

Armagh Banbridge & Craigavon Senior Network

Northern Ireland · Charity number 103306

Details

Status	Received
Registered	2015-12-10
Register	View on the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland register

Contact

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Activities

Purposes: The Network is established as a partnership working towards the relief of those in need by reason of age and improve the quality of life of older people ("the beneficiaries") in the Armagh City, Banbridge and Craigavon Borough Council area without distinction of gender, sexual orientation, disability/ability, race, political, religious or other opinion through the advancement of citizenship and a community development approach.

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

How the charity works: Advice/advocacy/information, Community development, Education/training, Human rights/equality, Volunteer development

Who the charity helps: Older people

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2024-12-31	£10,900	£7,000	£0	0

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
David Hammerton		
Dermot Mooney		
Mr William Hutchinson		

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ABC Seniors Network : NIC <103306>
Receipts and payments accounts - January 2024 to December 2024

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Total funds	
c/fwd from 2023				Bank Balance £11,686.79
				Cash Balance £80.00
Receipts				Total Balance £11,766.79

TNLCF				
ABC Council		£2,000.00	£2,000.00	
Sub total	£0.00	£10,900.00	£10,900.00	£22,666.79

Payments

Insurance		£302.57	£302.57	
Events And Catering		1782.90	1782.90	
Stationery		£619.96	£619.96	
Venue Hire		353.30	353.30	
Craft Classes		2300.00	2300.00	
Events		1782.90	1782.90	
Newsletters		£1,617.50	£1,617.50	
Bank Charges			£0.00	
Travel Expenses			£0.00	
Training			£0.00	
Chq Instant Print 2023 o/s now processed		24.00	24.00	
Group Phone Top up				
Sub total		7000.23	7000.23	6686.56

Reconciliation 31/08/2025

Balance at bank 31/12/2024		£7,816.56	£7,816.56	£7,816.56
Cash in hand 31/12/2024	£80.00		£80.00	£80.00
cheques issued not yet processed at bank		1130.00	1130.00	
Surplus / (deficit) this year			£0.00	
Grand Total	£80.00	6686.56	6766.56	6766.56

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			Cash Balance	£100.00
Receipts			Total Balance	£5,293.61
PHA Clear			£0.00	
ABC Council		£2,000.00	£2,000.00	
Donation			£0.00	
TNLCF		£8,900.00	£8,900.00	
Developing healthy communities		£1,000.00	£1,000.00	
Sub total	£0.00	£11,900.00	£11,900.00	£17,093.61

Payments				
Insurance		£280.23	£280.23	
Events And Catering		£1,744.75	£1,744.75	
Stationery		£506.29	£506.29	
Postage			£0.00	
Venue Hire		£52.75	£52.75	
Equipment			£0.00	
Training			£0.00	
Utilities			£0.00	
Bank Charges			£0.00	
Travel Expenses		£500.00	£500.00	
Craft Classes		£1,300.00	£1,300.00	
Newsletters		£946.80	£946.80	
Grant to smaller group / organisation		£100.00	£100.00	
Group Phone Topup	£20.00		£20.00	(Cash Payment)
Sub total	£20.00	£5,430.82	£5,450.82	£11,642.79

Reconciliation 30.10.2024				
Balance at bank 31/12/2022		£11,686.79	£11,686.79	£11,686.79
Cash in hand 31/12/2022	£80.00		£80.00	£80.00
cheques issued not yet processed at bank		£24.00	£24.00	£24.00
Surplus / (deficit) this year			£0.00	
Grand Total	£80.00	£11,662.79	£11,742.79	£11,742.79

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Armagh Banbridge & Craigavon Senior Network

Northern Ireland - Charity number 103306

Annual report

Armagh Banbridge Craigavon Senior's Network
Chairman's Report for Annual Charities Commission,
For year ending 31 December, 2023

ABC Seniors Network as a charity is celebrating operating as a charity for 14 years. We support older people's groups and group leaders to provide services for older people in the Armagh, Banbridge and Craigavon area. The organisation is completely run by volunteers, who each belong to their own older persons' groups. We have over 35 groups connected to our Age Sector Network.

Our Mission Statement is: *"To represent and influence decisions or policies for the older community in the Armagh, Banbridge and Craigavon area by giving them a voice on topical issues that impact directly on their health and social wellbeing".*

The Group has informal partnerships with 15 partners like Age NI, SHCST, Council, Linking Generations NI, ABC Community Network and TADA.

We have 4 members of the ABCSN who sit on the ABC Age Friendly Alliance. We help with the support and delivery of this Council's new three-year Age Friendly Strategy and Action Plan and to support partnership working by ensuring voices of older people are heard by addressing the eight World Health Organisations' sage-friendly themes which are:

- Social participation
- Respect and social inclusion

- Civic participation and employment
- Communication and information
- Community support and health services
- Outdoor spaces and buildings
- Transportation
- Housing

A number of our Committee Members have taken one each of these themes and committed to attending any event or consultation that covers the subject of that theme, so that they can report back to the full committee. This will help to create age-friendly communities involving older residents, local groups, community and voluntary sector, health partners, council, and businesses working together in the Armagh City, Banbridge and Craigavon Borough.

As a Network being a partner on the Age-friendly Alliance we link with different sectors with different expertise including older people's representatives, charities and community groups and statutory agencies. This helps to widen our involvement in, and our contact with, others who can help impact on the needs of our older community.

ABCSN's Core Committee has met 6 times since our last AGM, with the Working Group meeting an additional 10 times over the same period. We have hosted 4 community events and taken part in 2 consultations over 2023. Each of our Community events have been based on the HSC Making Life Better Take 5 steps to wellbeing (Give, Be Active, Take Notice, Keep Learning and Connect).

We have been represented this Borough at 4 Age Network Exchange meetings, 2 Loneliness Network meetings, 3 All-Party Group meetings on Ageing and Older People, 3 ABC Age Friendly meetings and 3 ABC Community & Voluntary Sector Panel meetings. As a Network we aim to continue to represent the views of older people and keep raising our profile.

Like every other community and voluntary support group we have found it increasingly difficult to secure funding to sustain the work and support

that we offer the older residents of the ABC Borough. We have been unsuccessful with a number of recent applications, but thankfully our application to the TNL Community Fund was successful and it is this funding that has allowed us to hold today's event.

I would like to thank all the Committee Members for their engagement and contributions throughout the past year during some very trying and difficult times. I especially thank all the Working Group members for their hard work that enables this Network to survive and flourish. I thank those Committee Members who have volunteered to represent this Network on other Panels, and also thank Elaine Curry (Engagement Manager Age NI), Stephanie Rock ABC Age Friendly Officer), Tracey Powell and Gerardette McVeigh/Michael Devine (Southern Trust Well Being Team) and Billy Stewart (ABC PCSP) for their time, input, advice and support throughout the year.

Due to a series of illnesses among office bearers and their families in 2023/24, there was a temporary setback in governance, with one minor issue involving a missing invoice - which delayed the verification of our 2023 accounts. This led to a change in appointments at the November 2023 AGM and a late submission to the Charity Commission. I want to extend my gratitude to those who took on extra duties to keep operations running smoothly during this period. We are confident that our governance is now fully restored to its usual high standards.

I must also thank Age NI, our funders and other benefactors for the generous support and encouragement they have provided to us throughout 2023.

I am confident that the Armagh Banbridge Craigavon Seniors Network will continue to develop and represent the older community within the Borough in 2024 and beyond.

There are currently 16 committee members within the Network who voluntarily give up their time and effort to represent the older community within the Armagh, Banbridge and Craigavon Borough.

David Hammerton BEM
Honorary Chairperson/Trustee

Armagh Banbridge & Craigavon Senior Network

Northern Ireland - Charity number 103306

Annual return

ABC Seniors Network: NIC103306
Receipts and payments account
1 January 2023 to 31 December 2023

1 Independent Examiner's report to the N I Charity Commission in respect of ABC Senior's Network

Following a request from the above committee to undertake an independent audit of the accounts prepared by the ABC Senior's Network, I have reviewed and checked the accounts in accordance with the procedures laid down in The Charities Act (Northern Ireland) 2008 with particular regard to: -

- Examining the accounts under Section 65 of the Charities Act
- Following the procedures laid down in the general directions given by the Commissioner under Section 65(9)(b) of the Charities Act.
- Highlighting any particular matters which have come to my attention.

Basis of my report.

I have examined the accounts as required under Section 65 of the Charities Act in line with the provisions and the general direction of the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland under 65(9)(b) of the Charities Act.

I examined the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented. It also included consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts and seeking explanation from the Group Chairperson concerning any such matters.

The objective is to state if any matters have come to my attention which would give me cause to believe: -

1. The accounting records were not kept in accordance with the provisions of the said Charities Act.
2. The accounts are not maintained in accordance with the set-out accounting records
3. That the accounts do not comply with the accounting procedures of the Charities Act
4. That there is further information needed for a proper understanding of the accounts to be obtained.

Independent examiner's statement

On completion of my examination, the only observation I can make relates to a missing invoice I have not been able to check/audit. This slip occurred when chairman was off with a very serious medical problem and despite numerous requests a copy receipt has proved problematical. There is clear evidence that the chairman raised this issue with Charity Commission – see their e mail reply dated 30 October 2024. On checking the records, I am satisfied that a cheque was written and subsequently paid by the bank. The supplier in this instance was a catering firm (Mount Charles Catering). This firm was the sole caterer at the Southern Regional College where the event was held and on the basis of the evidence I am of the opinion that there is no fraudulent or sinister concerns. This is not a failure to maintain records but an unfortunate oversight when a receipt/ invoice was not obtained at the time of the transaction. As such I treat it as a minor or occasional omission and as all other records were well maintained it does not fall to be classified as a failure under the sub paragraphs 1 – 4 above. no further matters which need further investigation,

The Group is to be congratulated on the quality and detailed information made available. In the course of my audit, I looked for clear evidence of the following: -

- internal control
- control environment
- control activities
- information and communication, and monitoring

From the outset it is also evident that the group does not have own any material assets and therefore only a review to ensure all income and expenditure was properly and timeously recorded and, that all transactions could easily be verified by comparing the accounts to bank statements.

I am content that all finances received and expended by the group have been accurately recorded with sufficient evidence to confirm that the details provided are easily tested to confirm their accuracies. I also satisfied that all risk elements were well managed and it appears that all grants received were properly expended in strict adherence to the terms of the various grants and used for the benefit of the group and there is evidence that all necessary certificates with supporting documentation was submitted to support each individual grant.

Name David Clarke

Signature *David H Clarke*
Address 1 Woodford Gardens, Armagh, BT60 2AZ

Date 1 November 2024

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Balance carried forward from 31 December 2021			9181.93

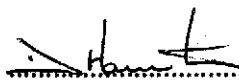
Receipts			
PHA Clear		4,000.00	4,000.00
ABC Council			
IBP Compensation / refund			
Donation			
Petty cash			
Sub Total			13,181.93

Total Income			
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Payments			
Insurance		260.80	260.80
Activity Packs & Newsletters		2,225.32	2,225.32
Craft Classes		1,100.00	1,100.00
Hospitality		362.40	362.40
Stationery & Stamps		1,432.70	1,432.70
Venue hire		521.50	521.50
Event Entry Fees		506.00	506.00
Travel Expenses		899.60	899.60
Grants to Small Groups		500.00	500.00
Group Phone Top up		50.00	50.00
petty cash	0	0	0
Bank Charges	30.00		30.00
Sub Total	30.00	-£7,858.32	£7,988.32

Cash at Bank at 31/12/2022			5,193.61
Cash in hand at 31/12/2022	100.00	0	100.00
Total Cash at 31/12/22			£5,293.61

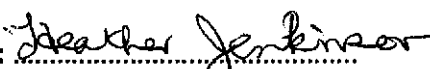
Approved by the ABCSN Committee on the 20th November 2023 and signed on their behalf by:

Signed: 

Name: David Hammerton BEM

Position: Honorary Chairperson

Date: 20.11.2023

Signed: 

Name: HEATHER JENKINSON

Position: Secretary

Date: 20/11/2023

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that we offer the older residents of the ABC Borough. A large number of hours were spent by members of this group devising funding programmes and filing submissions for funding. We were unsuccessful with these applications, but thankfully our more recent application to the TNL Community Fund was successful and it is this funding that has allowed us to hold today's event.

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There are currently 20 committee members within the Network who voluntarily give up their time and effort to represent the older community within the Armagh, Banbridge and Craigavon Borough. Sadly we lost 2 Committee Members through bereavements this year – Mary Alicia (May) Dickson who had been a committee member for many years and Derek McMullan who had joined us more recently. Our condolences, thoughts and prayers have been offered to both families.

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Independent examiner's statement

On completion of my examination, I have not been able to identify and concerns under the sub paragraphs 1 – 4 above and that no further matters which need further investigation, although further consideration should be given to improve the information recorded on individual claims, such as: - trip details, mileage claimed and dates of travel.

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