

ST. PATRICK'S FLOWER ARRANGING CLUB

ANNUAL REPORT & STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTS

For the period ending 31st August 2024

St. Patrick's Flower Arranging Club- Registered Charity in Northern Ireland
(Number: **NIC103335**)

ANNUAL REPORT FOR PERIOD ENDING **31st AUGUST 2024**

The trustees of St.Patrick's Flower Arranging Club, listed at the back of the report, have pleasure in submitting their report and accounts for the period 1st September 2023 to 31st August 2024.

CLUB OBJECTIVES

The purpose of the Club as set out in our Constitution is public education in the art of flower arranging and related subjects, without distinction of age, gender, disability both physical and mental, sexual orientation, nationality, ethnic identity, class, marital status, political or religious opinion, ill health, financial hardship or other disadvantage, within the Banbridge and Craigavon areas, (hereafter called the "area of public benefit".)

The trustees of St.Patrick's Flower Arranging Club confirm that they have complied with their duty under the Charities Act (Northern Ireland) regarding the Public Benefit.

To achieve this, the Club provides opportunity for all people, and are always seeking ways in which they can offer all members, tutoring and general assistance to enable them to reach their goals.

The Club has a membership payment scheme, which enables people from the above Council areas who are in financial hardship, the opportunity to pay class fees on a pay as you attend basis.

The key objectives this season was to provide a variety of classes geared specifically towards Traditional Flower and Contemporary Flower Arranging.

The section below specifying achievements in the past year clearly identifies the benefits that people have attained during the reporting period.

The Club will always treat their members with respect and ensure they have every opportunity to gain benefits such as skills, experience and confidence in the art of Flower Arranging.

ACHIEVEMENTS IN THE PERIOD ENDING 31st AUGUST 2024

- (1) Health and Safety protocols which determined that the premises we use could hold enough tables to safely tutor 24 people and the membership are very happy to maintain this system, it also means each member has a larger workspace.

- (2) We held 18 classes with an average attendance of 80%.
- (3) Due to serious illness our Tutor was unable to attend the first 4 classes but, these were taken by 2 of our original very skilled members of the Club, Rosie Whiteside and Rosemary Allen and were very successfully taught classes.
- (4) The Club was due to celebrate its 10th Anniversary in August 2023 but this was postponed until 19th April 2024 when our founding member and tutor Maureen Daly was recovered enough to attend our afternoon tea party at the Burrendale Hotel Newcastle. This was a wonderful celebration for every member of the Club.
- (5) In November 2023 we attended a Christmas Craft fair when the ladies made arrangements to sell raising funds amounting to £260 to support our club and also making the public aware of what we as a club do.
- (6) The Club supported St. Patrick's Church, Donaghcloney, Christmas Tree Festival 'HOPE', by placing a tree which advertised the club and what we do. The ladies thoroughly enjoyed this experience and we attended the Festival as a group outing and had lunch. We also attending a Flower Festival at Ballymore Parish Church, Tandagree, which again was a lovely day out for the ladies and we again had a lovely lunch together.

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

GOVERNING DOCUMENT AND CONSTITUTION

The Club is unincorporated and is governed by a constitution adopted 14th November 2014 and last amended on 1st September 2017.

The Club is run entirely by its members, who pay a membership fee. As of 31st August 2024 the Club had a membership of 22.

SELECTION OF TRUSTEES AND MANAGEMENT

The Club is managed by a Committee, which consists of all the appointed trustees.

The Committee meets at least four times during the year. However, on occasions other issues may arise, which require additional meetings. Within the year ending 31st August 2024 four meetings were held. Attendance at these meetings was as follows:

Full attendance:

Maureen Daly, Rosemary Allen, Margaret Doak, Vivien Coffey and Margaret O'Neil.

Margaret Best was unable to attend any of the 4 meetings due to family commitments.

The structures of the meetings are as follows:

- (a) The Chairperson provides an overview of progress to date, of the targets set at the Annual General Meeting.
- (b) The Treasurer presents the latest accounts and these are discussed relative to the forecast specified at the Annual General Meeting.
- (c) The Secretary provides an overview of the meetings.
- (d) The meeting is then open to all members to discuss any other relevant business issues within the Club.
- (e) The Chairperson summarises the issues raised at the meeting and then closes the meeting.

The Annual Report and Statement of Accounts will be approved by the Trustees and presented to the members at the Annual General Meeting.

ADMINISTRATION DETAILS

Charity Name: St. Patrick's Flower Arranging Club

Charity Number: Registered Charity in Northern Ireland
NIC103335

Club Address: 51 Main Street
Donaghcloney
Craigavon
Co. Armagh
BT66 7LR

Charity Trustees as at year ending 31st August 2024

Miss Maureen Catherine Daly	Chairperson
Mrs Margaret O'Neill	Vice Chairperson
Mrs Margaret Ann Doak	Treasurer
Mrs. Rosemary Allen	Secretary
Mrs Vivien Coffey	Member of Committee
Mrs Margaret Best	Member of Committee

Safeguarding Trust Members

St. Patrick's Flower Arranging Club is open to members of all ages and there are no vulnerable people within the current membership.

Banking

The Club initially used the Santander Bank, 21 Market Street, Lurgan, Craigavon. BT66 GAA

However, as our Club aims to seek funding from sources such as Halifax Foundation for Northern Ireland and TADA Rural Support Network in the coming year, it was agreed by the Trustees that we should use Danske Bank. The Club Account has now been changed to the Bank on the 20th September 2017.

Danske Bank,
39 Market Street
Lurgan
Craigavon
BT666AB

Insurance Broker

Alfred J. Gallagher
Metropolitan Building
29-31 Alfred Street
Belfast
BT28ED

The above Insurer is used by Donaghdoney Parish. The insurance covers St. Patrick's Church Hall, Donaghdoney Parish, which is used by St. Patrick's Flower Arranging Club. The Club is very appreciative of the Parish, not only for offering the use of the Hall, but adding the Club into the overall Insurance Cover, whilst they are in the Hall.

Signed: *M. Daly*
Maureen Daly

Club Chairperson