

Donaghadee Community Development Association

Northern Ireland · Charity number 103332

Details

Status	Received
Registered	2016-05-16
Register	View on the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland register

Contact

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Activities

Purposes: 3.1 The Association is established to improve the quality of life of residents living in Donaghadee irrespective of age, sex, disability, race, sexual orientation, political, religious or other opinion by associating with statutory authorities, voluntary and community organisations and the private sector. 3.2 Its purpose is to promote the advancement of citizenship and community development for the public benefit in the Donaghadee area, in particular:- 1. To improve the area known as Donaghadee for the benefit of the inhabitants of the area 2. To encourage the goodwill and involvement of the wider community 3. To foster and promote community spirit and civic pride 4. To promote and encourage the development of Donaghadee

What the charity does: The prevention or relief of poverty, The advancement of education, The advancement of health or the saving of lives, The advancement of citizenship or community development, The advancement of the arts, culture, heritage or science, The advancement of environmental protection or improvement

How the charity works: Advice/advocacy/information, Arts, Community development, Cultural, Economic development, Education/training, Environment/sustainable development/conservation, General charitable purposes, Heritage/historical, Urban development, Volunteer development

Who the charity helps: Community safety/crime prevention, General public, Voluntary and community sector

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-03-31	£61,767	£63,372	£0	0

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Dr Adrian Kerr		
Harry Wilson		
Miss Kathryn Boyd		
Mr Alan Burnside		
Mr Denis Waterworth		
Mr John Caldwell		
Mr Murdo Murray		
Mrs Agnes Elizabeth Mcwatters		
Mrs Jilly Beattie		
Ms Alison Bell		
Ms Alison Taylor		
Ms Carol Day		

Accounts

Donaghadee Community Development Association

Trustees' Annual Report and Statement of Income & Expenditure

For the Year Ended 31st March 2025

Independent Examiners Report

Charity Number NIC103332

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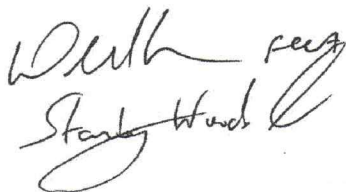
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Certified Accountants
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Date: 20th May 2025

DONAGHADEE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT ASSOCIATION
STATEMENT OF INCOME AND EXPENDITURE FOR YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025

	£	£	£		£	£	£
	Restricted	Unrestricted	Total		Restricted	Unrestricted	Total
Grants				Summer Festival			
ANDBC				Events	13,736.03	1,337.58	
Community Development	2,225.00			Advertising	1,545.40		
Festival Funds	14,250.00	200.00		Other	8,371.59	1,373.31	
Traders Support	15,000.00						26,363.89
In Bloom	1,000.00			Christmas Festival			
			32,875.00	Events	882.00	832.50	
Other Grants				Advertising	300.00	385.00	
Creative Donaghadee	7,400.00			Other	1,825.00	1.90	
International Tree Foundation	83.00						4,026.10
Asda Community Fund	2,500.00			Floral Decorations	2,305.29	1,494.32	3,799.61
Ulster Scots Agency	7,997.00			Window Box Project			0.00
			17,980.00	Traders Hanging Baskets	516.72	1,824.00	2,340.72
Summer Festival				Cromellin Wood	2,237.18		2,237.18
Sponsors		2,750.00		Marine Litter Project	111.60	18.13	129.73
Artisan Market		465.00		Hunts Park	469.90		469.90
			3,215.00	16th March Events	2,810.00	19.50	2,829.50
Christmas Festival				Well Being Projects		104.00	104.00
Artisan Market		710.00		Creative Donaghadee	4,101.00		4,101.00
Other		0.00		Climate Change	7,725.00		7,725.00
			710.00	Supporting Traders			
Floral Decorations (Trader Payments)		2,462.43	2,462.43	Growing the Chamber	1,708.50		
Sale of Promotional bags		1,600.00	1,600.00	Attracting Footfall	1,271.47		
In Bloom Donations		205.00	205.00	Admin & Training	2,676.62		5,656.59
Traders' Dinner		1,680.00	1,680.00	Administration			
Membership Fees		1,219.76	1,219.76	Insurance	1,231.00	90.90	
Other Income		39.84	39.84	Website	392.50	0.00	
				Rentals	147.55	30.00	
TOTAL INCOME	50,465.00	11,312.03	61,767.03	Refreshments	13.25	93.85	
				Accounting & Bank Charges	288.00		
				Equipment & Sundries	529.88	762.25	
							3,579.18
				TOTAL EXPENDITURE	55,005.08	8,368.92	63,372.00
RECONCILIATION							
Opening balance - 1 April 2024			19,986.30	Expenditure			63,372.00
Receipts			61,767.03	Closing Balance - Business Reserve			4,044.10
				Closing Balance - 31 March 2025			6,734.68
				Add o/s lodgments			7,659.55
				Less o/s cheques			-57.00
							81,753.33
			81,753.33				81,753.33
Restricted Funds carried forward: -				Restricted Funds carried forward: -			
Climate Change		7,725.00		Creative Hub		3,299.00	
Cromellin Wood		3,992.68		Cromellin Wood		4,255.50	
International Tree Foundation		660.89		International Tree Foundation		273.99	
			12,378.57				7,828.49

Signed: -

Hon. Treasurer

Date: -

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Signed: -

Independent Examiner

Date: -

21 May 2025

Accounts

**DONAGHADEE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT
ASSOCIATION**

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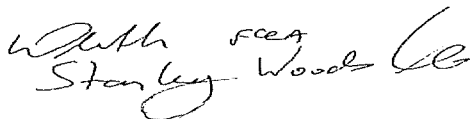
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	£	£		£	£
Grants			Summer Festival		
ANDBC			Events	16,739.61	
Community Development	2,250.00		Advertising	265.00	
Festival Funds	16,120.20		Other	6,890.91	23,895.52
Traders Support	15,000.90		Christmas Festival		
In Bloom	1,500.00		Events	1,000.00	
Other	1,500.00		Advertising	758.00	
		36,371.10	Other	4,284.62	6,042.62
Other Grants			Floral Decorations		4,352.39
Halifax	1,600.00		Window Box Project		1,780.74
Live Here Love Here - In Bloom	1,379.78		Traders Hanging Baskets		3,812.00
National Lottery - Climate Change	9,930.00		Crommelin Wood		1,859.52
Ulster Scots Agency	8,000.00		Marine Litter Project		61.93
Internation Tree Foundation	1,920.17		Hunts Park		1,259.28
		22,829.95	RSS Statistical Profile		1,112.00
Summer Festival			Coronation		613.58
Sponsors	1,300.00		Well Being Projects		2,762.00
Artisan Market	690.00		Climate Change		2,205.00
		1,990.00			
Christmas Festival			Supporting Traders		
Artisan Market	900.00		Growing the Chamber	489.60	
Other	205.00		Attracting Footfall	4,485.00	
		1,105.00	Admin & Training	3,082.19	
Floral Decorations (Trader Payments)		1,910.00			8,056.79
In Bloom Donations		1,445.00	Administration		
Traders' Dinner		1,039.70	Insurance	1,415.98	
Membership Fees		820.69	Website	25.00	
Other Income		956.36	Rentals	129.00	
			Refreshments	81.00	
			Accounting & Bank Charges	288.00	
			Equipment & Sundries	2,295.54	
					4,234.52
TOTAL INCOME		68,467.80	TOTAL EXPENDITURE		62,047.89
RECONCILIATION					
Opening balance - 1 April 2023		13,566.39	Expenditure		62,047.89
Receipts		68,467.80	Closing Balance - Business Reserve		2,008.95
			Closing Balance - 31 March 2024		17,977.35
			Add o/s lodgments		0.00
			Less o/s cheques		0.00
		<u>82,034.19</u>			<u>82,034.19</u>

Signed: -

Hon. Treasurer

Date: - 08 05 24

Signed: -

Independent Examiner

Date: - 8/5/24

Donaghadee Community Development Association

Northern Ireland - Charity number 103332

Annual report

DONAGHADEE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT ASSOCIATION

TRUSTEES' REPORT 2023-24

1. The Organisation

- 1.1 The Donaghadee Community Development Association was recognised as a charity by HMRC in 2011 and by the Charities Commission for Northern Ireland in 2016.
- 1.2 The trustees met on 10 occasions during the year. Membership at March 2024 was as follows:-

Denis Waterworth (Chair)	Karen Looney
Carol Day (Vice-Chair)	Martin Looney
John Caldwell (Hon. Sec)	Alan Maxwell
Adrian Kerr (Hon. Treasurer)	Kerry Melville
Kate Boyd	Murdo Murray
Alison Bell	Harry Wilson
Alan Burnside	

2. The Purpose of the Charity

- 2.1 The stated purpose of the Association is
"To promote the advancement of citizenship and community development for the public benefit in the Donaghadee area, in particular:-
1. To improve the area known as Donaghadee for the benefit of the inhabitants of the area
 2. To encourage the goodwill and involvement of the wider community
 3. To foster and promote community spirit and civic pride
 4. To promote and encourage the development of Donaghadee"
- 2.2 The public benefits that flow from this purpose are:-
- Donaghadee is a more attractive place in which to live;
 - Improvements in infrastructure will encourage inward investment;
 - The town attracts more visitors which helps the local economy and increases employment opportunity;
 - An attractive townscape should increase awareness of the quality of the local environment and, in turn, promote a greater degree of responsibility in areas such as litter, dog fouling and re-cycling.
 - A much higher degree of social cohesion;
 - Residents take a keen interest in the development of their town and play a positive role in contributing to its development
 - There will be higher levels of engagement in local clubs and organisations;
 - Reduced anti-social behaviour
- 2.3 In essence, this means that the Association focuses on organising events and projects, working closely with elected representatives and with other local organisations including schools and statutory bodies to improve the town and engaging in activities which will bring the community closer together.

3. Main Activities and Achievements during 2023-24

3.1 In any normal year the Association focusses activity on five strands:-

- Community engagement
- Improving the local environment
- Community support and development
- Expanding the local economy
- Campaigning and representation

3.2 Community Engagement

- a) King's Coronation – A Family Fun Day was organised on 7th May to celebrate the coronation;
- b) Summer Festival – Some 50 different events were organised by 31 organisations in the town. Gross attendances were just under 19,000 with large crowds at The Lifeboat Festival, the Horse Relay and at the Ulster Scots Festival. The latter involved the Ulster Fry World Championships which generated substantial media interest.
- c) Christmas – This year some 15 different organisations were involved in the delivery of the programme. The highlight continues to be Santa's arrival by lifeboat on Friday followed by a parade to the market. Sunday's activities included the Dee Runner's Fun Run at the Commons, followed that evening by the community carol service.
- d) Creative Writing for Well-Being – A Creative Writing Course was organised thanks to an Arts grant from the Council. A wellbeing event was run with financial support from the Co-op Community Fund
- e) Website and Social Media - The Association uses its website (www.visitdonaghadee.com) to inform the local community and visitors of current issues.

3.3 Local Environment

- a) In Bloom – The decoration of the town with floral displays continues to garner community support with some 150 people participating either on an individual basis or as a member of an organisation. Supported by volunteers, we arranged the planting and watering of hanging baskets, planting of containers including window boxes by Killard School, the installation of upcycled displays to promote recycling and also carried out wildflower planting. These displays were supplemented by the painting of utility boxes and other artwork. Our efforts were rewarded by winning the Town Category of Ulster on Bloom for the third year in succession and receiving a Gold Award in Britain in Bloom.
- b) Crommelin Wood – Work continues on Cromellin Wood. A bulb planting scheme with native bluebells, daffodils and primroses was completed. The addition of a Bug Hotel, with the help from Strand Homes and Killard School, has created environment awareness and provides another additional feature for all to enjoy. Sadly vandalism continues to be the problem but we are greatly encouraged by the level of community participation in activities such as litter picking and planting.
- c) Marine Litter - Donaghadee's four schools – Ballyvester Primary School, Donaghadee Primary School, Killard School and St Anne's Primary School – continued to work with the Association on a Marine Litter Project. On each visit to the beach, pupils gather and analyse litter according to type, size and weight. They collect water samples for analysis using water testing kits and digital microscopes. Members of the public have

also been encouraged to play their part by collecting litter. Following the closure of St Anne's PS, Ballyvester Primary School has taken responsibility for the foreshore at the Commons.

- d) Hunts Park – With support from the international tree Foundation and Ards & North Down Borough Council, DCDA arranged for the planting of a community orchard with hedging. The orchard was opened in April 2024 by Andrew Muir MLA, Minister for Agriculture, Environment and Rural Affairs,
- e) Sensory Garden/Walk – Discussions have been initiated with Killard School and Clifton Special School regarding the creation of a Sensory Garden or Walk.
- f) Community Garden – We were able to assist a local group of enthusiasts in the creation of a community garden behind the houses in East Street.
- g) Climate Action Plan – Activity focussed on two strands:-
 - With support from the National Lottery Community Fund a series of talks and workshops have been held
 - Collaborating closely with the Sailing Club, we published a report on the dangers posed by rising sea levels and storm surges

3.5 Community support and development

- a) Information reel – The Association is a conduit for information on a wide variety of subjects ranging from government and public notices through to details of local events. All notices are now placed on a rolling display which is published on our website and social media platform each Friday.
- b) Supporting groups – Community Group members have access to a range of equipment including gazebos, a pa system, presentation boards, laptops and a digital projector and screen. Information on grant opportunities is also circulated.
- c) Royal Statistical Society – The Association was successful in an application to the Royal Statistical Society for pro-bono work to create a Community Profile of the town based on the on the 2021 Census. The report was published in February 2024 at a meeting attended by elected representatives and officials from government departments, the Council and statutory bodies.

3.6 Expanding the local Economy

- a) Shop Local – A shop local event was organised in March 2024 with participating traders given free gifts to distribute.
- b) Painting Shop Windows The Association subsidised a town centre shop window painting scheme featuring attractive Christmas themed painting on each window.

3.7 Campaigning and representation–

- a) Town Advisory Group – The Association has two representatives on the Donaghadee Town Advisory Group which also includes councillors and representatives of statutory bodies. The main issues were support for retail following lockdown and the review of the Commons and improved signage within the town
- b) Car parking – we continue to press for improved car parking. No success thusfar but efforts continue
- c) Seahill Right of Way - The Association was successful in proposing the assertion of the pathway from Seahill to the lane leading to the Water Tower as a public right of way
- d) Five Towns – DCDA meets regularly with counterparts in Bangor, Newtownards, Holywood and Comber.

- e) St Anne's Primary School – DCDA worked closely with the school and lobbied strongly for the retention of St Anne's Primary School.
- f) Concessionary Bus Passes – DCDA responded to the consultation on changes to the concessionary bus pass scheme arguing strongly for no change.

Thanks

3.8 The Committee acknowledges with thanks the help and support received from a wide range of individuals and organisations throughout the year, in particular:-

- Elected representatives and officers of Ards and North Down Borough Council without whose support the Association would not be able to function at the current level;
- Local MLAs and our local MP who have all been supportive of our efforts; and,
- The many individuals, local organisations, churches, sporting clubs and traders who support our work through volunteering, sponsorship and support.

4. Financial Review

- 4.1 The Association has a single bank account with the Ulster Bank, Newtownards and the accounts are prepared and audited by Stanley Woods & Co. The financial year is April – March. The Association's finances are healthy. The Association has no paid employees.
- 4.2 The Association acknowledges with thanks the many organisations and individuals who provided financial support during the year by way of grants, advertising, sponsorship, donations and membership fees.

5. Community Involvement and Public Benefit

- 5.1 The Association is anxious to involve the wider community and general public as much as possible in its activities. The Association had 118 members in March 2024 with 2,300 following on social media.
- 5.2 In undertaking these and other activities during the year, the Trustees have given careful consideration to the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland's statutory guidance on public benefit. No harm arose to any individual or organisation as a result of the Association's activities.

6. Priorities for 2024-25-

- 6.1 The Trustees have identified the following key priorities for 2024-25
 - a) Subject to approval, organising festivals in the summer and at Christmas
 - b) To continue with work on the various environment projects;
 - c) To support the establishment of a programme of arts and creativity projects;
 - d) To complete a feasibility study on the creation of Community Hub (Mens Shed) and,
 - e) To press for improvements Donaghadee in meetings with Council officers and officials of other statutory bodies

7. Further Information

- 7.1 Further information on the work of the Association can be obtained from the Honorary Secretary, John Caldwell, c/o 21 New Road, Donaghadee, BT21 0DR

SIGNED



Denis Waterworth, Chairman

Date: 4th June 2024

Donaghadee Community Development Association

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Annual return

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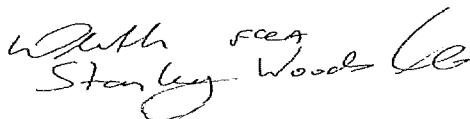
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Traders Support	14,311.89				
In Bloom	1,475.00		Christmas Festival		
		37,186.89	Events	2,124.40	
Summer Festival			Advertising	555.00	
Sponsors	1,300.00		Other	2,853.80	5,533.20
Artisan Market	425.00				
		1,725.00	In Bloom Grant Expenditure		1,484.55
Christmas Festival			Traders Hanging Baskets		2,590.00
Artisan Market	850.00		Floral Decorations		4,732.09
		850.00	Community Development Project		
KNIB Challenge Fund		5,000.00	Window Boxes		945.94
Live Here Love Here			Crommelin Wood		11,109.70
Marine Litter	2,562.23		Queen Elizabeth Death		238.44
In Bloom	3,000.00		Jubilee (non Chamber)		1,439.95
		5,562.23	KNIB Challenge Fund		5,000.00
Co-Op Community Fund		1,501.47	Marine Litter Project		2,883.77
Floral Decorations (Trader Payments)		1,565.28	Supporting Traders		
Traders' Dinner		882.00	Growing the Chamber	0.00	
Membership Fees		156.37	Attracting Footfall	2,382.16	
Other Income		428.00	Queens Jubilee	4,755.98	
			Admin & Training	3,548.74	10,686.88
TOTAL INCOME		54,857.24	Administration		
			Insurance	1,939.39	
			Volunteer Admin Costs	11.31	
			Website	387.50	
			Rentals	133.14	
			Accounting & Bank Charges	240.00	
			Equipment & Sundries	3,064.04	5,775.38
			TOTAL EXPENDITURE		69,290.57
RECONCILIATION					
Opening balance - 1 April 2022		27,999.72	Expenditure		69,290.57
Receipts		54,857.24	Closing Balance - 31 March 2023		7,337.23
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Signed: -

Hon. Treasurer

Date: -

Abel E. E. E.

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Signed: -

Independent Examiner

Date: -

W. H. H.

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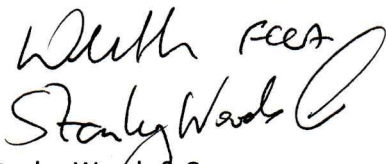
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Date: 11th May 2023

Donaghadee Community Development Association

Northern Ireland - Charity number 103332

Annual report

TRUSTEES' REPORT 2022-23

1. The Organisation

- 1.1 The Donaghadee Community Development Association was recognised as a charity by HMRC in 2011 and by the Charities Commission for Northern Ireland in 2016.
- 1.2 The trustees met on 10 occasions during the year. Membership at March 2023 was as follows:-

Denis Waterworth (Chair)	Karen Looney
Carol Day (Vice-Chair)	Martin Looney
John Caldwell (Hon. Sec)	Alan Maxwell
Adrian Kerr (Hon. Treasurer)	Kerry Melville
Kate Boyd	Murdo Murray
Alison Bell	Harry Wilson
Alan Burnside	

The following were members during the period but stood down at the AGM in September 2022 - Alan Cowan, Gareth Irvine, Bill Kirkwood and Gary McNinch

2. The Purpose of the Charity

- 2.1 The stated purpose of the Association is

"To promote the advancement of citizenship and community development for the public benefit in the Donaghadee area, in particular:-

1. To improve the area known as Donaghadee for the benefit of the inhabitants of the area
2. To encourage the goodwill and involvement of the wider community
3. To foster and promote community spirit and civic pride
4. To promote and encourage the development of Donaghadee"

- 2.2 The public benefits that flow from this purpose are:-

- Donaghadee is a more attractive place in which to live;
- Improvements in infrastructure will encourage inward investment;
- The town attracts more visitors which helps the local economy and increases employment opportunity;
- An attractive townscape should increase awareness of the quality of the local environment and, in turn, promote a greater degree of responsibility in areas such as litter, dog fouling and re-cycling.
- A much higher degree of social cohesion;
- Residents take a keen interest in the development of their town and play a positive role in contributing to its development
- There will be higher levels of engagement in local clubs and organisations;
- Reduced anti-social behaviour

- 2.3 In essence, this means that the Association focuses on organising events and projects, working closely with elected representatives and with other local organisations including schools and statutory bodies to improve the town and engaging in activities which will bring the community closer together.

3. Main Activities and Achievements during 2022-23

- 3.1 In any normal year the Association focusses activity on five strands:-

- Community engagement
- Improving the local environment
- Community support and development
- Expanding the local economy
- Campaigning and representation

3.2 Community Engagement

- a) Queens Platinum Jubilee – A full programme of events 2nd – 5th June to celebrate Queen Elizabeth's Platinum Jubilee;
- b) Summer Festival – The relaxation of COVID Pandemic restrictions allowed for a full programme of events with some 32 organisations delivering 50 different events. Gross attendances were of the order of 16,000 with large crowds at The Lifeboat Festival, the Horse Relay, the Beach Race, Country Comes to Town and the Supercars event held in June;
- c) Death of Queen Elizabeth – A Service of Reflection on the life of Queen Elizabeth was organised in September 2022;
- d) Christmas – This year some 16 different organisations were involved in the delivery of the programme. The highlight continues to be Santa's arrival by lifeboat on Friday followed by a parade to the market. Santa's tour of the town on Saturday night was less popular than in previous years. Sunday's activities included the Dee Runner's Fun Run at the Commons, followed that evening by the community carol service and switch on but sadly attendance at this was affected by industrial action by teachers.
- e) Skateboarding – A Skateboarding event was organised for young people in the new car park adjacent to Copeland Distillery
- f) Website and Social Media - The Association uses its website (www.visitdonaghadee.com) to inform the local community and visitors of current issues.

3.3 Local Environment

- a) In Bloom – One of the highlights of the year was winning the Town category of the Translink Ulster in Bloom Competition. Supported by volunteers we arranged the planting and watering of hanging baskets, planting of containers including the planting of window boxes by Killard School.
- b) Crommelin Wood – Work continues on Cromellin Wood. A tree nursery has been created courtesy of a grant from the Heritage Lottery Fund.
- c) Marine Litter - Donaghadee's four schools – Ballyvester Primary School, Donaghadee Primary School, Killard School and St Anne's Primary School – continue to work with the Association on a Marine Litter Project. Each school

has been allocated an area of coastline and an attractive litter picking station installed at each. On each visit to the beach, pupils gather and analyse litter according to type, size and weight. They collect water samples for analysis using water testing kits and digital microscopes. Their findings are recorded and compared over time against previous analyses and the records of the other schools. Members of the public have also been encouraged to play their part by collecting litter.

- d) Climate Action Plan – Representatives of the Committee worked with Keep northern Ireland Beautiful to produce a framework for a Donaghadee Climate Action Plan.

3.5 Community support and development

- a) Information reel – The Association is a conduit for information on a wide variety of subjects ranging from government and public notices through to details of local events. All notices are now placed on a rolling display which is published on our website and social media platform each Friday. For those without access to the internet a copy scrolls on a television located in the front window of Dee TV & Radio.
- b) Supporting groups – Community Group members have access to a range of equipment including gazebos, a pa system, presentation boards, laptops and a digital projector and screen. Information on grant opportunities is also circulated.
- c) Royal Statistical Society – The Association was successful in an application to the Royal Statistical Society for Pro-Bono work on the 2021 Census. This will compare Donaghadee over a period of time and also against schools of similar size and characteristics. When available (early 2024) this information will support local groups in identifying priorities for action.

3.6 Expanding the local Economy

- a) Shop Local – A shop local event was organised as part of the Christmas celebrations with participating traders given free gifts to distribute.
- b) Painting Shop Windows The Association subsidised a shop window painting scheme with participating traders provided with a discounted Christmas themed painting on their window

3.7 Campaigning and representation–

- a) Town Advisory Group – The Association has two representatives on the Donaghadee Town Advisory Group which includes councillors and representatives of statutory bodies. The main issues were support for retail following lockdown and the review of the Commons
- b) Car parking – we continue to press for improved car parking. No success thusfar but efforts continue
- c) Seahill Right of Way - The Association initiated action to have the pathway from Seahill to the lane leading to the Water Tower asserted as a public right of way
- d) Five Towns – The association meets regularly with counterparts in Bangor, Newtownards, Holywood and Comber.

Thanks

3.8 The Committee acknowledges with thanks the help and support received from a wide range of individuals and organisations throughout the year, in particular:-

- Elected representatives and officers of Ards and North Down Borough Council without whose support the Association would not be able to function at the current level;
- Local MLAs and our local MP who have all been supportive of our efforts; and,
- The many individuals, local organisations, churches, sporting clubs and traders who support our work through volunteering, sponsorship and support.

4. Financial Review

- 4.1 The Association has a single bank account with the Ulster Bank, Newtownards and the accounts are prepared and audited by Stanley Woods & Co. The financial year is April – March. The Association's finances are healthy. The Association has no paid employees.
- 4.2 The Association acknowledges with thanks the many organisations and individuals who provided financial support during the year by way of grants, advertising, sponsorship, donations and membership fees.

5. Community Involvement and Public Benefit

- 5.1 The Association is anxious to involve the wider community and general public as much as possible in its activities. The Association had 168 members in March 2023 with 3,000 following on social media.
- 5.2 In undertaking these and other activities during the year, the Trustees have given careful consideration to the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland's statutory guidance on public benefit. No harm arose to any individual or organisation as a result of the Association's activities.

6. Priorities for 2023-24

- 6.1 The Trustees have identified the following key priorities for 2023-24
- a) Subject to approval, organising festivals in the summer and at Christmas
 - b) To make further progress with the Climate Action Plan and improvements at Crommelin Wood;
 - c) To co-ordinate the floral displays for Summer 2023; and,
 - d) To press for improvements to Donaghadee in meetings with Council officers and officials of other statutory bodies

7. Further Information

- 7.1 Further information on the work of the Association can be obtained from the Honorary Secretary, John Caldwell, c/o 21 New Road, Donaghadee, BT21 0DR

SIGNED



Denis Waterworth, Chairman

Date: 25th September 2023

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Annual return

DONAGHADEE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT ASSOCIATION
STATEMENT OF INCOME AND EXPENDITURE
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023
AND
INDEPENDENT EXAMINERS REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF
DONAGHADEE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT ASSOCIATION

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Independent Examiners Report to the Trustees of Donaghadee Community Development Association

I report on the accounts of the Association for the year ended 31st March 2023, which are set out on the statement of income & expenditure.

Respective responsibilities of the charity trustee and examiner

As the charity's trustees you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the Charities Act (Northern Ireland) 2008.

It is my responsibility to:

- Examine the accounts under s65 of the Charities Act
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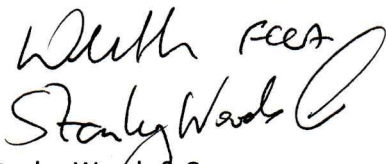
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