000
Fixtures and Fittings		8,500		8,500
		<u>548,500</u>		<u>548,500</u>
Current Assets				
Bank Accounts		17,024		378
Debtors		1,481		7,500
		<u>18,505</u>		<u>7,878</u>
Current Liabilities				
Bank Overdraft		120		120
Accrual		480		600
			<u>17,905</u>	<u>7,158</u>
		<u>566,405</u>		<u>555,658</u>
Capital Account				
Brought forward		555,658		560,600
Profit for the year		10,747		(4942)
		<u>566,405</u>		<u>555,658</u>



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Dated: 3rd February 2025

Armoy Community Association**Income and Expenditure for the Year ended 5 April 2024**

	23-24		22-23	
	£	£	£	£
Income				
Grants		22,120		50,410
Rental income		22,846		26,473
Donations		6,600		3,829
Summer Scheme Payments		5,485		1,490
		57,051		82,202
Expenditure				
Employment Costs		29,311		26,410
Summer scheme / Youth Activities		11,303		12,051
Repairs & Maintenance		1,107		1,816
Electricity		6,383		10,965
Insurance		5,421		5,420
Operational costs		1,334		6,505
Environmental costs- Limepark		666		8,228
Water rates		2,112		796
Rates		1,117		1,056
Telephone		1,815		1,595
Bank Charges		41		77
ACA Big Sister Project		516		6,392
DAERA Grant - Lift & Wi-fi Installatipn		867		20,370
Funding A/C		-		-
		(61,993)		(101,682)
Profits		(4,942)		(19,480)

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Fixtures and Fittings		8,500		8,500
		<u>548,500</u>		<u>548,500</u>
Current Assets				
Bank Accounts		378	1,789	
Debtors		7,500	11,031	
		<u>7,878</u>	<u>12,820</u>	
Current Liabilities				
Bank Overdraft		120	120	
Accrual		600	600	
		<u>7,158</u>	<u>12,100</u>	
		<u>555,658</u>	<u>560,000</u>	
Capital Account				
Brought forward		560,600	582,096	
Profit for the year		(4942)	(21,496)	
		<u>555,658</u>	<u>562,616</u>	

ARMOY COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION
YEAR ENDED: 05 APRIL 2024
NIC: 103162

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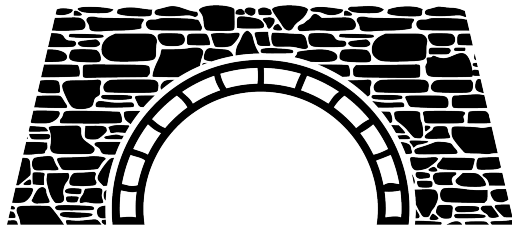
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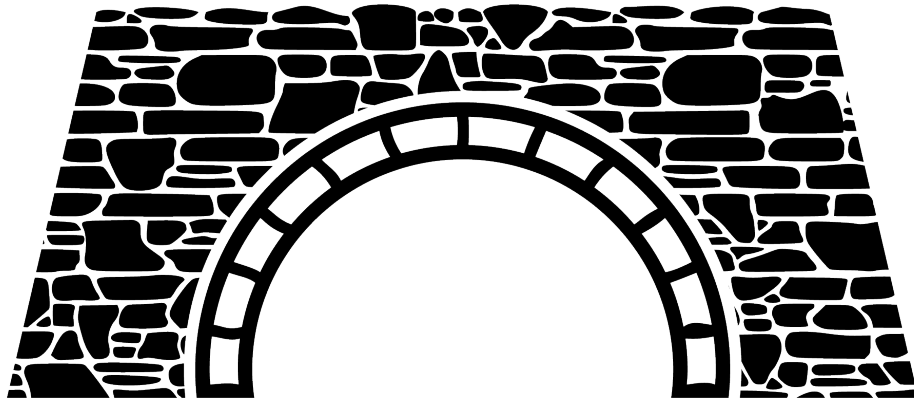
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Armoy Community Association

Northern Ireland - Charity number 103162

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ANNUAL TRUSTEES REPORT 2023-24

NIC: 103162

February 2025



FOREWORD

This is the annual report for the financial year 2023-24 summarising the activities of Armo Community Association.

The report shows the progress made across our activities and priorities, the partnerships we've built and the tangible success we've had across the board.

ACA is deeply grateful for the time, energy and effort so many of our volunteers put into all the activities, events and initiatives supported by the Association over the last year - we deeply appreciate your generosity.

This report includes a summary of our principal activities, as well as a financial report and a statement of compliance with all our legal obligations.

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Dated: 3rd February 2025

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STATEMENT OF COMPLIANCE

In setting our objectives and planning and carrying out our activities each year, we give careful consideration to the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland's guidance on public benefit. This is important to ensure that we have helped achieve the purposes we set out to achieve and provide a clear and tangible benefit to our beneficiaries.

The following report outlines the highlights of the principal activities for the year of 2023-24

LIMEPARK

The Community Association continues to invest time, money and volunteer support into building up the success of the regeneration of Limepark Playing Fields and Parklands regeneration.

Our parkrun has continued going from strength to strength, and we celebrated our first birthday and had passed the milestone of 2,023 finishers in the year 2023. Dozens of volunteers and now thousands of finishers have since gathered in Limepark on Saturday morning at 9.30am to run, walk, jog or push their prams around track - hail, rain or shine. This is a major achievement for our community and is a testament to the hard work of so many volunteers who give their time and the park runners who join us each week.

2023-24 also saw our work with partners continuing at Limepark. The Causeway Giants American Football Club continue to go from strength to strength at their home ground of Limepark - hosting teams from across the island of Ireland.

Limepark has also been a hub of much community activity. It's been used to grow and plough crops for the Vintage Club, as a starting and ending point for several charity tractor runs, the hub for the summer scheme in 2023 and for many of the primary school activities as well.



ONGOING COMMUNITY-BUILDING ACTIVITIES

2023-24 saw the continuation and growth of many community building activities built up around the Community Association:

Youth Club: The youth club (now in its second year following its reestablished) saw dozens of children attending on Friday nights throughout the year. A special thanks to all the volunteers who helped make the Youth Club such a success over the last two years.

Summer Scheme: The third year of the 'hybrid' summer scheme took place between Tilly Molloy's and Limepark. For the second year in a row, we had two weeks of summer scheme for 140 primary school attendees and then delivered a second teen-specific scheme later in the summer for a smaller group of secondary school children. All the kids and staff and volunteers had a great time together over the summer weeks.

Over 55s: The Over 55s club continued with their programme of weekly meetings with an average of 40 people attending and a range of trips, celebrations and classes enjoyed by all. In February 2024, our Over 55s Chair and ACA Trustee, Margaret Fitzsimmons, sadly died. For 18 years, Margaret made Armoy her home and threw herself into community life - always willing to lend a hand - whether that was running the Over 55s club, tending to her garden or helping us get the parkrun up and going at Limepark. She blessed so many of our community with her generosity and kindness and her memory will live on in so many of our hearts. The community association extends our deepest condolences to Margaret's children, grandchildren, extend family and friends.

Seasonal festivities: 2023-24 saw a calendar of seasonal activities established around Armoy with community activities built around the turning on of the Christmas lights, an easter-egg roll/hunt, and halloween festivities as well. These seasonal activities will continue to built upon in the coming years as great opportunities to bring the whole community together.



COMMUNITY SUPPORT, EMPOWERMENT AND ADVOCACY

Community Consultation: Following the council's successful funding application to upgrade parts of the Riverside Playpark, ACA played a key role in co-ordinating with the schools, youth club and others in the village on the priorities for the regeneration of the playpark.



Community development: One of the key responsibilities of the community association is to help with broader community development in Armoy and the surrounding area. Our thanks and congratulations go to Ruth McNeill and Debbie Rouke who graduated from the University of Galway in November 2023 with a 1st Class Diploma in Community Development Practice NI. The lessons learned by both Ruth and Debbie will be invaluable to the community association going forward.

Continuing advocacy: ACA has continued to advocate about the needs of people in Armoy and what should be done to better meet those needs. This has included direct advocacy to politicians and elected representatives on issues including sewage, housing needs, schools, jobs, economic development and regeneration. This will continue in the coming years.

TILLY MOLLOY'S CENTRE

ACA has continued to keep the Tilly Molloy's Centre open all year round and maintained to an excellent standard. A special thanks to Josie and all the team who keep the centre safe, clean and tidy for all those who need to use it and rely on it.

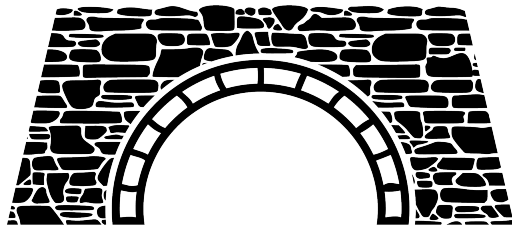
FINANCIAL REPORT

This year's financial report shows an income of £57,051 and an expenditure of £61,993

This is down on the 2022-23 due to the absence of a major capital improvements project which was spent and completed in 2022-23.

ACA is grateful for the grant support it was able to receive in the financial year 2023-24.

A copy of the receipts and payments and assets and liabilities accounts as well as the Independent Examiner's Report is available alongside the annual report of Trustees.



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Armoy Community Association

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Annual return

ARMOY COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION
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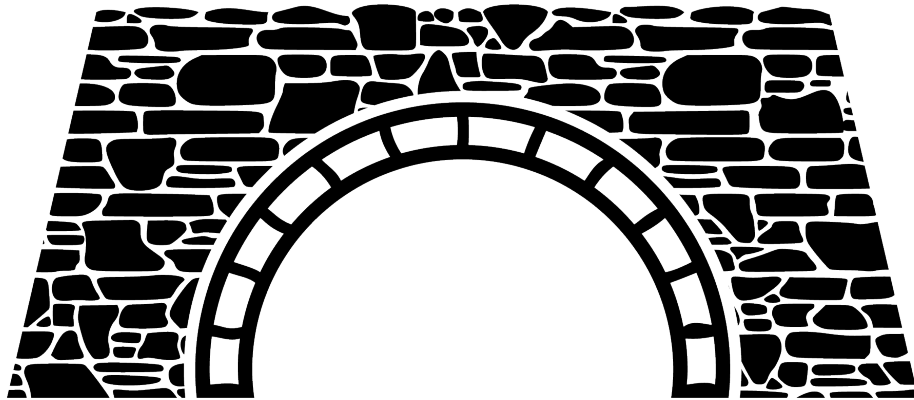
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Dated: 19th February 2024

Armoy Community Association

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	2023		2022	
	£	£	£	£
Income				
Grants		50,410		81,323
Rental income		26,473		28,284
Donations		3,829		9,066
Summer Scheme Payments		1,490		1,266
		82,202		119,940
Expenditure				
Employment Costs		26,410		25,248
Summer scheme / Youth Activities		12,051		9,905
Repairs & Maintenance		1,816		1,714
Electricity		10,965		9,989
Insurance		5,420		5,102
Operational costs		6,505		3,488
Environmental costs- Limepark		8,228		7,916
Water rates		796		660
Rates		1,056		1,028
Telephone		1,595		1,460
Bank Charges		77		42
ACA Micro Grant		-		796
ACA Open Pot		-		8,992
ACA Pollinator Grant		-		9,718
ACA Big Sister Project		6,392		-
DAERA Grant - Lift & Wi-fi Installatipn		20,370		23,908
Funding A/C		-		11,950
		(101,682)		(121,916)
Profits		(19,480)		(1,976)

**Statement of Financial Position at the year ended
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	£	£	£	£
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Bank Accounts		1,789	10,58	
Debtors		11,031	23,42	
		<u>12,820</u>	<u>34,01</u>	
Current Liabilities				
Bank Overdraft		120	120	
Accrual		600	300	
			<u>12,100</u>	<u>33,596</u>
		<u>560,600</u>		<u>582,096</u>
Capital Account				
Brought forward		582,096		584,072
Profit for the year		(19,480)		(1,976)
		<u>562,616</u>		<u>582,096</u>

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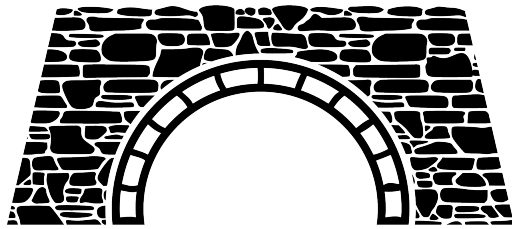
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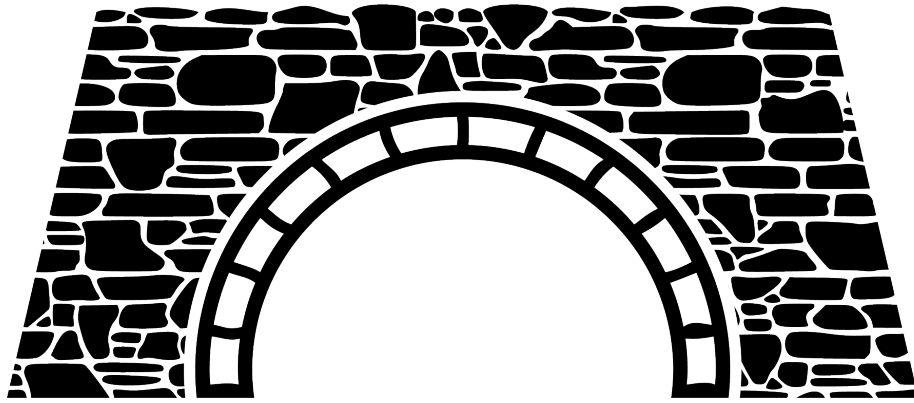
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LIMEPARK REGENERATION

The work and resources invested by the Community Association over the last two years in regenerating Limepark bore significant fruit over the past year. After many months of planning, 2022-23 saw our first community parkrun at the Limepark Playing Fields site.

Dozens of volunteers and hundreds of runners have since gathered in Limepark on Saturday morning at 9.30am to run, walk, jog or push their prams around track - hail, rail or shine. This is a major achievement for our community and is a testament to the hard work of so many volunteers who have given their time to see the development of Limepark happen over the last few years.

Work continued improving the biodiversity and environment in Limepark including a major tree planting day in April 2022 attended by over 50 people and a wildflower seed planting day, attended by over 35 people.

Limepark has become a hub of community activity over the last year from hosting several tractor runs to a colour run between Armoy Primary School and St. Olcan's Primary School.

Armoy Community Association will continue to support the development of the Limepark Playing Fields site in the years ahead. Photos below are taken from the first parkrun in Limepark in August 2022.



ONGOING COMMUNITY-BUILDING ACTIVITIES

With the pandemic fully behind us, the 2022-23 year was an opportunity for community-building activities to thrive in Armoyn.

Youth Club: The re-established youth club went from strength to strength over the past year with more than 80 children over the age of 10 years attending weekly on Friday evenings. A special thanks to the ten volunteers who helped re-establish the youth club. The youth club also deserve congratulations for producing the first edition of the Armoyn Gazette which saw an initial print run of 100 copies and was available in shops around the villages.

Summer Scheme: The second year of the 'hybrid' summer scheme took place between Tilly Molloy's and Limepark. This year we had two weeks of summer scheme for 140 primary school attendees and then delivered a second teen-specific scheme later in the summer for a smaller group of secondary school children.

Over 55s: The Over 55s club resumed their programme of weekly meetings with an average of 40 people attending and a range of trips, celebrations and classes were enjoyed by all members on a regular basis

Friends Group: The support group for adults with additional needs continued to meet monthly with all pandemic-related restrictions now lifted. One highlight of the year was the Queen's Jubilee tea party where the friends invited a group of guests from across the village to attend and celebrate the jubilee.

Big sister programme: In conjunction with the Women's Network, ACA delivered the 'Big Sister' programme for 20 women and also expanded our offer to ladies across the village including a new ladies' fitness class with 25 attendees each week.

Christmas festivities: Around 200 people gathered to see the Christmas lights switch on which had refreshments, crafts, activities and music for all attendees. This year also saw the first pantomime in Armoyn organised alongside the Youth Club - see photos - 200 people came to see the pantomime and it was a resounding success.



COMMUNITY SUPPORT, EMPOWERMENT AND ADVOCACY

Ongoing community support: Given the pressures of the cost of living crisis, ACA continued to work with partners to support the needs of people across the villages struggling with rising food and energy bills. ACA worked in partnership with Ballycastle Food Bank to transition on from the Community Larder programme, and partners with others to distribute logs and vouchers for heating homes - 200 bags of logs were distributed to 40 people.

Community empowerment: ACA continued with the various successful approach of participatory budgeting for involving the whole community in decision making about improvements to the place. Over 500 people participated in the participatory budgeting process and in doing so decided what projects/initiatives around the village should be supported.

Partnership working: ACA has become working with a cross-border initiative of community groups including groups across the North Cost and various groups in Donegal as part of a broader programme of work and regeneration in the areas. This has proved a valuable learning experience for those ACA staff/volunteers involved and will be built on in the coming years. ACA has also continued working closely together with the North Antrim Villages Forum.

Continuing advocacy: ACA has continued to advocate about the needs of people in Armoy and what should be done to better meet those needs. This has included direct advocacy to politicians and elected representatives on issues including sewage, housing needs, schools, jobs, economic development and regeneration.

A special thanks to Ruth for her excellent work co-ordinating so many of our community activities throughout the year and advocating on the needs of people from across Armoy and the surrounding area.

TILLY MOLLOY'S CENTRE

ACA has continued to keep the Tilly Molloy's Centre open all year round and maintained to an excellent standard. The lift upgrade was the major piece of infrastructure improvement carried out over the past 2 years. A special thanks to Josie and all the team who keep the centre safe, clean and tidy for all those who need to use it and rely on it.

FINANCIAL REPORT

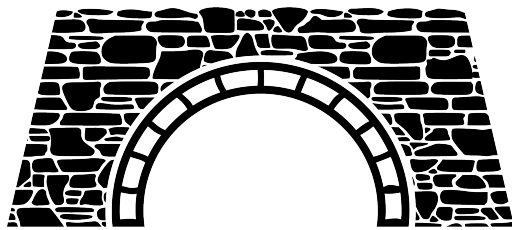
This year's financial report shows an income of £82,202 and an expenditure of £101,682

The major difference in income and expenditure between the financial year end 2022 and financial year end 2023 is explained by one major grant for improvements to the building and the accrued income in the last financial year where it has already been reported.

ACA is grateful for the grant support it was able to receive in the financial year 2022/23.

A copy of the receipts and payments and assets and liabilities accounts as well as the Independent Examiner's Report is available alongside the annual report of Trustees.





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Armoy Community Association

Northern Ireland - Charity number 103162

Annual return

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of Armo Community Association

This is a short report statement following the Independent examination of the accounts presented to me by the representative trustees of Armo Community Association.

As trustees you are responsible for the preparation of accounts in accordance with the Charities Act (NI) 2008.

It is my responsibility to:

- Examine the accounts under S65 of the Charities Act
- To follow the procedures laid out in the general directions given by the Charity Commission under S65(9)(b) of the Charities Act
- To state whether particular matters have come to my attention

Independent Examiner's Process

As per my responsibilities above, I have examined the accounts against the records presented, considered any unusual items in the accounts, and sought explanations from the representative charity trustees.

It is my responsibility to inform the trustees if any material matters come to my attention, under 4 headings.

1. That account records were not kept in accordance with section 63 of the Charities Act
2. That accounts do not accord with accounting records
3. That accounts do not comply with accounting requirements of the Charities Act
4. That there is further information needed for a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Having completed an examination of the accounts, there are no material matters which require drawing your attention.

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Signature:

Date: 17/2/2024