

Blackie River Community Groups

Northern Ireland · Charity number 103339

Details

Status Received

Registered 2015-09-04

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Activities

Purposes: to promote the benefit of the inhabitants of the Blackie River area and the environs of the Greater Belfast area (hereinafter described as the “area of benefit”) without distinction of age, gender, race, political, religious or other opinion, by association statutory authorities, voluntary organisations and inhabitants in a common effort to advance education, relieve poverty and to provide facilities in the interest of social welfare for recreation and leisure time occupation, with the object of improving the conditions of life for the said inhabitants; to promote cooperation between local community groups with the object of improving the conditions of life for the inhabitants in the area of benefit; and to promote and coordinate community development by enhancing the local social infrastructure through: support, training and resource provision.

What the charity does: The prevention or relief of poverty, The advancement of education, The advancement of citizenship or community development

How the charity works: Advice/advocacy/information, Community development, Community enterprise, Education/training, Grant making, Human rights/equality, Playgroup/after schools, Relief of poverty, Urban development, Youth development

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

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-03-31	£1,464,216	£1,477,909	£-35,697	41

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Mr Damien Austin		
Mr Fra Mccann		
Mr Sean Quinn		
Mrs Claire Canavan		
Raymond Lavery		

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Northern Ireland - Charity number 103339

Accounts

REGISTERED COMPANY NUMBER: NI035799 (Northern Ireland)
REGISTERED CHARITY NUMBER: NIC 103339

Report of the Trustees and
Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 March 2025
for
Blackie River Community Groups
(A Company Limited by Guarantee)

Lynn Drake & Co Ltd
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**Reference and Administrative Details
for the Year Ended 31 March 2025**

TRUSTEES	Raymond Lavery Francis McCann Sean Quinn Damien Austin Claire Canavan
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REGISTERED COMPANY NUMBER	NI035799 (Northern Ireland)
REGISTERED CHARITY NUMBER	NIC 103339
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CHIEF EXEC OFFICERS	Mr Ciaran Beattie
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Report of the Trustees **for the Year Ended 31 March 2025**

The trustees who are also directors of the charity for the purposes of the Companies Act 2006, present their report with the financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31 March 2025. The trustees have adopted the provisions of Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019).

OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

Objectives and aims

Blackie River Community Groups is a registered charity which seeks to empower the residents of the Blackie River by facilitating and developing community development activity which enables them to celebrate their creativity and culture, develop their skills, enhance their self-esteem, play a full and equal role in society, and secure the social and economic regeneration of their area.

Significant activities

The Blackie River Community Groups aims:

To promote the benefit of the inhabitants of the Blackie River area and the environs of the Greater Belfast area (hereinafter described as the "area of benefit") without distinction of age, gender, race, political, religious or other opinion, by association statutory authorities, voluntary organisations and inhabitants in a common effort to advance education, relieve poverty and to provide facilities in the interest of social welfare for recreation and leisure time occupation, with the object of improving the conditions of life for the said inhabitants;

To promote cooperation between local community groups with the object of improving the conditions of life for the inhabitants in the area of benefit.

To promote and coordinate community development by enhancing the local social infrastructure through: support, training and resource provision.

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Report of the Trustees **for the Year Ended 31 March 2025**

OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

Public benefit

Purpose A

The direct benefit which flows from purpose A includes improved education outcomes reduction in poverty, and to provide facilities in the interest of social welfare for recreation and leisure time occupation, with the object of improving the conditions of life of residents within Blackie River Area (Beechmount ward) and the wider Greater Belfast area. These benefits are evidenced through our programmes, initiatives and services being monitoring and evaluated by all participants. The purpose of the charity may lead to the following harm of personal injury through some of our educational programmes, daycare provision and health programme but we can demonstrate that this harm is greatly reduced through our risk management policy and procedures and the benefits to the service users outweigh any of the risks. The charities beneficiaries are the inhabitants of the Beechmount ward, Greater Falls area and the environs of the Greater Belfast Area. The only private benefit flowing from the purpose is the skilling up of staff and the salary which they receive and this is incidental and necessary to run an organisation which operates to the childcare standards, education skills authority, funding requirements.

Purpose B

The direct benefit which flows from purpose B includes promoting cooperation between local community groups with the object of improving the conditions of life for the inhabitants in the area of benefit. These benefits are evidenced through engagement with local residents through surveys, canvasses and questionnaires. It is further evidenced through the participation on local and regional forums and partnerships. The purpose of the charity may lead to the following harm of misrepresenting an individual but was can evidence that all the information which we discuss in forums comes from analysing the data which we have collected. The charities beneficiaries are the inhabitants of the Beechmount ward, Greater Falls area and the environs of the Greater Belfast Area. The only private benefit flowing from the purpose is the skilling up of staff and the salary which they receive and this is incidental and necessary to run an organisation which operates to the childcare standards, education skills authority, funding requirements.

Purpose C

The direct benefit which flows from purpose B includes promoting and coordinate community development by enhancing the local social infrastructure through: support, training and resource provision. These benefits are evidenced through engagement with local residents through surveys, canvasses and questionnaires. The purpose of the charity may lead to the following harm of misrepresenting an individual but was can evidence that all the information which we discuss in forums comes from analysing the data which we have collected. The charities beneficiaries are the inhabitants of the Beechmount ward, Greater Falls area and the environs of the Greater Belfast Area. The only private benefit flowing from the purpose is the skilling up of staff and the salary which they receive and this is incidental and necessary to run an organisation which operates to the childcare standards, education skills authority, funding requirements. Blackie River Community Group works with local residents to ensure that quality and conditions of housing within the local area are up to standard. In the past we successfully lobbied for new housing as there was a substantial amount of houses with outside toilets and environmental issues. We successful got the area vested and new 21st century housing built. We run a variety of educational classes which both upskills people and also combat social isolation. We have successful run a level 5 Childcare management course which means that there are now 14 local people who can now manage a day-care setting.

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Report of the Trustees **for the Year Ended 31 March 2025**

STRATEGIC REPORT

Achievements and performance

Charitable activities

Our charity found itself again like many others in difficult financial times this year due to the current Cost of Living Crisis rising energy costs and increase in salaries due to minimum wage increases. We have been applying for external funding to alleviate financial pressures in which we were eventually successful in receiving £40k from Council to help with running costs. While the charity has not yet undertaken any public fundraising initiatives, we have been successful in seeking and receiving grant funding amounting to £970,046 for this year ending March 2025. The breakdown of restricted grants funding can be seen on Note 3 of the accounts.

The funding received assisted the charity in continuing with our aims and objectives, offering vital services in our community such as: providing first class affordable child care, supporting child development. providing support to children with additional needs, promoting Community led education through lifelong learning, providing cultural and arts programmes, working on the regeneration of the area and working with our community partners in the Greater Falls Neighbourhood Partnership Area.

Reserves Policy

The charity's policy is to retain a level of free reserves, which matches the needs of the organisation both at the current time and in the foreseeable future. The charity has developed a plan to establish and maintain this agreed level of free reserves. The charity will continue to monitor compliance with this policy on a regular basis and the Board will review the appropriateness of the policy annually.

Financial review

The company had net outgoing resources for the year of £13,693 (2024: net outgoing resources of £105,613), which reflected the completion of a number of projects during the year. Unrestricted funds increased by £1,607, while restricted funds decreased by £15,300.

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Report of the Trustees **for the Year Ended 31 March 2025**

STRATEGIC REPORT

Future plans

The biggest challenge for us is going to be sustaining ourselves through this current cost of living crisis, inflationary and energy increases. The strategic priority will be sustainability. We aim to continue to improve our business / finance model and community development outcomes, to continue to develop a strong board and to inspire and professionalism to our staff.

In terms of sustainability we have:

- a) Secured an additional £20k from Belfast City Council to support running costs.
- b) Sought funding for an upgrade of play park.
- c) We are in legal negotiations to transfer land adjacent to Blackie Centre for extension of car parking.
- d) Working with local asset holders to secure the tenure of additional infrastructure that will enable the organisation to expand our services.
- e) We aim to continue to provide first class services to the
- f) community in the fields of child-care, education, art and culture, health, youth and older services and have secured the status of Centre of excellence.

For the strategic priority of infrastructure: We aim to improve the service available in the Beechmount area by lobbying for the improved facilities.

- a) Examples of this are: The development of St James Farm, The contained lobbying for; the Beechmount Triangle site, the car park and the extension to the Blackie River Community Group.
- b) Extra provision of alley gates.
- c) Working with the Davitts GAC to complete indoor sports provision which is near completion.
- d) Assisting Willowbank FC with a new 3G pitch.
- e) Establishment of a Social Supermarket, delivering food vouchers and wraparound support to 270 families.
- f) Sourcing additional floor space for expansion of our charity.

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

Governing document

The charity is controlled by its governing document, a deed of trust, and constitutes a limited company, limited by guarantee, as defined by the Companies Act 2006.

Governance of the Charity

During the period under review the directors met bi-monthly. Trustees/directors are appointed by nominations made in writing by any existing director. At the General Meeting nominated directors are appointed by election.

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Report of the Trustees **for the Year Ended 31 March 2025**

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

Risk management

The principles of good governance are embedded within all aspects of Blackie River Community Group Limited operations with management and staff being keenly aware of the Boards responsibility of ensuring that the organisation protects itself from financial exposure and reputational damage, A close working relationship is maintained between the Board and management to ensure that operationally staff are aware of the standards required of them by the Board and the Board are always in a position to provide guidance and support to management in the discharge of their duties. This two way relationship is the key feature of Blackie River Community Group Limited governance arrangements and is a key strength in the company.

A conscientious approach to ensuring that contractual project requirements are achieved has been maintained at all times both in the accounting period being reported on and since Blackie River Community Group Limited establishment. Very tight financial controls on expenditure and all financial commitments are maintained at all times and project staff have been trained and have become experienced in budgetary controls. In both these areas ie Project delivery and financial controls management all staff have established close working relationships with funding organisations to ensure all mandatory standards are consistently achieved. Board representatives also actively engage with funding bodies.

The Board, management and staff are fully aware that the nature of the work in which Blackie River Community Group Limited is involved can bring with it a high level of scrutiny to ensure that all activities are fully compliant with funding requirements and, therefore, beyond reproach. The Board of Blackie River Community Group Limited is, therefore, greatly reassured of the company's compliance with the highest of standards of governance on the basis that all monitoring and evaluation of project delivery demonstrates achievement of all funders objectives and that funders' audits and vouching of financial expenditure and the statutory audit confirm compliance with both probity and regularity in the use of monies received.

EVENTS SINCE THE END OF THE YEAR

Information relating to events since the end of the year is given in the notes to the financial statements.

STATEMENT OF TRUSTEES' RESPONSIBILITIES

The trustees (who are also the directors of Blackie River Community Groups for the purposes of company law) are responsible for preparing the Report of the Trustees and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice) including Financial Reporting Standard 102 "The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland".

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Report of the Trustees **for the Year Ended 31 March 2025**

STATEMENT OF TRUSTEES' RESPONSIBILITIES - continued

Company law requires the trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year. Under that law, the trustees have elected to prepare the financial statements in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice (United Kingdom Accounting Standards and applicable law).

Under company law the trustees must not approve the financial statements unless they are satisfied that they give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charitable company and of the incoming resources and application of resources, including the income and expenditure, of the charitable company for that period. In preparing those financial statements, the trustees are required to

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles in the Charities SORP;
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable accounting standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements;
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charitable company will continue in business.

The trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charitable company and to enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Companies Act 2006. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charitable company and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

In so far as the trustees are aware:

- there is no relevant audit information of which the charitable company's auditors are unaware; and
- the trustees have taken all steps that they ought to have taken to make themselves aware of any relevant audit information and to establish that the auditors are aware of that information.

AUDITORS

The auditors, Lynn Drake & Co Ltd, will be proposed for re-appointment at the forthcoming Annual General Meeting.

Report of the trustees, incorporating a strategic report, approved by order of the board of trustees, as the company directors, on 26 September 2025 and signed on the board's behalf by:



Sean Quinn - Trustee

Report of the Independent Auditors to the Members of Blackie River Community Groups

Opinion

We have audited the financial statements of Blackie River Community Groups (the 'charitable company') for the year ended 31 March 2025 which comprise the Statement of Financial Activities, the Statement of Financial Position, the Statement of Cash Flows and notes to the financial statements, including a summary of significant accounting policies. The financial reporting framework that has been applied in their preparation is applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice), including Financial Reporting Standard 102 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland'.

In our opinion the financial statements:

- give a true and fair view of the state of the charitable company's affairs as at 31 March 2025 and of its incoming resources and application of resources, including its income and expenditure, for the year then ended;
- have been properly prepared in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice, including Financial Reporting Standard 102 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland'; and
- have been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006.

Basis for opinion

We conducted our audit in accordance with International Standards on Auditing (UK) (ISAs (UK)) and applicable law. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditors' responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements section of our report. We are independent of the charitable company in accordance with the ethical requirements that are relevant to our audit of the financial statements in the UK, including the FRC's Ethical Standard, and we have fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with these requirements. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

Conclusions relating to going concern

In auditing the financial statements, we have concluded that the trustees' use of the going concern basis of accounting in the preparation of the financial statements is appropriate.

Based on the work we have performed, we have not identified any material uncertainties relating to events or conditions that, individually or collectively, may cast significant doubt on the charitable company's ability to continue as a going concern for a period of at least twelve months from when the financial statements are authorised for issue.

Our responsibilities and the responsibilities of the trustees with respect to going concern are described in the relevant sections of this report.

Other information

The trustees are responsible for the other information. The other information comprises the information included in the Annual Report, other than the financial statements and our Report of the Independent Auditors thereon.

Our opinion on the financial statements does not cover the other information and, except to the extent otherwise explicitly stated in our report, we do not express any form of assurance conclusion thereon.

In connection with our audit of the financial statements, our responsibility is to read the other information and, in doing so, consider whether the other information is materially inconsistent with the financial statements or our knowledge obtained in the audit or otherwise appears to be materially misstated. If we identify such material inconsistencies or apparent material misstatements, we are required to determine whether this gives rise to a material misstatement in the financial statements themselves. If, based on the work we have performed, we conclude that there is a material misstatement of this other information, we are required to report that fact. We have nothing to report in this regard.

**Report of the Independent Auditors to the Members of
Blackie River Community Groups**

Opinions on other matters prescribed by the Companies Act 2006

In our opinion, based on the work undertaken in the course of the audit:

- the information given in the Report of the Trustees for the financial year for which the financial statements are prepared is consistent with the financial statements; and
- the Report of the Trustees has been prepared in accordance with applicable legal requirements.

Matters on which we are required to report by exception

In the light of the knowledge and understanding of the charitable company and its environment obtained in the course of the audit, we have not identified material misstatements in the Report of the Trustees.

We have nothing to report in respect of the following matters where the Companies Act 2006 requires us to report to you if, in our opinion:

- adequate accounting records have not been kept or returns adequate for our audit have not been received from branches not visited by us; or
- the financial statements are not in agreement with the accounting records and returns; or
- certain disclosures of trustees' remuneration specified by law are not made; or
- we have not received all the information and explanations we require for our audit.

Responsibilities of trustees

As explained more fully in the Statement of Trustees' Responsibilities, the trustees (who are also the directors of the charitable company for the purposes of company law) are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements and for being satisfied that they give a true and fair view, and for such internal control as the trustees determine is necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the financial statements, the trustees are responsible for assessing the charitable company's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless the trustees either intend to liquidate the charitable company or to cease operations, or have no realistic alternative but to do so.

Report of the Independent Auditors to the Members of Blackie River Community Groups

Our responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue a Report of the Independent Auditors that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance, but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with ISAs (UK) will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of these financial statements.

The extent to which our procedures are capable of detecting irregularities, including fraud is detailed below:

Irregularities, including fraud, are instances of non-compliance with laws and regulations. We design procedures in line with our responsibilities, outlined above, to detect material misstatements in respect of irregularities, including fraud. In particular, we looked at where management made subjective judgements, for example in respect of accounting estimates that involved making assumptions and considering future events that are inherently uncertain. We also considered potential financial or other pressures, opportunity and motivations for fraud. As part of this discussion, we identified the internal controls established to mitigate risks related to fraud or non-compliance with laws and regulations and how management monitor these processes. Appropriate procedures included the review and testing of manual journals and key estimates and judgements made by management for risk of fraud.

Based on our understanding of the company and industry, we identified the principal risks of non-compliance with laws and regulations as those that have a direct impact on the determination of material amounts and disclosures in the financial statements.

We evaluated management's incentives and opportunities for fraudulent manipulation of the financial statements and identified the greatest potential for fraud. We communicated the identified laws and regulations throughout the audit team and remained alert to any indications of non-compliance throughout the audit. Audit procedures performed included, but were not limited to:

Discussions with management including consideration of known or suspected instances of non-compliance with laws and regulation and fraud;

Reviewing the financial statement disclosures and testing to supporting documentation;

Review of board meeting minutes of those charged with governance;

In addressing the risk of fraud through management override of controls, testing the appropriateness of journal entries and other adjustments;

As part of an audit in accordance with ISAs (UK), we exercise professional judgment and maintain professional scepticism throughout the audit. We also:-

Identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error, design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks, and obtain audit evidence that is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion. The risk of not detecting a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than for one resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control.

Obtain an understanding of internal control relevant to the audit in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the charities internal control.

**Report of the Independent Auditors to the Members of
Blackie River Community Groups**

Evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates and related disclosures made by the trustees.

Perform analytical procedures to identify any unusual or unexpected relationships that may indicate risks of material misstatement due to fraud or error.

Conclude on the appropriateness of the trustees' use of the going concern basis of accounting and based on the audit evidence obtained, whether a material uncertainty exists related to events or conditions that may cast significant doubt on the charities ability to continue as a going concern. If we conclude that a material uncertainty exists, we are required to draw attention in our auditor's report to the related disclosures in the financial statements or, if such disclosures are inadequate, to modify our opinion. Our conclusions are based on the audit evidence obtained up to the date of our auditor's report. However, future events or conditions may cause the charity to cease to continue as a going concern.


Evaluate the overall presentation, structure, and content of the financial statements, including the disclosures and whether the financial statements represent the underlying transactions and events in a manner that achieves fair presentation.

We communicate with those charged with governance regarding, among other matters, the planned scope and timing of the audit and significant audit findings, including significant deficiencies in internal control that we identify during our audit.

A further description of our responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements is located on the Financial Reporting Council's website at www.frc.org.uk/auditorsresponsibilities. This description forms part of our Report of the Independent Auditors.

Use of our report

This report is made solely to the charitable company's members, as a body, in accordance with Chapter 3 of Part 16 of the Companies Act 2006. Our audit work has been undertaken so that we might state to the charitable company's members those matters we are required to state to them in an auditors' report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, we do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the charitable company and the charitable company's members as a body, for our audit work, for this report, or for the opinions we have formed.



Billy Drake (Senior Statutory Auditor)
for and on behalf of Lynn Drake & Co Ltd
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26 September 2025

Blackie River Community Groups

Statement of Financial Activities
(Incorporating an Income and Expenditure Account)
for the Year Ended 31 March 2025

	Notes	Unrestricted fund £	Restricted funds £	31.3.25 Total funds £	31.3.24 Total funds £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM					
Charitable activities					
Grants Receivable	3	-	970,046	970,046	1,081,855
Other trading activities	2	494,170	-	494,170	469,440
Total		<u>494,170</u>	<u>970,046</u>	<u>1,464,216</u>	<u>1,551,295</u>
EXPENDITURE ON					
Charitable activities					
Direct Charitable Expenditure	4	477,878	975,604	1,453,482	1,627,358
Governance		14,685	9,742	24,427	29,550
Total		<u>492,563</u>	<u>985,346</u>	<u>1,477,909</u>	<u>1,656,908</u>
NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)		1,607	(15,300)	(13,693)	(105,613)
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS					
Total funds brought forward		200,877	64,516	265,393	371,006
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD		<u><u>202,484</u></u>	<u><u>49,216</u></u>	<u><u>251,700</u></u>	<u><u>265,393</u></u>

The notes form part of these financial statements

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Statement of Financial Position
31 March 2025

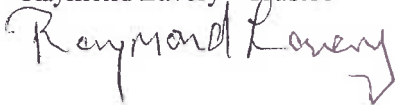
	Notes	31.3.25 £	31.3.24 £
FIXED ASSETS			
Tangible assets	10	50,796	66,885
CURRENT ASSETS			
Debtors	11	147,337	174,115
Cash at bank		89,264	56,128
		<u>236,601</u>	<u>230,243</u>
CREDITORS			
Amounts falling due within one year	12	(35,697)	(31,735)
NET CURRENT ASSETS		<u>200,904</u>	<u>198,508</u>
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES		251,700	265,393
NET ASSETS		<u>251,700</u>	<u>265,393</u>
FUNDS	14		
Unrestricted funds		202,484	200,877
Restricted funds		49,216	64,516
TOTAL FUNDS		<u>251,700</u>	<u>265,393</u>

The financial statements were approved by the Board of Trustees and authorised for issue on 26 September 2025 and were signed on its behalf by:

Sean Quinn - Trustee



Raymond Lavery - Trustee



The notes form part of these financial statements

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Statement of Cash Flows
for the Year Ended 31 March 2025

	Notes	31.3.25 £	31.3.24 £
Cash flows from operating activities			
Cash generated from operations	1	33,136	(157,242)
Net cash provided by/(used in) operating activities		33,136	(157,242)
Change in cash and cash equivalents in the reporting period		33,136	(157,242)
Cash and cash equivalents at the beginning of the reporting period		56,128	213,370
Cash and cash equivalents at the end of the reporting period		89,264	56,128

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Notes to the Statement of Cash Flows
for the Year Ended 31 March 2025

1. RECONCILIATION OF NET EXPENDITURE TO NET CASH FLOW FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES

	31.3.25	31.3.24
	£	£
Net expenditure for the reporting period (as per the Statement of Financial Activities)	(13,693)	(105,613)
Adjustments for:		
Depreciation charges	16,089	17,770
Decrease/(increase) in debtors	26,778	(73,961)
Increase in creditors	3,962	4,562
	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
Net cash provided by/(used in) operations	<u>33,136</u>	<u>(157,242)</u>

2. ANALYSIS OF CHANGES IN NET FUNDS

	At 1/4/24	Cash flow	At 31/3/25
	£	£	£
Net cash			
Cash at bank	56,128	33,136	89,264
	<u>56,128</u>	<u>33,136</u>	<u>89,264</u>
Total	<u>56,128</u>	<u>33,136</u>	<u>89,264</u>

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Notes to the Financial Statements **for the Year Ended 31 March 2025**

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Basis of preparing the financial statements

Blackie River Community Groups Limited is constituted as a company limited by guarantee incorporated in Northern Ireland (NI035799). In the event of the charity being wound up, the liability in respect of the guarantee is limited to £1 per member of the charity.

The charity constitutes a public benefit entity as defined by FRS 102. The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland issued in 2019 the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the United Kingdom and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102), the Charities Act (Northern Ireland) 2013, the Companies Act 2006 and UK Generally Accepted Practice.

The financial statements are prepared on a going concern basis under the historical cost convention, modified to include certain items at fair value. The financial statements are presented in sterling which is the functional currency of the charity.

The significant accounting policies applied in the preparation of these financial statements are set out below. These policies have been consistently applied to all years presented unless otherwise stated.

(b) Funds

Unrestricted funds are available for use at the discretion of the trustees in furtherance of the general objectives of the charity and which have not been designated for other purposes.

Designated funds comprise unrestricted funds that have been set aside by the trustees for particular purposes. The aim and use of each designated fund is set out in the notes to the financial statements.

Restricted funds are funds which are to be used in accordance with specific restrictions imposed by donors or which have been raised by the charity for particular purposes. The cost of raising and administering such funds are charged against the specific fund. The aim and use of each restricted fund is set out in the notes to the financial statements.

Further explanation of the nature and purpose of each fund is included in the notes to the financial statements.

(c) Income recognition

All incoming resources are included in the Statement of Financial Activities (SoFA) when the charity is legally entitled to the income after any performance conditions have been met, the amount can be measured reliably and it is probable that the income will be received.

For donations to be recognised the charity will have been notified of the amounts and the settlement date in writing. If there are conditions attached to the donation and this requires a level of performance before entitlement can be obtained then income is deferred until those conditions are fully met or the fulfilment of those conditions is within the control of the charity and it is probable that they will be fulfilled. Voluntary income is received by way of grants, donations and gifts and is included in full in the Statement of Financial Activities (SoFA) when receivable. Income received from collections is recognised when received.

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Notes to the Financial Statements - continued **for the Year Ended 31 March 2025**

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES - continued

Basis of preparing the financial statements

Donated facilities and donated professional services are recognised in income at their fair value when their economic benefit is probable, it can be measured reliably and the charity has control over the item. Fair value is determined on the basis of the value of the gift to the charity. For example the amount the charity would be willing to pay in the open market for such facilities and services. A corresponding amount is recognised in expenditure.

No amount is included in the financial statements for volunteer time in line with the SORP (FRS 102). Further detail is given in the Trustees' Annual Report.

For legacies, entitlement is the earlier of the charity being notified of an impending distribution or the legacy being received. At this point income is recognised. On occasion legacies will be notified to the charity however it is not possible to measure the amount expected to be distributed. On these occasions, the legacy is treated as a contingent asset and disclosed.

Income from trading activities includes income earned from fundraising events and trading activities to raise funds for the charity. Income is received in exchange for supplying goods and services in order to raise funds and is recognised when entitlement has occurred.

The charity receives government grants which are detailed within the notes to these financial statements. Income from government and other grants are recognised at fair value when the charity has entitlement after any performance conditions have been met, it is probable that the income will be received and the amount can be measured reliably. If entitlement is not met then these amounts are deferred.

(D) Expenditure recognition

All expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis, inclusive of VAT which cannot be recovered and has been classified under headings that aggregate all costs related to the category. Expenditure is recognised where there is a legal or constructive obligation to make payments to third parties, it is probable that the settlement will be required and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably. It is categorised under the following headings:

Costs of raising funds includes the costs associated with attracting voluntary incomes;
Expenditure on charitable activities includes those costs incurred by the charity in the delivery of its activities and services for its beneficiaries. It includes both costs that can be allocated directly to such activities and those costs of an indirect nature necessary to support them; and
Other expenditure represents those items not falling into the categories above.

Irrecoverable VAT is charged as an expense against the activity for which expenditure arose.

Grants payable to third parties are within the charitable objectives. Where unconditional grants are offered, this is accrued as soon as the recipient is notified of the grant, as this gives rise to a reasonable expectation that the recipient will receive the grants. Where grants are conditional relating to performance then the grant is only accrued when any unfulfilled conditions are outside of the control of the charity.

(e) Support costs allocation

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1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES - continued

Basis of preparing the financial statements

Support costs are those that assist the work of the charity but do not directly represent charitable activities and include office costs, governance costs, administrative payroll costs. They are incurred directly in support of expenditure on the objects of the charity and include project management carried out at Headquarters. Where support costs cannot be directly attributed to particular headings they have been allocated to cost of raising funds and expenditure on charitable activities on a basis consistent with use of the resources. Premises overheads have been allocated on an insert detail basis and other overheads have been allocated on a basis consistent with the use of resources.

Fund-raising costs are those incurred in seeking voluntary contributions and do not include the costs of disseminating information in support of the charitable activities.

(f) Tangible fixed assets

Tangible fixed assets are stated at cost less accumulated depreciation and accumulated impairment losses. Cost includes costs directly attributable to making the asset capable of operating as intended.

Depreciation is provided on all tangible fixed assets, at rates calculated to write off the cost, less estimated residual value, of each asset on a systematic basis over its expected useful life as follows:

Buildings - 10% Straight Line
Equipment - 25% Straight Line

(g) Financial Instruments

A financial asset or a financial liability is recognised only when the charity becomes a party to the contractual provision of the instrument.

Basic financial instruments are initially recognised at the amounts receivable or payable including any related transaction costs.

Current assets and current liabilities are subsequently measured at the cash or other consideration expected to be paid or received and not discounted.

Debt instruments are subsequently measured at amortised cost.

Where investments in shares are publicly traded or their fair value can otherwise be measured reliably, the investment is subsequently measured at fair value with changes in fair value recognised in income and expenditure. All other such investments are subsequently measured at cost less impairment.

Other financial instruments, including derivatives, are initially recognised at fair value, unless payment for an asset is deferred beyond normal business terms or financed at a rate of interest that is not a market rate, in which case the asset is measured at the present value of the future payments discounted at a market rate of interest for a similar debt instrument.

Other financial instruments are subsequently measured at fair value with any changes recognised in the statement of financial activities, with the exception of hedging instruments in a designed hedging relationship.

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Notes to the Financial Statements - continued **for the Year Ended 31 March 2025**

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES - continued

Basis of preparing the financial statements

Financial assets that are measured at cost or amortised cost are reviewed for objective evidence of impairment at the end of each reporting date. If there is objective evidence of impairment an impairment loss is recognised under the appropriate heading in the statement of financial activities in which the initial gain is recognised.

For all equity instruments regardless of significance, and other financial assets that are individually significant, these are assessed individually for impairment. Other financial assets are either assessed individually or grouped on the basis of similar credit risk characteristics.

Any reversals of impairment are recognised immediately, to the extent that the reversal does not result in a carrying amount of the financial asset that exceeds what the carrying amount would have been had the impairment not previously been recognised.

(h) Impairment

Assets not measured at fair value are reviewed for any indication that the asset may be impaired at each balance sheet date. If such indication exists, the recoverable amount of the asset, or the asset's cash generating unit, is estimated and compared to the carrying amount. Where the carrying amount exceeds its recoverable amount, an impairment loss is recognised in profit or loss unless the asset is carried at a revalued amount where the impairment loss is a revaluation decrease.

(i) Provisions

Provisions are recognised when the charity has an obligation at the balance sheet date as a result of a past event, it is probable that an outflow of economic benefits will be required in settlement and the amount can be reliably estimated.

(j) Leases

Assets acquired under finance leases are capitalised and depreciated over the shorter of the lease term and the expected useful life of the asset. Minimum lease payments are apportioned between the finance charge and the reduction of the outstanding lease liability using the effective interest method. The related obligations, net of future finance charges, are included in creditors.

Rentals payable and receivable under operating leases are charged to the SoFA on a straight line basis over the period of the lease.

(k) Tax

No provision is required for taxation as the company is defined as a charity for taxation purposes. The charity is a registered charity and so such is entitled to certain tax exemptions on income and profits from investments and surpluses on any trading activities carried on in furtherance of the charity's primary objectives, if these profits and surpluses are applied solely for charitable purposes.

(l) Going concern

Notes to the Financial Statements - continued
for the Year Ended 31 March 2025

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES - continued

Basis of preparing the financial statements

The financial statements have been prepared on a going concern basis as the trustees believe that no material uncertainties exist. The trustees have considered the level of funds held and the expected level of income and expenditure for 12 months from authorising these financial statements. The budgeted income and expenditure is sufficient with the level of reserves for the charity to be able to continue as a going concern.

(m) Accounting estimates and areas of judgement

The preparation of the financial statements requires management to make judgements, estimates and assumptions that affect the amounts reported. These estimates and judgements are continually reviewed and are based on experience and other factors, including expectations of future events that are believed to be reasonable under the circumstances.

The items in the financial statements where these judgements and estimates have been made include:

- (i) estimating the useful economic life of tangible fixed assets
- (ii) property valuation
- (iii) allocation of expenditure and support costs

Taxation

The charity is exempt from corporation tax on its charitable activities.

Fund accounting

Unrestricted funds can be used in accordance with the charitable objectives at the discretion of the trustees.

Restricted funds can only be used for particular restricted purposes within the objects of the charity. Restrictions arise when specified by the donor or when funds are raised for particular restricted purposes.

Further explanation of the nature and purpose of each fund is included in the notes to the financial statements.

Pension costs and other post-retirement benefits

The charitable company operates a defined contribution pension scheme. Contributions payable to the charitable company's pension scheme are charged to the Statement of Financial Activities in the period to which they relate.

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2. OTHER TRADING ACTIVITIES

	31.3.25	31.3.24
	£	£
Daycare Fees	344,069	314,422
Donations	940	5,613
Training Income	58,409	65,413
Other Income	571	258
Summer Scheme Fees	26,790	21,846
After School Fees	63,391	61,888
	<u>494,170</u>	<u>469,440</u>

3. INCOME FROM CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES

	31.3.25	31.3.24
	£	£
Grants	970,046	1,081,855
Activity		
Grants Receivable		

Grants received, included in the above, are as follows:

	31.3.25	31.3.24
	£	£
BHSCT re SLA	36,301	35,246
BHSCT - Family Support / Behaviour	20,637	19,547
Belfast City Council - Running Costs	20,629	20,000
DfC Health	21,658	19,999
DfC Education	138,677	121,275
DfC Infrastructure	39,731	37,722
DE (through HSCB)	269,225	244,750
Brightstart	14,494	14,654
Pathway Fund	32,000	30,000
BHSCT - Lead Body	60,964	44,388
BH&SCT - Addendum FS Hub Lead Body	-	15,909
CIT - Policing & Community Safety	4,500	7,940
The Executive Office - Communities in Transition (Phase 3)	244,433	328,890
ARCS	-	8,000
Belfast City Council - Social Supermarket 2	-	109,735
Clear	-	3,800
Belfast City Council - Discretionary Fund	-	20,000
Belfast City Council - Racism Event	300	-
Belfast City Council - Social Supermarket 3	62,497	-
GP Federation - Seed Funding	4,000	-
	<u>970,046</u>	<u>1,081,855</u>

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Notes to the Financial Statements - continued
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4. CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES COSTS

	Direct Costs £	Support costs (see note 5) £	Totals £
Direct Charitable Expenditure	1,453,482	-	1,453,482
Governance	-	24,427	24,427
	<u>1,453,482</u>	<u>24,427</u>	<u>1,477,909</u>

5. SUPPORT COSTS

	Governance costs £
Governance	<u>24,427</u>

6. NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)

Net income/(expenditure) is stated after charging/(crediting):

	31.3.25 £	31.3.24 £
Accountancy Fees	3,688	3,154
Audit Fees	2,000	2,000
Depreciation - owned assets	<u>16,089</u>	<u>17,770</u>

7. TRUSTEES' REMUNERATION AND BENEFITS

There were no trustees' remuneration or other benefits for the year ended 31 March 2025 nor for the year ended 31 March 2024.

Trustees' expenses

There were no trustees' expenses paid for the year ended 31 March 2025 nor for the year ended 31 March 2024.

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Notes to the Financial Statements - continued for the Year Ended 31 March 2025

8. STAFF COSTS

	31.3.25	31.3.24
	£	£
Wages and salaries	744,988	786,161
Social security costs	35,979	33,469
Other pension costs	30,962	30,441
	<u>811,929</u>	<u>850,071</u>

The average monthly number of employees during the year was as follows:

	31.3.25	31.3.24
Management and Administration	<u>42</u>	<u>44</u>

No employees received emoluments in excess of £60,000.

The key management personnel of the charity comprise of the Chief Executive and Senior management team. The salaries paid to key management personnel being the Chief Executive Officer, Programme Co-ordinators and Finance Manager, during the year totalled £181,123. (2024: £157,930).

9. COMPARATIVES FOR THE STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

	Unrestricted fund £	Restricted funds £	Total funds £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM			
Charitable activities			
Grants Receivable	-	1,081,855	1,081,855
Other trading activities	<u>469,440</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>469,440</u>
Total	<u>469,440</u>	<u>1,081,855</u>	<u>1,551,295</u>
EXPENDITURE ON			
Charitable activities			
Direct Charitable Expenditure	525,203	1,102,155	1,627,358
Governance	<u>29,550</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>29,550</u>
Total	<u>554,753</u>	<u>1,102,155</u>	<u>1,656,908</u>
NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)	(85,313)	(20,300)	(105,613)
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS			
Total funds brought forward	286,190	84,816	371,006

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Notes to the Financial Statements - continued
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9. COMPARATIVES FOR THE STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES - continued

	Unrestricted fund £	Restricted funds £	Total funds £
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD	<u>200,877</u>	<u>64,516</u>	<u>265,393</u>

10. TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS

	Improvements to property £	Equipment £	Totals £
COST			
At 1 April 2024 and 31 March 2025	<u>887,800</u>	<u>192,603</u>	<u>1,080,403</u>
DEPRECIATION			
At 1 April 2024	820,915	192,603	1,013,518
Charge for year	<u>16,089</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>16,089</u>
At 31 March 2025	<u>837,004</u>	<u>192,603</u>	<u>1,029,607</u>
NET BOOK VALUE			
At 31 March 2025	<u>50,796</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>50,796</u>
At 31 March 2024	<u>66,885</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>66,885</u>

11. DEBTORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

	31.3.25	31.3.24
	£	£
Trade debtors	8,939	22,601
The Executive Office	110,901	106,595
ARCS	-	8,000
Clear	-	760
Belfast City Council	<u>27,497</u>	<u>36,159</u>
	<u>147,337</u>	<u>174,115</u>

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12. CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

	31.3.25	31.3.24
	£	£
Accrued expenses	35,697	31,735

13. ANALYSIS OF NET ASSETS BETWEEN FUNDS

	Unrestricted fund	Restricted funds	31.3.25 Total funds	31.3.24 Total funds
	£	£	£	£
Fixed assets	1,580	49,216	50,796	66,885
Current assets	231,482	5,119	236,601	230,243
Current liabilities	(30,578)	(5,119)	(35,697)	(31,735)
	<u>202,484</u>	<u>49,216</u>	<u>251,700</u>	<u>265,393</u>

14. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS

	At 1/4/24	Net movement in funds	At 31/3/25
	£	£	£
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	200,877	1,607	202,484
Restricted funds			
Belfast City Council - Internal Works(Capital)	7,500	(2,500)	5,000
HSCB - Small Capital Grant	1,000	(250)	750
Dept For Communities - Capital Build	38,556	(9,640)	28,916
Belfast City Council - Toilet Upgrade	17,460	(2,910)	14,550
	<u>64,516</u>	<u>(15,300)</u>	<u>49,216</u>
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>265,393</u>	<u>(13,693)</u>	<u>251,700</u>

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Notes to the Financial Statements - continued for the Year Ended 31 March 2025

14. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued

Net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	494,170	(492,563)	1,607
Restricted funds			
BHSCT - Family Support / Behaviour	20,637	(20,637)	-
BHSCT re SLA	36,301	(36,301)	-
Belfast City Council - Running Costs	20,629	(20,629)	-
DfC Health	21,658	(21,658)	-
DfC Education	138,677	(138,677)	-
DfC Infrastructure	39,731	(39,731)	-
DE (through HSCB)	269,225	(269,225)	-
BrightStart	14,494	(14,494)	-
Pathway Fund	32,000	(32,000)	-
BHSCT - Lead Body	60,964	(60,964)	-
Belfast City Council - Internal Works(Capital)	-	(2,500)	(2,500)
HSCB - Small Capital Grant	-	(250)	(250)
Dept For Communities - Capital Build	-	(9,640)	(9,640)
Belfast City Council - Toilet Upgrade	-	(2,910)	(2,910)
CIT - Policing & Community Safety	4,500	(4,500)	-
The Executive Office - Communities in Transition (Phase 3)	244,433	(244,433)	-
Belfast City Council - Racism Event	300	(300)	-
Belfast City Council - Social Supermarket 3	62,497	(62,497)	-
GP Federation - Seed Funding	4,000	(4,000)	-
	<u>970,046</u>	<u>(985,346)</u>	<u>(15,300)</u>
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>1,464,216</u>	<u>(1,477,909)</u>	<u>(13,693)</u>

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Notes to the Financial Statements - continued
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14. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued

Comparatives for movement in funds

	At 1/4/23	Net movement in funds	At 31/3/24
	£	£	£
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	286,190	(85,313)	200,877
Restricted funds			
Belfast City Council - Internal Works(Capital)	10,000	(2,500)	7,500
HSCB - Small Capital Grant	1,250	(250)	1,000
Dept For Communities - Capital Build	48,196	(9,640)	38,556
Belfast City Council - Toilet Upgrade	20,370	(2,910)	17,460
B&Q Foundation	5,000	(5,000)	-
	<u>84,816</u>	<u>(20,300)</u>	<u>64,516</u>
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>371,006</u>	<u>(105,613)</u>	<u>265,393</u>

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Notes to the Financial Statements - continued for the Year Ended 31 March 2025

14. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued

Comparative net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	469,440	(554,753)	(85,313)
Restricted funds			
BHSCT - Family Support / Behaviour	19,547	(19,547)	-
BHSCT re SLA	35,246	(35,246)	-
Belfast City Council - Running Costs	20,000	(20,000)	-
DfC Health	19,999	(19,999)	-
DfC Education	121,275	(121,275)	-
DfC Infrastructure	37,722	(37,722)	-
DE (through HSCB)	244,750	(244,750)	-
BrightStart	14,654	(14,654)	-
Pathway Fund	30,000	(30,000)	-
BHSCT - Lead Body	44,388	(44,388)	-
Belfast City Council - Internal Works(Capital)	-	(2,500)	(2,500)
BH&SCT - Addendum FS Hub Lead Body	15,909	(15,909)	-
HSCB - Small Capital Grant	-	(250)	(250)
Dept For Communities - Capital Build	-	(9,640)	(9,640)
Belfast City Council - Toilet Upgrade	-	(2,910)	(2,910)
B&Q Foundation	-	(5,000)	(5,000)
CIT - Policing & Community Safety	7,940	(7,940)	-
The Executive Office - Communities in Transition (Phase 3)	328,890	(328,890)	-
ARCS	8,000	(8,000)	-
Belfast City Council - Social Supermarket 2	109,735	(109,735)	-
Clear	3,800	(3,800)	-
Belfast City Council - Discretionary Fund	20,000	(20,000)	-
	<u>1,081,855</u>	<u>(1,102,155)</u>	<u>(20,300)</u>
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>1,551,295</u>	<u>(1,656,908)</u>	<u>(105,613)</u>

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Notes to the Financial Statements - continued
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15. CONTINGENT LIABILITIES

A contingent liability exists to repay grants received should certain conditions not be fulfilled by the charity.

16. RELATED PARTY DISCLOSURES

There were no related party transactions for the year ended 31 March 2025.

17. POST BALANCE SHEET EVENTS

There were no events after the reporting period therefore no material issues need disclosed.

18. COMPANY CHARGE

A Company Charge was created on 19th September 2000 between Dept of Social and Churchill House. The Charge consisted of premises comprised in a debenture, Land and Premises at Beechmount Pass Belfast, comprised in a lease made 18th September 2000 between NIHE and Blackie River Community Groups.

19. WINDING UP

Every member of the Company undertakes to contribute to the assets of the Company, in the event of the same being wound up while it is a member, or within one year after it ceases to be a member, for payment of the debts and liabilities of the Company contracted before it ceases to be a member, and of the costs, charges and expenses of winding up, and for the adjustment of the rights of the contributor's among themselves, such amount as may be required not exceeding one pound.

20. SHARE CAPITAL

The Company is Limited by Guarantee and has no Share Capital

Blackie River Community Groups

Detailed Statement of Financial Activities for the Year Ended 31 March 2025

	31.3.25	31.3.24
	£	£
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS		
Other trading activities		
Daycare Fees	344,069	314,422
Donations	940	5,613
Training Income	58,409	65,413
Other Income	571	258
Summer Scheme Fees	26,790	21,846
After School Fees	63,391	61,888
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	494,170	469,440
Charitable activities		
Grants	970,046	1,081,855
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Total incoming resources	1,464,216	1,551,295
EXPENDITURE		
Charitable activities		
Wages	744,988	786,161
Social security	35,979	33,469
Pensions	30,962	30,441
Insurance	6,507	5,870
Light and heat	20,841	22,098
Telephone and Internet	6,895	6,025
Printing and Stationery	4,971	4,455
Advertising	-	450
Staff Training & Development	4,776	3,063
Travel and Subsistence	2,984	2,470
Repairs and Maintenance	13,599	28,994
Creche Food	12,248	12,377
Direct Programme Costs	433,754	574,299
Affiliation & Membership	7,634	4,966
Surestart Programmes	62,292	37,452
Milk	2,164	1,330
Photocopier	880	908
IT Maintenance & Support	2,693	2,138
Education Development	38,268	44,289
Consultancy	4,008	8,333
Health & Safety	950	-
Depreciation	16,089	17,770
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	1,453,482	1,627,358

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Detailed Statement of Financial Activities
for the Year Ended 31 March 2025

	31.3.25	31.3.24
	£	£
Support costs		
Governance costs		
Accountancy Fees	3,688	3,154
Audit Fees	2,000	2,000
Bank Fees	3,456	3,180
Water Rates	4,353	3,968
Cleaning & Caretaker	7,389	8,943
Staff Uniforms	3,057	6,623
General Expenses	484	662
Legal & Professional Fees	-	1,020
	<u>24,427</u>	<u>29,550</u>
Total resources expended	<u>1,477,909</u>	<u>1,656,908</u>
Net expenditure	<u>(13,693)</u>	<u>(105,613)</u>

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Appendix One

Total Grants received from DE (through HSCB) was £269,225 as per Note 3 of the accounts.

Beechmount Sure Start

	£	£
Salaries & Wages		
<u>Direct Salary Costs</u>		
Salaries	111,364.64	
Pension	8,104.25	
HMRC	<u>14,335.11</u>	
		133,804.00
Goods & Services		
Finance and Admin	3,684.00	
Rent & Rates		
Blackie River Centre	5,256.40	
Heat, Light, Power and Water		
Blackie River Centre	3,504.27	
Maintenance and Repairs		
Blackie River Centre	584.04	
Telephone and Mobile Phones		
Telephone, Fax and Internet	1,100.00	
Cleaning		
Blackie River Centre	876.06	
Office Stationery/ Supplies		
Ulster Business Equipment	500.00	
Bank Fees	314.83	
Auditing	813.60	
Stationery	-	
Insurance	1,500.00	
Resources	9,467.82	
Training	4,653.59	
Programmes/ Events		
Venue Hire	3,504.27	
Programmes for Parents	9,637.85	
Accountable Body		
Blackie River Community Groups	3,504.27	
Daycare		
Blackie – 1 x Full time	8,260.00	
Ionad – 1 x Full time	<u>8,260.00</u>	
		65,421.00
Programme for 2 Year Olds		
Blackie River Centre	35,000.00	
Ionad Uibh Eachach	<u>35,000.00</u>	
		<u>70,000.00</u>
Total		<u>269,225.00</u>

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DE (through HSCB)
Balance Sheet for the Year Ended 31 March 2025

Fixed Assets

Current Assets

Debtors	-
Bank Account	-

Total Current Assets -

Current Liabilities

Accruals -

Total Current Liabilities -

Net Assets Less Current Liabilities -

Funds

Restricted -

Total Funds -

Blackie River Community Groups

Northern Ireland - Charity number 103339

Accounts

REGISTERED COMPANY NUMBER: NI035799 (Northern Ireland)
REGISTERED CHARITY NUMBER: NIC 103339

Report of the Trustees and
Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 March 2024
for
Blackie River Community Groups
(A Company Limited by Guarantee)

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Blackie River Community Groups

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for the Year Ended 31 March 2024**

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Reference and Administrative Details
for the Year Ended 31 March 2024

TRUSTEES	Raymond Lavery Francis Hamilton (resigned 9/1/2024) Francis McCann Sean Quinn Damien Austin (appointed 23/1/2024)
COMPANY SECRETARY	Claire Canavan
REGISTERED OFFICE	43 Beechmount Pass Belfast Co. Antrim BT12 7NW
REGISTERED COMPANY NUMBER	NI035799 (Northern Ireland)
REGISTERED CHARITY NUMBER	NIC 103339
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Report of the Trustees **for the Year Ended 31 March 2024**

The trustees who are also directors of the charity for the purposes of the Companies Act 2006, present their report with the financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31 March 2024. The trustees have adopted the provisions of Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019).

OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

Objectives and aims

Blackie River Community Groups is a registered charity which seeks to empower the residents of the Blackie River by facilitating and developing community development activity which enables them to celebrate their creativity and culture, develop their skills, enhance their self-esteem, play a full and equal role in society, and secure the social and economic regeneration of their area.

Significant activities

The Blackie River Community Groups aims:

To promote the benefit of the inhabitants of the Blackie River area and the environs of the Greater Belfast area (hereinafter described as the "area of benefit") without distinction of age, gender, race, political, religious or other opinion, by association statutory authorities, voluntary organisations and inhabitants in a common effort to advance education, relieve poverty and to provide facilities in the interest of social welfare for recreation and leisure time occupation, with the object of improving the conditions of life for the said inhabitants;

To promote cooperation between local community groups with the object of improving the conditions of life for the inhabitants in the area of benefit.

To promote and coordinate community development by enhancing the local social infrastructure through: support, training and resource provision.

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Report of the Trustees **for the Year Ended 31 March 2024**

OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

Public benefit

Purpose A

The direct benefit which flows from purpose A includes improved education outcomes reduction in poverty, and to provide facilities in the interest of social welfare for recreation and leisure time occupation, with the object of improving the conditions of life of residents within Blackie River Area (Beechmount ward) and the wider Greater Belfast area. These benefits are evidenced through our programmes, initiatives and services being monitoring and evaluated by all participants. The purpose of the charity may lead to the following harm of personal injury through some of our educational programmes, daycare provision and health programme but we can demonstrate that this harm is greatly reduced thorough our risk management policy and procedures and the benefits to the service users outweigh any of the risks. The charities beneficiaries are the inhabitants of the Beechmount ward, Greater Falls area and the environs of the Greater Belfast Area. The only private benefit flowing from the purpose is the skilling up of staff and the salary which they receive and this is incidental and necessary to run an organisation which operates to the childcare standards, education skills authority, funding requirements.

Purpose B

The direct benefit which flows from purpose B includes promoting cooperation between local community groups with the object of improving the conditions of life for the inhabitants in the area of benefit These benefits are evidenced through engagement with local residents through surveys, canvasses and questionnaires. It is further evidenced through the participation on local and regional forums and partnerships. The purpose of the charity may lead to the following harm of misrepresenting an individual but was can evidence that all the information which we discuss in forums comes from analysing the data which we have collected. The charities beneficiaries are the inhabitants of the Beechmount ward, Greater Falls area and the environs of the Greater Belfast Area. The only private benefit flowing from the purpose is the skilling up of staff and the salary which they receive and this is incidental and necessary to run an organisation which operates to the childcare standards, education skills authority, funding requirements.

Purpose C

The direct benefit which flows from purpose B includes promoting and coordinate community development by enhancing the local social infrastructure through: support, training and resource provision. These benefits are evidenced through engagement with local residents through surveys, canvasses and questionnaires. The purpose of the charity may lead to the following harm of misrepresenting an individual but was can evidence that all the information which we discuss in forums comes from analysing the data which we have collected. The charities beneficiaries are the inhabitants of the Beechmount ward, Greater Falls area and the environs of the Greater Belfast Area. The only private benefit flowing from the purpose is the skilling up of staff and the salary which they receive and this is incidental and necessary to run an organisation which operates to the childcare standards, education skills authority, funding requirements. Blackie River Community Group works with local residents to ensure that quality and conditions of housing within the local area are up to standard. In the past we successfully lobbied for new housing as there was a substantial amount of houses with outside toilets and environmental issues. We successful got the area vested and new 21st century housing built. We run a variety of educational classes which both upskills people and also combat social isolation. We have successful run a level 5 Childcare management course which means that there are now 14 local people who can now manage a day-care setting.

Blackie River Community Groups

Report of the Trustees **for the Year Ended 31 March 2024**

STRATEGIC REPORT

Achievement and performance

Charitable activities

Our charity found itself again like many others in difficult financial times this year due to the current Cost of Living Crisis rising energy costs and increase in salaries due to minimum wage increases. We have been applying for external funding to alleviate financial pressures in which we were eventually successful in receiving £20k from Council to help with running costs. While the charity has not yet undertaken any public fundraising initiatives, we have been successful in seeking and receiving grant funding amounting to £1,081,855 for this year ending March 2024. The breakdown of restricted grants funding can be seen on Note 3 of the accounts.

The funding received assisted the charity in continuing with our aims and objectives, offering vital services in our community such as: providing first class affordable child care, supporting child development. providing support to children with additional needs, promoting Community led education through lifelong learning, providing cultural and arts programmes, working on the regeneration of the area and working with our community partners in the Greater Falls Neighbourhood Partnership Area.

Reserves Policy

The charity's policy is to retain a level of free reserves, which matches the needs of the organisation both at the current time and in the foreseeable future. The charity has developed a plan to establish and maintain this agreed level of free reserves. The charity will continue to monitor compliance with this policy on a regular basis and the Board will review the appropriateness of the policy annually.

Financial review

The company had net outgoing resources for the year of £105,613 (2023: net outgoing resources of £54,017), which reflected the completion of a number of projects during the year. Unrestricted funds decreased by £85,313, while restricted funds decreased by £20,300.

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Report of the Trustees **for the Year Ended 31 March 2024**

STRATEGIC REPORT

Future plans

The biggest challenge for us is going to be sustaining ourselves through this current cost of living crisis, inflationary and energy increases. The strategic priority will be sustainability. We aim to continue to improve our business / finance model and community development outcomes, to continue to develop a strong board and to inspire and professionalism to our staff.

In terms of sustainability we have:

- a) Secured the third tender and extension for the West Belfast Health & Wellbeing Programme.
- b) Sought funding for an extension.
- c) Secured planning permission for our car park and are in the process of Vesting the land and securing funding to renovate it.
- d) Working with local asset holders to secure the tenure of additional infrastructure that will enable the organisation to expand our services.
- e) We aim to continue to provide first class services to the
- f) community in the fields of child-care, education, art and culture, health, youth and older services and have secured the status of Centre of excellence.

For the strategic priority of infrastructure: We aim to improve the service available in the Beechmount area by lobbying for the improved facilities.

- a) Examples of this are: The development of St James Farm, The contained lobbying for; the Beechmount Triangle site, the car park and the extension to the Blackie River Community Group.
- b) Extra provision of alley gates.
- c) Working with the Davitts GAC to provide indoor sports provision.
- d) Assisting Willowbank FC with a new 3G pitch.
- e) Establishment of a Social Supermarket, delivering food vouchers and wraparound support to 270 families.
- f) Sourcing additional floor space for expansion of our charity.

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

Governing document

The charity is controlled by its governing document, a deed of trust, and constitutes a limited company, limited by guarantee, as defined by the Companies Act 2006.

Governance of the Charity

During the period under review the directors met bi-monthly. Trustees/directors are appointed by nominations made in writing by any existing director. At the General Meeting nominated directors are appointed by election.

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Report of the Trustees **for the Year Ended 31 March 2024**

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

Risk management

The principles of good governance are embedded within all aspects of Blackie River Community Group Limited operations with management and staff being keenly aware of the Boards responsibility of ensuring that the organisation protects itself from financial exposure and reputational damage, A close working relationship is maintained between the Board and management to ensure that operationally staff are aware of the standards required of them by the Board and the Board are always in a position to provide guidance and support to management in the discharge of their duties. This two way relationship is the key feature of Blackie River Community Group Limited governance arrangements and is a key strength in the company.

A conscientious approach to ensuring that contractual project requirements are achieved has been maintained at all times both in the accounting period being reported on and since Blackie River Community Group Limited establishment. Very tight financial controls on expenditure and all financial commitments are maintained at all times and project staff have been trained and have become experienced in budgetary controls. In both these areas ie Project delivery and financial controls management all staff have established close working relationships with funding organisations to ensure all mandatory standards are consistently achieved. Board representatives also actively engage with funding bodies.

The Board, management and staff are fully aware that the nature of the work in which Blackie River Community Group Limited is involved can bring with it a high level of scrutiny to ensure that all activities are fully compliant with funding requirements and, therefore, beyond reproach. The Board of Blackie River Community Group Limited is, therefore, greatly reassured of the company's compliance with the highest of standards of governance on the basis that all monitoring and evaluation of project delivery demonstrates achievement of all funders objectives and that funders' audits and vouching of financial expenditure and the statutory audit confirm compliance with both probity and regularity in the use of monies received.

EVENTS SINCE THE END OF THE YEAR

Information relating to events since the end of the year is given in the notes to the financial statements.

STATEMENT OF TRUSTEES' RESPONSIBILITIES

The trustees (who are also the directors of Blackie River Community Groups for the purposes of company law) are responsible for preparing the Report of the Trustees and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice) including Financial Reporting Standard 102 "The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland".

Company law requires the trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charitable company and of the incoming resources and application of resources, including the income and expenditure, of the charitable company for that period. In preparing those financial statements, the trustees are required to

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles in the Charity SORP;
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable accounting standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements;
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charitable company will continue in business.

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Report of the Trustees
for the Year Ended 31 March 2024

STATEMENT OF TRUSTEES' RESPONSIBILITIES - continued

The trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charitable company and to enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Companies Act 2006. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charitable company and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

In so far as the trustees are aware:

- there is no relevant audit information of which the charitable company's auditors are unaware; and
- the trustees have taken all steps that they ought to have taken to make themselves aware of any relevant audit information and to establish that the auditors are aware of that information.

AUDITORS

The auditors, Lynn Drake & Co Ltd, will be proposed for re-appointment at the forthcoming Annual General Meeting.

Report of the trustees, incorporating a strategic report, approved by order of the board of trustees, as the company directors, on 1 October 2024 and signed on the board's behalf by:

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Sean Quinn'.

Sean Quinn - Trustee

Report of the Independent Auditors to the Members of Blackie River Community Groups

Opinion

We have audited the financial statements of Blackie River Community Groups (the 'charitable company') for the year ended 31 March 2024 which comprise the Statement of Financial Activities, the Statement of Financial Position, the Statement of Cash Flows and notes to the financial statements, including a summary of significant accounting policies. The financial reporting framework that has been applied in their preparation is applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice), including Financial Reporting Standard 102 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland'.

In our opinion the financial statements:

- give a true and fair view of the state of the charitable company's affairs as at 31 March 2024 and of its incoming resources and application of resources, including its income and expenditure, for the year then ended;
- have been properly prepared in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice, including Financial Reporting Standard 102 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland'; and
- have been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006.

Basis for opinion

We conducted our audit in accordance with International Standards on Auditing (UK) (ISAs (UK)) and applicable law. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditors' responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements section of our report. We are independent of the charitable company in accordance with the ethical requirements that are relevant to our audit of the financial statements in the UK, including the FRC's Ethical Standard, and we have fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with these requirements. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

Conclusions relating to going concern

In auditing the financial statements, we have concluded that the trustees' use of the going concern basis of accounting in the preparation of the financial statements is appropriate.

Based on the work we have performed, we have not identified any material uncertainties relating to events or conditions that, individually or collectively, may cast significant doubt on the charitable company's ability to continue as a going concern for a period of at least twelve months from when the financial statements are authorised for issue.

Our responsibilities and the responsibilities of the trustees with respect to going concern are described in the relevant sections of this report.

Other information

The trustees are responsible for the other information. The other information comprises the information included in the Annual Report, other than the financial statements and our Report of the Independent Auditors thereon.

Our opinion on the financial statements does not cover the other information and, except to the extent otherwise explicitly stated in our report, we do not express any form of assurance conclusion thereon.

In connection with our audit of the financial statements, our responsibility is to read the other information and, in doing so, consider whether the other information is materially inconsistent with the financial statements or our knowledge obtained in the audit or otherwise appears to be materially misstated. If we identify such material inconsistencies or apparent material misstatements, we are required to determine whether this gives rise to a material misstatement in the financial statements themselves. If, based on the work we have performed, we conclude that there is a material misstatement of this other information, we are required to report that fact. We have nothing to report in this regard.

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Blackie River Community Groups**

Opinions on other matters prescribed by the Companies Act 2006

In our opinion, based on the work undertaken in the course of the audit:

- the information given in the Report of the Trustees for the financial year for which the financial statements are prepared is consistent with the financial statements; and
- the Report of the Trustees has been prepared in accordance with applicable legal requirements.

Matters on which we are required to report by exception

In the light of the knowledge and understanding of the charitable company and its environment obtained in the course of the audit, we have not identified material misstatements in the Report of the Trustees.

We have nothing to report in respect of the following matters where the Companies Act 2006 requires us to report to you if, in our opinion:

- adequate accounting records have not been kept or returns adequate for our audit have not been received from branches not visited by us; or
- the financial statements are not in agreement with the accounting records and returns; or
- certain disclosures of trustees' remuneration specified by law are not made; or
- we have not received all the information and explanations we require for our audit.

Responsibilities of trustees

As explained more fully in the Statement of Trustees' Responsibilities, the trustees (who are also the directors of the charitable company for the purposes of company law) are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements and for being satisfied that they give a true and fair view, and for such internal control as the trustees determine is necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the financial statements, the trustees are responsible for assessing the charitable company's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless the trustees either intend to liquidate the charitable company or to cease operations, or have no realistic alternative but to do so.

Report of the Independent Auditors to the Members of Blackie River Community Groups

Our responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue a Report of the Independent Auditors that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance, but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with ISAs (UK) will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of these financial statements.

The extent to which our procedures are capable of detecting irregularities, including fraud is detailed below:

Irregularities, including fraud, are instances of non-compliance with laws and regulations. We design procedures in line with our responsibilities, outlined above, to detect material misstatements in respect of irregularities, including fraud. In particular, we looked at where management made subjective judgements, for example in respect of accounting estimates that involved making assumptions and considering future events that are inherently uncertain. We also considered potential financial or other pressures, opportunity and motivations for fraud. As part of this discussion, we identified the internal controls established to mitigate risks related to fraud or non-compliance with laws and regulations and how management monitor these processes. Appropriate procedures included the review and testing of manual journals and key estimates and judgements made by management for risk of fraud.

Based on our understanding of the company and industry, we identified the principal risks of non-compliance with laws and regulations as those that have a direct impact on the determination of material amounts and disclosures in the financial statements.

We evaluated management's incentives and opportunities for fraudulent manipulation of the financial statements and identified the greatest potential for fraud. We communicated the identified laws and regulations throughout the audit team and remained alert to any indications of non-compliance throughout the audit. Audit procedures performed included, but were not limited to:

Discussions with management including consideration of known or suspected instances of non-compliance with laws and regulation and fraud;

Reviewing the financial statement disclosures and testing to supporting documentation;

Review of board meeting minutes of those charged with governance;

In addressing the risk of fraud through management override of controls, testing the appropriateness of journal entries and other adjustments;

As part of an audit in accordance with ISAs (UK), we exercise professional judgment and maintain professional scepticism throughout the audit. We also:-

Identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error, design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks, and obtain audit evidence that is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion. The risk of not detecting a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than for one resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control.

Obtain an understanding of internal control relevant to the audit in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the charities internal control.

**Report of the Independent Auditors to the Members of
Blackie River Community Groups**

Evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates and related disclosures made by the trustees.

Perform analytical procedures to identify any unusual or unexpected relationships that may indicate risks of material misstatement due to fraud or error.

Conclude on the appropriateness of the trustees' use of the going concern basis of accounting and based on the audit evidence obtained, whether a material uncertainty exists related to events or conditions that may cast significant doubt on the charities ability to continue as a going concern. If we conclude that a material uncertainty exists, we are required to draw attention in our auditor's report to the related disclosures in the financial statements or, if such disclosures are inadequate, to modify our opinion. Our conclusions are based on the audit evidence obtained up to the date of our auditor's report. However, future events or conditions may cause the charity to cease to continue as a going concern.

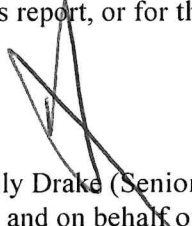
Evaluate the overall presentation, structure, and content of the financial statements, including the disclosures and whether the financial statements represent the underlying transactions and events in a manner that achieves fair presentation.

We communicate with those charged with governance regarding, among other matters, the planned scope and timing of the audit and significant audit findings, including significant deficiencies in internal control that we identify during our audit.

A further description of our responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements is located on the Financial Reporting Council's website at www.frc.org.uk/auditorsresponsibilities. This description forms part of our Report of the Independent Auditors.

Use of our report

This report is made solely to the charitable company's members, as a body, in accordance with Chapter 3 of Part 16 of the Companies Act 2006. Our audit work has been undertaken so that we might state to the charitable company's members those matters we are required to state to them in an auditors' report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, we do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the charitable company and the charitable company's members as a body, for our audit work, for this report, or for the opinions we have formed.



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1 October 2024

Blackie River Community Groups

Statement of Financial Activities
(Incorporating an Income and Expenditure Account)
for the Year Ended 31 March 2024

	Notes	Unrestricted fund £	Restricted funds £	31.3.24 Total funds £	31.3.23 Total funds £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM					
Charitable activities					
Grants Receivable	3	-	1,081,855	1,081,855	1,015,759
Other trading activities	2	469,440	-	469,440	430,468
Total		<u>469,440</u>	<u>1,081,855</u>	<u>1,551,295</u>	<u>1,446,227</u>
EXPENDITURE ON					
Charitable activities					
Direct Charitable Expenditure	4	525,203	1,102,155	1,627,358	1,475,641
Governance		29,550	-	29,550	24,603
Total		<u>554,753</u>	<u>1,102,155</u>	<u>1,656,908</u>	<u>1,500,244</u>
NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)		(85,313)	(20,300)	(105,613)	(54,017)
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS					
Total funds brought forward		286,190	84,816	371,006	425,023
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD		<u><u>200,877</u></u>	<u><u>64,516</u></u>	<u><u>265,393</u></u>	<u><u>371,006</u></u>

The notes form part of these financial statements

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Statement of Financial Position

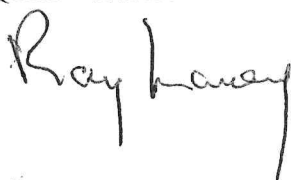
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	Notes	31.3.24 £	31.3.23 £
FIXED ASSETS			
Tangible assets	10	66,885	84,655
CURRENT ASSETS			
Debtors	11	174,115	100,154
Cash at bank		56,128	213,370
		<u>230,243</u>	<u>313,524</u>
CREDITORS			
Amounts falling due within one year	12	(31,735)	(27,173)
NET CURRENT ASSETS		<u>198,508</u>	<u>286,351</u>
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES		265,393	371,006
NET ASSETS		<u>265,393</u>	<u>371,006</u>
FUNDS	14		
Unrestricted funds		200,877	286,190
Restricted funds		64,516	84,816
TOTAL FUNDS		<u>265,393</u>	<u>371,006</u>

The financial statements were approved by the Board of Trustees and authorised for issue on 1 October 2024 and were signed on its behalf by:



Sean Quinn - Trustee



Raymond Lavery - Trustee

The notes form part of these financial statements

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Statement of Cash Flows
for the Year Ended 31 March 2024

	Notes	31.3.24 £	31.3.23 £
Cash flows from operating activities			
Cash generated from operations	1	(157,242)	23,622
Net cash (used in)/provided by operating activities		(157,242)	23,622
Change in cash and cash equivalents in the reporting period		(157,242)	23,622
Cash and cash equivalents at the beginning of the reporting period		213,370	189,748
Cash and cash equivalents at the end of the reporting period		56,128	213,370

The notes form part of these financial statements

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Notes to the Statement of Cash Flows
for the Year Ended 31 March 2024

1. RECONCILIATION OF NET EXPENDITURE TO NET CASH FLOW FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES

	31.3.24 £	31.3.23 £
Net expenditure for the reporting period (as per the Statement of Financial Activities)	(105,613)	(54,017)
Adjustments for:		
Depreciation charges	17,770	17,770
(Increase)/decrease in debtors	(73,961)	88,984
Increase/(decrease) in creditors	4,562	(29,115)
	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
Net cash (used in)/provided by operations	<u>(157,242)</u>	<u>23,622</u>

2. ANALYSIS OF CHANGES IN NET FUNDS

	At 1/4/23 £	Cash flow £	At 31/3/24 £
Net cash			
Cash at bank	213,370	(157,242)	56,128
	<u>213,370</u>	<u>(157,242)</u>	<u>56,128</u>
	<u>213,370</u>	<u>(157,242)</u>	<u>56,128</u>
Total	<u>213,370</u>	<u>(157,242)</u>	<u>56,128</u>

The notes form part of these financial statements

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Basis of preparing the financial statements

Blackie River Community Groups Limited is constituted as a company limited by guarantee incorporated in Northern Ireland (NI035799). In the event of the charity being wound up, the liability in respect of the guarantee is limited to £1 per member of the charity.

The charity constitutes a public benefit entity as defined by FRS 102. The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland issued in 2019 the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the United Kingdom and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102), the Charities Act (Northern Ireland) 2013, the Companies Act 2006 and UK Generally Accepted Practice.

The financial statements are prepared on a going concern basis under the historical cost convention, modified to include certain items at fair value. The financial statements are presented in sterling which is the functional currency of the charity.

The significant accounting policies applied in the preparation of these financial statements are set out below. These policies have been consistently applied to all years presented unless otherwise stated.

(b) Funds

Unrestricted funds are available for use at the discretion of the trustees in furtherance of the general objectives of the charity and which have not been designated for other purposes.

Designated funds comprise unrestricted funds that have been set aside by the trustees for particular purposes. The aim and use of each designated fund is set out in the notes to the financial statements.

Restricted funds are funds which are to be used in accordance with specific restrictions imposed by donors or which have been raised by the charity for particular purposes. The cost of raising and administering such funds are charged against the specific fund. The aim and use of each restricted fund is set out in the notes to the financial statements.

Further explanation of the nature and purpose of each fund is included in the notes to the financial statements.

(c) Income recognition

All incoming resources are included in the Statement of Financial Activities (SoFA) when the charity is legally entitled to the income after any performance conditions have been met, the amount can be measured reliably and it is probable that the income will be received.

For donations to be recognised the charity will have been notified of the amounts and the settlement date in writing. If there are conditions attached to the donation and this requires a level of performance before entitlement can be obtained then income is deferred until those conditions are fully met or the fulfilment of those conditions is within the control of the charity and it is probable that they will be fulfilled. Voluntary income is received by way of grants, donations and gifts and is included in full in the Statement of Financial Activities (SoFA) when receivable. Income received from collections is recognised when received.

Notes to the Financial Statements - continued
for the Year Ended 31 March 2024

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES - continued

Basis of preparing the financial statements

Donated facilities and donated professional services are recognised in income at their fair value when their economic benefit is probable, it can be measured reliably and the charity has control over the item. Fair value is determined on the basis of the value of the gift to the charity. For example the amount the charity would be willing to pay in the open market for such facilities and services. A corresponding amount is recognised in expenditure.

No amount is included in the financial statements for volunteer time in line with the SORP (FRS 102). Further detail is given in the Trustees' Annual Report.

For legacies, entitlement is the earlier of the charity being notified of an impending distribution or the legacy being received. At this point income is recognised. On occasion legacies will be notified to the charity however it is not possible to measure the amount expected to be distributed. On these occasions, the legacy is treated as a contingent asset and disclosed.

Income from trading activities includes income earned from fundraising events and trading activities to raise funds for the charity. Income is received in exchange for supplying goods and services in order to raise funds and is recognised when entitlement has occurred.

The charity receives government grants which are detailed within the notes to these financial statements. Income from government and other grants are recognised at fair value when the charity has entitlement after any performance conditions have been met, it is probable that the income will be received and the amount can be measured reliably. If entitlement is not met then these amounts are deferred.

(D) Expenditure recognition

All expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis, inclusive of VAT which cannot be recovered and has been classified under headings that aggregate all costs related to the category. Expenditure is recognised where there is a legal or constructive obligation to make payments to third parties, it is probable that the settlement will be required and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably. It is categorised under the following headings:

Costs of raising funds includes the costs associated with attracting voluntary incomes;
Expenditure on charitable activities includes those costs incurred by the charity in the delivery of its activities and services for its beneficiaries. It includes both costs that can be allocated directly to such activities and those costs of an indirect nature necessary to support them; and
Other expenditure represents those items not falling into the categories above.

Irrecoverable VAT is charged as an expense against the activity for which expenditure arose.

Grants payable to third parties are within the charitable objectives. Where unconditional grants are offered, this is accrued as soon as the recipient is notified of the grant, as this gives rise to a reasonable expectation that the recipient will receive the grants. Where grants are conditional relating to performance then the grant is only accrued when any unfulfilled conditions are outside of the control of the charity.

(e) Support costs allocation

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES - continued

Basis of preparing the financial statements

Support costs are those that assist the work of the charity but do not directly represent charitable activities and include office costs, governance costs, administrative payroll costs. They are incurred directly in support of expenditure on the objects of the charity and include project management carried out at Headquarters. Where support costs cannot be directly attributed to particular headings they have been allocated to cost of raising funds and expenditure on charitable activities on a basis consistent with use of the resources. Premises overheads have been allocated on an insert detail basis and other overheads have been allocated on a basis consistent with the use of resources.

Fund-raising costs are those incurred in seeking voluntary contributions and do not include the costs of disseminating information in support of the charitable activities.

(f) Tangible fixed assets

Tangible fixed assets are stated at cost less accumulated depreciation and accumulated impairment losses. Cost includes costs directly attributable to making the asset capable of operating as intended.

Depreciation is provided on all tangible fixed assets, at rates calculated to write off the cost, less estimated residual value, of each asset on a systematic basis over its expected useful life as follows:

Buildings - 10% Straight Line
Equipment - 25% Straight Line

(g) Financial Instruments

A financial asset or a financial liability is recognised only when the charity becomes a party to the contractual provision of the instrument.

Basic financial instruments are initially recognised at the amounts receivable or payable including any related transaction costs.

Current assets and current liabilities are subsequently measured at the cash or other consideration expected to be paid or relived and not discounted.

Debt instruments are subsequently measured at amortised cost.

Where investments in shares are publicly traded or their fair value can otherwise be measured reliably, the investment is subsequently measured at fair value with changes in fair value recognised in income and expenditure. All other such investments are subsequently measured at cost less impairment.

Other financial instruments, including derivatives, are initially recognised at fair value, unless payment for an asset is deferred beyond normal business terms or financed at a rate of interest that is not a market rate, in which case the asset is measured at the present value of the future payments discounted at a market rate of interest for a similar debt instrument.

Other financial instruments are subsequently measured at fair value with any changes recognised in the statement of financial activities, with the exception of hedging instruments in a designed hedging relationship.

Notes to the Financial Statements - continued
for the Year Ended 31 March 2024

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES - continued

Basis of preparing the financial statements

Financial assets that are measured at cost or amortised cost are reviewed for objective evidence of impairment at the end of each reporting date. If there is objective evidence of impairment an impairment loss is recognised under the appropriate heading in the statement of financial activities in which the initial gain is recognised.

For all equity instruments regardless of significance, and other financial assets that are individually significant, these are assessed individually for impairment. Other financial assets are either assessed individually or grouped on the basis of similar credit risk characteristics.

Any reversals of impairment are recognised immediately, to the extent that the reversal does not result in a carrying amount of the financial asset that exceeds what the carrying amount would have been had the impairment not previously been recognised.

(h) Impairment

Assets not measured at fair value are reviewed for any indication that the asset may be impaired at each balance sheet date. If such indication exists, the recoverable amount of the asset, or the asset's cash generating unit, is estimated and compared to the carrying amount. Where the carrying amount exceeds its recoverable amount, an impairment loss is recognised in profit or loss unless the asset is carried at a revalued amount where the impairment loss is a revaluation decrease.

(i) Provisions

Provisions are recognised when the charity has an obligation at the balance sheet date as a result of a past event, it is probable that an outflow of economic benefits will be required in settlement and the amount can be reliably estimated.

(j) Leases

Assets acquired under finance leases are capitalised and depreciated over the shorter of the lease term and the expected useful life of the asset. Minimum lease payments are apportioned between the finance charge and the reduction of the outstanding lease liability using the effective interest method. The related obligations, net of future finance charges, are included in creditors.

Rentals payable and receivable under operating leases are charged to the SoFA on a straight line basis over the period of the lease.

(k) Tax

No provision is required for taxation as the company is defined as a charity for taxation purposes. The charity is a registered charity and so such is entitled to certain tax exemptions on income and profits from investments and surpluses on any trading activities carried on in furtherance of the charity's primary objectives, if these profits and surpluses are applied solely for charitable purposes.

(l) Going concern

Notes to the Financial Statements - continued
for the Year Ended 31 March 2024

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES - continued

Basis of preparing the financial statements

The financial statements have been prepared on a going concern basis as the trustees believe that no material uncertainties exist. The trustees have considered the level of funds held and the expected level of income and expenditure for 12 months from authorising these financial statements. The budgeted income and expenditure is sufficient with the level of reserves for the charity to be able to continue as a going concern.

(m) Accounting estimates and areas of judgement

The preparation of the financial statements requires management to make judgements, estimates and assumptions that affect the amounts reported. These estimates and judgements are continually reviewed and are based on experience and other factors, including expectations of future events that are believed to be reasonable under the circumstances.

The items in the financial statements where these judgements and estimates have been made include:

- (i) estimating the useful economic life of tangible fixed assets
- (ii) property valuation
- (iii) allocation of expenditure and support costs

Taxation

The charity is exempt from corporation tax on its charitable activities.

Fund accounting

Unrestricted funds can be used in accordance with the charitable objectives at the discretion of the trustees.

Restricted funds can only be used for particular restricted purposes within the objects of the charity. Restrictions arise when specified by the donor or when funds are raised for particular restricted purposes.

Further explanation of the nature and purpose of each fund is included in the notes to the financial statements.

Pension costs and other post-retirement benefits

The charitable company operates a defined contribution pension scheme. Contributions payable to the charitable company's pension scheme are charged to the Statement of Financial Activities in the period to which they relate.

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Notes to the Financial Statements - continued for the Year Ended 31 March 2024

2. OTHER TRADING ACTIVITIES

	31.3.24	31.3.23
	£	£
Daycare Fees	314,422	283,095
Donations	5,613	11,400
Training Income	65,413	55,783
Other Income	258	-
Summer Scheme Fees	21,846	19,065
After School Fees	61,888	61,125
	<u>469,440</u>	<u>430,468</u>

3. INCOME FROM CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES

	31.3.24	31.3.23
	£	£
Grants	1,081,855	1,015,759
	<u>1,081,855</u>	<u>1,015,759</u>

Grants received, included in the above, are as follows:

	31.3.24	31.3.23
	£	£
BHSCT re SLA	35,246	37,955
BHSCT - Family Support / Behaviour	19,547	-
Belfast City Council - Running Costs	20,000	18,500
DSD/DFC Health	19,999	29,465
DSD/DFC Education	121,275	137,759
DSD/ DFC Infrastructure	37,722	39,934
DE (through HSCB)	244,750	244,750
Brightstart	14,654	18,456
Belfast Outcomes Family Support	-	18,879
GF Family Support Hub	-	27,492
Pathway Fund	30,000	30,000
BHSCT - Lead Body	44,388	13,157
BH&SCT - Addendum FS Hub Lead Body	15,909	-
The Executive Office - Communities in Transition (Phase 2)	-	190,230
HPA - Developing Communities	-	2,243
BH&SCT - Emerging Need	-	12,968
CIT - Policing & Community Safety	7,940	6,387
The Executive Office - Communities in Transition (Phase 3)	328,890	145,726
Belfast City Council - Social Supermarket	-	38,163
ARCS	8,000	3,695
Belfast City Council - Social Supermarket 2	109,735	-
Clear	3,800	-
Belfast City Council - Discretionary Fund	20,000	-
	<u>1,081,855</u>	<u>1,015,759</u>

Blackie River Community Groups

Notes to the Financial Statements - continued
for the Year Ended 31 March 2024

4. CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES COSTS

	Direct Costs £	Support costs (see note 5) £	Totals £
Direct Charitable Expenditure	1,627,358	-	1,627,358
Governance	-	29,550	29,550
	<u>1,627,358</u>	<u>29,550</u>	<u>1,656,908</u>

5. SUPPORT COSTS

	Governance costs £
Governance	29,550

6. NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)

Net income/(expenditure) is stated after charging/(crediting):

	31.3.24 £	31.3.23 £
Accountancy Fees	3,154	2,640
Audit Fees	2,000	1,980
Depreciation - owned assets	<u>17,770</u>	<u>17,770</u>

7. TRUSTEES' REMUNERATION AND BENEFITS

There were no trustees' remuneration or other benefits for the year ended 31 March 2024 nor for the year ended 31 March 2023.

Trustees' expenses

There were no trustees' expenses paid for the year ended 31 March 2024 nor for the year ended 31 March 2023.

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Notes to the Financial Statements - continued for the Year Ended 31 March 2024

8. STAFF COSTS

	31.3.24	31.3.23
	£	£
Wages and salaries	786,161	723,726
Social security costs	33,469	45,080
Other pension costs	30,441	32,792
	<u>850,071</u>	<u>801,598</u>

The average monthly number of employees during the year was as follows:

	31.3.24	31.3.23
Management and Administration	<u>44</u>	<u>40</u>

No employees received emoluments in excess of £60,000.

The key management personnel of the charity comprise of the Chief Executive and Senior management team. The salaries paid to key management personnel being the Chief Executive Officer, Programme Co-ordinators and Finance Manager, during the year totalled £157,930. (2023: £175,308).

9. COMPARATIVES FOR THE STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

	Unrestricted fund £	Restricted funds £	Total funds £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM			
Charitable activities			
Grants Receivable	-	1,015,759	1,015,759
Other trading activities	430,468	-	430,468
Total	<u>430,468</u>	<u>1,015,759</u>	<u>1,446,227</u>
EXPENDITURE ON			
Charitable activities			
Direct Charitable Expenditure	444,668	1,030,973	1,475,641
Governance	24,517	86	24,603
Total	<u>469,185</u>	<u>1,031,059</u>	<u>1,500,244</u>
NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)	(38,717)	(15,300)	(54,017)
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS			
Total funds brought forward	324,907	100,116	425,023

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9. COMPARATIVES FOR THE STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES - continued

	Unrestricted fund £	Restricted funds £	Total funds £
	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD	286,190	84,816	371,006
	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>

10. TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS

	Improvements to property £	Equipment £	Totals £
	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
COST			
At 1 April 2023 and 31 March 2024	887,800	192,603	1,080,403
	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
DEPRECIATION			
At 1 April 2023	804,825	190,923	995,748
Charge for year	16,090	1,680	17,770
	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
At 31 March 2024	820,915	192,603	1,013,518
	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
NET BOOK VALUE			
At 31 March 2024	66,885	-	66,885
	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
At 31 March 2023	82,975	1,680	84,655
	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>

11. DEBTORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

	31.3.24	31.3.23
	£	£
Trade debtors	22,601	2,466
The Executive Office	106,595	76,538
CIT Policing & Community	-	200
ARCS	8,000	3,695
Clear	760	-
DSD - Education	-	8,372
Belfast City Council	36,159	8,883
	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
	174,115	100,154
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12. CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

	31.3.24	31.3.23
	£	£
Accrued expenses	31,735	27,173

13. ANALYSIS OF NET ASSETS BETWEEN FUNDS

	Unrestricted fund £	Restricted funds £	31.3.24 Total funds £	31.3.23 Total funds £
Fixed assets	2,369	64,516	66,885	84,655
Current assets	225,124	5,119	230,243	313,524
Current liabilities	(26,616)	(5,119)	(31,735)	(27,173)
	<u>200,877</u>	<u>64,516</u>	<u>265,393</u>	<u>371,006</u>

14. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS

	At 1/4/23 £	Net movement in funds £	At 31/3/24 £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	286,190	(85,313)	200,877
Restricted funds			
Belfast City Council - Internal Works(Capital)	10,000	(2,500)	7,500
HSCB - Small Capital Grant	1,250	(250)	1,000
Dept For Communities - Capital Build	48,196	(9,640)	38,556
Belfast City Council - Toilet Upgrade	20,370	(2,910)	17,460
B&Q Foundation	5,000	(5,000)	-
	<u>84,816</u>	<u>(20,300)</u>	<u>64,516</u>
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>371,006</u>	<u>(105,613)</u>	<u>265,393</u>

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Notes to the Financial Statements - continued for the Year Ended 31 March 2024

14. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued

Net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	469,440	(554,753)	(85,313)
Restricted funds			
BHSCT - Family Support / Behaviour	19,547	(19,547)	-
BHSCT re SLA	35,246	(35,246)	-
Belfast City Council - Running Costs	20,000	(20,000)	-
DSD/DFC Health	19,999	(19,999)	-
DSD/DFC Education	121,275	(121,275)	-
DSD/DFC Infrastructure	37,722	(37,722)	-
DE (through HSCB)	244,750	(244,750)	-
BrightStart	14,654	(14,654)	-
Pathway Fund	30,000	(30,000)	-
BHSCT - Lead Body	44,388	(44,388)	-
Belfast City Council - Internal Works(Capital)	-	(2,500)	(2,500)
BH&SCT - Addendum FS Hub Lead Body	15,909	(15,909)	-
HSCB - Small Capital Grant	-	(250)	(250)
Dept For Communities - Capital Build	-	(9,640)	(9,640)
Belfast City Council - Toilet Upgrade	-	(2,910)	(2,910)
B&Q Foundation	-	(5,000)	(5,000)
CIT - Policing & Community Safety	7,940	(7,940)	-
The Executive Office - Communities in Transition (Phase 3)	328,890	(328,890)	-
ARCS	8,000	(8,000)	-
Belfast City Council - Social Supermarket 2	109,735	(109,735)	-
Clear	3,800	(3,800)	-
Belfast City Council - Discretionary Fund	20,000	(20,000)	-
	<u>1,081,855</u>	<u>(1,102,155)</u>	<u>(20,300)</u>
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>1,551,295</u>	<u>(1,656,908)</u>	<u>(105,613)</u>

Blackie River Community Groups

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14. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued

Comparatives for movement in funds

	At 1/4/22	Net movement in funds	At 31/3/23
	£	£	£
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	324,907	(38,717)	286,190
Restricted funds			
Belfast City Council - Internal Works(Capital)	12,500	(2,500)	10,000
HSCB - Small Capital Grant	1,500	(250)	1,250
Dept For Communities - Capital Build	57,836	(9,640)	48,196
Belfast City Council - Toilet Upgrade	23,280	(2,910)	20,370
B&Q Foundation	5,000	-	5,000
	<u>100,116</u>	<u>(15,300)</u>	<u>84,816</u>
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>425,023</u>	<u>(54,017)</u>	<u>371,006</u>

Blackie River Community Groups**Notes to the Financial Statements - continued**
for the Year Ended 31 March 2024**14. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued**

Comparative net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	430,468	(469,185)	(38,717)
Restricted funds			
BHSCT re SLA	37,955	(37,955)	-
Belfast City Council - Running Costs	18,500	(18,500)	-
DSD/DFC Health	29,465	(29,465)	-
DSD/DFC Education	137,759	(137,759)	-
DSD/DFC Infrastructure	39,934	(39,934)	-
DE (through HSCB)	244,750	(244,750)	-
BrightStart	18,456	(18,456)	-
Belfast Outcomes Family Support/Mentoring	18,879	(18,879)	-
GF Family Support Hub	27,492	(27,492)	-
Pathway Fund	30,000	(30,000)	-
BHSCT - Lead Body	13,157	(13,157)	-
Belfast City Council - Internal Works(Capital)	-	(2,500)	(2,500)
HSCB - Small Capital Grant	-	(250)	(250)
Dept For Communities - Capital Build	-	(9,640)	(9,640)
Belfast City Council - Toilet Upgrade	-	(2,910)	(2,910)
The Executive Office - Communities in Transition (Phase 2)	190,230	(190,230)	-
HPA - Developing Communities	2,243	(2,243)	-
BH&SCT - Emerging Need	12,968	(12,968)	-
CIT - Policing & Community Safety	6,387	(6,387)	-
The Executive Office - Communities in Transition (Phase 3)	145,726	(145,726)	-
Belfast City Council - Social Supermarket	38,163	(38,163)	-
ARCS	3,695	(3,695)	-
	<u>1,015,759</u>	<u>(1,031,059)</u>	<u>(15,300)</u>
TOTAL FUNDS	<u><u>1,446,227</u></u>	<u><u>(1,500,244)</u></u>	<u><u>(54,017)</u></u>

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15. CONTINGENT LIABILITIES

A contingent liability exists to repay grants received should certain conditions not be fulfilled by the charity.

16. RELATED PARTY DISCLOSURES

There were no related party transactions for the year ended 31 March 2024.

17. POST BALANCE SHEET EVENTS

There were no events after the reporting period therefore no material issues need disclosed.

18. COMPANY CHARGE

A Company Charge was created on 19th September 2000 between Dept of Social and Churchill House. The Charge consisted of premises comprised in a debenture, Land and Premises at Beechmount Pass Belfast, comprised in a lease made 18th September 2000 between NIHE and Blackie River Community Groups.

19. WINDING UP

Every member of the Company undertakes to contribute to the assets of the Company, in the event of the same being wound up while it is a member, or within one year after it ceases to be a member, for payment of the debts and liabilities of the Company contracted before it ceases to be a member, and of the costs, charges and expenses of winding up, and for the adjustment of the rights of the contributor's among themselves, such amount as may be required not exceeding one pound.

20. SHARE CAPITAL

The Company is Limited by Guarantee and has no Share Capital

Blackie River Community Groups

Detailed Statement of Financial Activities
for the Year Ended 31 March 2024

	31.3.24	31.3.23
	£	£
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS		
Other trading activities		
Daycare Fees	314,422	283,095
Donations	5,613	11,400
Training Income	65,413	55,783
Other Income	258	-
Summer Scheme Fees	21,846	19,065
After School Fees	61,888	61,125
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	469,440	430,468
Charitable activities		
Grants	1,081,855	1,015,759
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Total incoming resources	1,551,295	1,446,227
 EXPENDITURE		
Charitable activities		
Wages	786,161	723,726
Social security	33,469	45,080
Pensions	30,441	32,792
Insurance	5,870	5,888
Light and heat	22,098	16,001
Telephone and Internet	6,025	5,955
Printing and Stationery	4,455	3,640
Advertising	450	1,000
Staff Training & Development	3,063	120
Travel and Subsistence	2,470	4,191
Repairs and Maintenance	28,994	31,479
Creche Food	12,377	8,640
Direct Programme Costs	574,299	426,508
Affiliation & Membership	4,966	3,681
Surestart Programmes	37,452	63,300
Milk	1,330	1,468
Photocopier	908	-
IT Maintenance & Support	2,138	4,319
Training	-	3,232
Equipment Hire	-	284
Education Development	44,289	64,133
Consultancy	8,333	10,300
Carried forward	1,609,588	1,455,737

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Blackie River Community Groups

Detailed Statement of Financial Activities
for the Year Ended 31 March 2024

	31.3.24	31.3.23
	£	£
Charitable activities		
Brought forward	1,609,588	1,455,737
Health & Safety	-	2,134
Depreciation	17,770	17,770
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	1,627,358	1,475,641
 Support costs		
Governance costs		
Accountancy Fees	3,154	2,640
Audit Fees	2,000	1,980
Bank Fees	3,180	3,027
Water Rates	3,968	1,581
Cleaning & Caretaker	8,943	8,654
Staff Uniforms	6,623	4,500
General Expenses	662	557
Legal & Professional Fees	1,020	1,664
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	29,550	24,603
 Total resources expended	<hr/>	<hr/>
	1,656,908	1,500,244
 Net expenditure	<hr/>	<hr/>
	(105,613)	(54,017)

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Appendix One

Total Grants received from DE (through HSCB) was £244,750 as per Note 3 of the accounts.

Beechmount Sure Start

	£	£
Salaries & Wages		
<u>Direct Salary Costs</u>		
Salaries	112,212.08	
Pension	8,616.59	
HMRC	<u>12,975.33</u>	
		133,804.00
Goods & Services		
Finance and Admin	3,343.60	
Rent & Rates		
Blackie River Centre	4,778.55	
Heat, Light, Power and Water		
Blackie River Centre	3,185.76	
Maintenance and Repairs		
Blackie River Centre	530.95	
Telephone and Mobile Phones		
Telephone, Fax and Internet	1,000.00	
Cleaning		
Blackie River Centre	796.42	
Office Stationery/ Supplies		
Bank Fees	314.06	
Auditing	696.00	
Stationery	92.26	
Insurance	1,500.00	
Training	1,000.00	
Recruiting and Advertising	2,500.00	
Programmes/ Events		
Venue Hire	3,185.70	
Programmes for Parents	5,237.06	
Accountable Body		
Blackie River Community Groups	3,185.70	
Daycare		
Blackie – 1 x Full time	4,800.00	
Ionad – 1 x Full time	<u>4,800.00</u>	
		40,946.00
Programme for 2 Year Olds		
Blackie River Centre	35,000.00	
Ionad Uibh Eachach	<u>35,000.00</u>	
		<u>70,000.00</u>
Total		<u>244,750.00</u>

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DE (through HSCB)
Balance Sheet for the Year Ended 31 March 2024

Fixed Assets

Current Assets

Debtors	-
Bank Account	-

Total Current Assets	-
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Current Liabilities

Accruals	-
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Total Current Liabilities	-
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Net Assets Less Current Liabilities	-
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Funds

Restricted	-
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Total Funds	-
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Blackie River Community Groups

Northern Ireland - Charity number 103339

Annual report

Blackie River Community Groups

Report of the Trustees **for the Year Ended 31 March 2024**

The trustees who are also directors of the charity for the purposes of the Companies Act 2006, present their report with the financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31 March 2024. The trustees have adopted the provisions of Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019).

OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

Objectives and aims

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To promote and coordinate community development by enhancing the local social infrastructure through: support, training and resource provision.

Blackie River Community Groups

Report of the Trustees for the Year Ended 31 March 2024

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Blackie River Community Groups

Report of the Trustees **for the Year Ended 31 March 2024**

STRATEGIC REPORT

Achievement and performance

Charitable activities

Our charity found itself again like many others in difficult financial times this year due to the current Cost of Living Crisis rising energy costs and increase in salaries due to minimum wage increases. We have been applying for external funding to alleviate financial pressures in which we were eventually successful in receiving £20k from Council to help with running costs. While the charity has not yet undertaken any public fundraising initiatives, we have been successful in seeking and receiving grant funding amounting to £1,081,855 for this year ending March 2024. The breakdown of restricted grants funding can be seen on Note 3 of the accounts.

The funding received assisted the charity in continuing with our aims and objectives, offering vital services in our community such as: providing first class affordable child care, supporting child development, providing support to children with additional needs, promoting Community led education through lifelong learning, providing cultural and arts programmes, working on the regeneration of the area and working with our community partners in the Greater Falls Neighbourhood Partnership Area.

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The charity's policy is to retain a level of free reserves, which matches the needs of the organisation both at the current time and in the foreseeable future. The charity has developed a plan to establish and maintain this agreed level of free reserves. The charity will continue to monitor compliance with this policy on a regular basis and the Board will review the appropriateness of the policy annually.

Financial review

The company had net outgoing resources for the year of £105,613 (2023: net outgoing resources of £54,017), which reflected the completion of a number of projects during the year. Unrestricted funds decreased by £85,313, while restricted funds decreased by £20,300.

Blackie River Community Groups

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STRATEGIC REPORT

Future plans

The biggest challenge for us is going to be sustaining ourselves through this current cost of living crisis, inflationary and energy increases. The strategic priority will be sustainability. We aim to continue to improve our business / finance model and community development outcomes, to continue to develop a strong board and to inspire and professionalism to our staff.

In terms of sustainability we have:

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- b) Sought funding for an extension.
- c) Secured planning permission for our car park and are in the process of Vesting the land and securing funding to renovate it.
- d) Working with local asset holders to secure the tenure of additional infrastructure that will enable the organisation to expand our services.
- e) We aim to continue to provide first class services to the
- f) community in the fields of child-care, education, art and culture, health, youth and older services and have secured the status of Centre of excellence.

For the strategic priority of infrastructure: We aim to improve the service available in the Beechmount area by lobbying for the improved facilities.

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EVENTS SINCE THE END OF THE YEAR

Information relating to events since the end of the year is given in the notes to the financial statements.

STATEMENT OF TRUSTEES' RESPONSIBILITIES

The trustees (who are also the directors of Blackie River Community Groups for the purposes of company law) are responsible for preparing the Report of the Trustees and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice) including Financial Reporting Standard 102 "The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland".

Company law requires the trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charitable company and of the incoming resources and application of resources, including the income and expenditure, of the charitable company for that period. In preparing those financial statements, the trustees are required to

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles in the Charity SORP;
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable accounting standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements;
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charitable company will continue in business.

Blackie River Community Groups

Report of the Trustees
for the Year Ended 31 March 2024

STATEMENT OF TRUSTEES' RESPONSIBILITIES - continued

The trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charitable company and to enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Companies Act 2006. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charitable company and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

In so far as the trustees are aware:

- there is no relevant audit information of which the charitable company's auditors are unaware; and
- the trustees have taken all steps that they ought to have taken to make themselves aware of any relevant audit information and to establish that the auditors are aware of that information.

AUDITORS

The auditors, Lynn Drake & Co Ltd, will be proposed for re-appointment at the forthcoming Annual General Meeting.

Report of the trustees, incorporating a strategic report, approved by order of the board of trustees, as the company directors, on 1 October 2024 and signed on the board's behalf by:



Sean Quinn - Trustee

Blackie River Community Groups

Northern Ireland - Charity number 103339

Annual return

Report of the Independent Auditors to the Members of Blackie River Community Groups

Opinion

We have audited the financial statements of Blackie River Community Groups (the 'charitable company') for the year ended 31 March 2024 which comprise the Statement of Financial Activities, the Statement of Financial Position, the Statement of Cash Flows and notes to the financial statements, including a summary of significant accounting policies. The financial reporting framework that has been applied in their preparation is applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice), including Financial Reporting Standard 102 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland'.

In our opinion the financial statements:

- give a true and fair view of the state of the charitable company's affairs as at 31 March 2024 and of its incoming resources and application of resources, including its income and expenditure, for the year then ended;
- have been properly prepared in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice, including Financial Reporting Standard 102 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland'; and
- have been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006.

Basis for opinion

We conducted our audit in accordance with International Standards on Auditing (UK) (ISAs (UK)) and applicable law. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditors' responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements section of our report. We are independent of the charitable company in accordance with the ethical requirements that are relevant to our audit of the financial statements in the UK, including the FRC's Ethical Standard, and we have fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with these requirements. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

Conclusions relating to going concern

In auditing the financial statements, we have concluded that the trustees' use of the going concern basis of accounting in the preparation of the financial statements is appropriate.

Based on the work we have performed, we have not identified any material uncertainties relating to events or conditions that, individually or collectively, may cast significant doubt on the charitable company's ability to continue as a going concern for a period of at least twelve months from when the financial statements are authorised for issue.

Our responsibilities and the responsibilities of the trustees with respect to going concern are described in the relevant sections of this report.

Other information

The trustees are responsible for the other information. The other information comprises the information included in the Annual Report, other than the financial statements and our Report of the Independent Auditors thereon.

Our opinion on the financial statements does not cover the other information and, except to the extent otherwise explicitly stated in our report, we do not express any form of assurance conclusion thereon.

In connection with our audit of the financial statements, our responsibility is to read the other information and, in doing so, consider whether the other information is materially inconsistent with the financial statements or our knowledge obtained in the audit or otherwise appears to be materially misstated. If we identify such material inconsistencies or apparent material misstatements, we are required to determine whether this gives rise to a material misstatement in the financial statements themselves. If, based on the work we have performed, we conclude that there is a material misstatement of this other information, we are required to report that fact. We have nothing to report in this regard.

**Report of the Independent Auditors to the Members of
Blackie River Community Groups**

Opinions on other matters prescribed by the Companies Act 2006

In our opinion, based on the work undertaken in the course of the audit:

- the information given in the Report of the Trustees for the financial year for which the financial statements are prepared is consistent with the financial statements; and
- the Report of the Trustees has been prepared in accordance with applicable legal requirements.

Matters on which we are required to report by exception

In the light of the knowledge and understanding of the charitable company and its environment obtained in the course of the audit, we have not identified material misstatements in the Report of the Trustees.

We have nothing to report in respect of the following matters where the Companies Act 2006 requires us to report to you if, in our opinion:

- adequate accounting records have not been kept or returns adequate for our audit have not been received from branches not visited by us; or
- the financial statements are not in agreement with the accounting records and returns; or
- certain disclosures of trustees' remuneration specified by law are not made; or
- we have not received all the information and explanations we require for our audit.

Responsibilities of trustees

As explained more fully in the Statement of Trustees' Responsibilities, the trustees (who are also the directors of the charitable company for the purposes of company law) are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements and for being satisfied that they give a true and fair view, and for such internal control as the trustees determine is necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the financial statements, the trustees are responsible for assessing the charitable company's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless the trustees either intend to liquidate the charitable company or to cease operations, or have no realistic alternative but to do so.

Report of the Independent Auditors to the Members of Blackie River Community Groups

Our responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue a Report of the Independent Auditors that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance, but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with ISAs (UK) will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of these financial statements.

The extent to which our procedures are capable of detecting irregularities, including fraud is detailed below:

Irregularities, including fraud, are instances of non-compliance with laws and regulations. We design procedures in line with our responsibilities, outlined above, to detect material misstatements in respect of irregularities, including fraud. In particular, we looked at where management made subjective judgements, for example in respect of accounting estimates that involved making assumptions and considering future events that are inherently uncertain. We also considered potential financial or other pressures, opportunity and motivations for fraud. As part of this discussion, we identified the internal controls established to mitigate risks related to fraud or non-compliance with laws and regulations and how management monitor these processes. Appropriate procedures included the review and testing of manual journals and key estimates and judgements made by management for risk of fraud.

Based on our understanding of the company and industry, we identified the principal risks of non-compliance with laws and regulations as those that have a direct impact on the determination of material amounts and disclosures in the financial statements.

We evaluated management's incentives and opportunities for fraudulent manipulation of the financial statements and identified the greatest potential for fraud. We communicated the identified laws and regulations throughout the audit team and remained alert to any indications of non-compliance throughout the audit. Audit procedures performed included, but were not limited to:

Discussions with management including consideration of known or suspected instances of non-compliance with laws and regulation and fraud;

Reviewing the financial statement disclosures and testing to supporting documentation;

Review of board meeting minutes of those charged with governance;

In addressing the risk of fraud through management override of controls, testing the appropriateness of journal entries and other adjustments;

As part of an audit in accordance with ISAs (UK), we exercise professional judgment and maintain professional scepticism throughout the audit. We also:-

Identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error, design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks, and obtain audit evidence that is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion. The risk of not detecting a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than for one resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control.

Obtain an understanding of internal control relevant to the audit in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the charities internal control.

**Report of the Independent Auditors to the Members of
Blackie River Community Groups**

Evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates and related disclosures made by the trustees.

Perform analytical procedures to identify any unusual or unexpected relationships that may indicate risks of material misstatement due to fraud or error.

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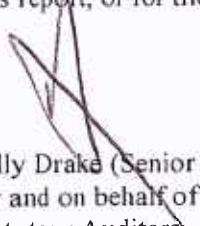
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We communicate with those charged with governance regarding, among other matters, the planned scope and timing of the audit and significant audit findings, including significant deficiencies in internal control that we identify during our audit.

A further description of our responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements is located on the Financial Reporting Council's website at www.frc.org.uk/auditorsresponsibilities. This description forms part of our Report of the Independent Auditors.

Use of our report

This report is made solely to the charitable company's members, as a body, in accordance with Chapter 3 of Part 16 of the Companies Act 2006. Our audit work has been undertaken so that we might state to the charitable company's members those matters we are required to state to them in an auditors' report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, we do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the charitable company and the charitable company's members as a body, for our audit work, for this report, or for the opinions we have formed.



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1 October 2024

Blackie River Community Groups

Northern Ireland - Charity number 103339

Accounts

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Report of the Trustees and
Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 March 2023

for

Blackie River Community Groups
(A Company Limited by Guarantee)

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for the Year Ended 31 March 2023

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CHIEF EXEC OFFICERS	Mr Ciaran Beattie
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Blackie River Community Groups

Report of the Trustees **for the Year Ended 31 March 2023**

The trustees who are also directors of the charity for the purposes of the Companies Act 2006, present their report with the financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31 March 2023. The trustees have adopted the provisions of Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019).

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The Board, management and staff are fully aware that the nature of the work in which Blackie River Community Group Limited is involved can bring with it a high level of scrutiny to ensure that all activities are fully compliant with funding requirements and, therefore, beyond reproach. The Board of Blackie River Community Group Limited is, therefore, greatly reassured of the company's compliance with the highest of standards of governance on the basis that all monitoring and evaluation of project delivery demonstrates achievement of all funders objectives and that funders' audits and vouching of financial expenditure and the statutory audit confirm compliance with both probity and regularity in the use of monies received.

EVENTS SINCE THE END OF THE YEAR

Information relating to events since the end of the year is given in the notes to the financial statements.

STATEMENT OF TRUSTEES' RESPONSIBILITIES

The trustees (who are also the directors of Blackie River Community Groups for the purposes of company law) are responsible for preparing the Report of the Trustees and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice) including Financial Reporting Standard 102 "The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland".

Company law requires the trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charitable company and of the incoming resources and application of resources, including the income and expenditure, of the charitable company for that period. In preparing those financial statements, the trustees are required to

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles in the Charity SORP;
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable accounting standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements;
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charitable company will continue in business.

Blackie River Community Groups

Report of the Trustees
for the Year Ended 31 March 2023

STATEMENT OF TRUSTEES' RESPONSIBILITIES - continued

The trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charitable company and to enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Companies Act 2006. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charitable company and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

In so far as the trustees are aware:

- there is no relevant audit information of which the charitable company's auditors are unaware; and
- the trustees have taken all steps that they ought to have taken to make themselves aware of any relevant audit information and to establish that the auditors are aware of that information.

AUDITORS

The auditors, Lynn Drake & Co Ltd, will be proposed for re-appointment at the forthcoming Annual General Meeting.

Report of the trustees, incorporating a strategic report, approved by order of the board of trustees, as the company directors, on 31 October 2023 and signed on the board's behalf by:

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Sean Quinn".

Sean Quinn - Trustee

Report of the Independent Auditors to the Members of Blackie River Community Groups

Opinion

We have audited the financial statements of Blackie River Community Groups (the 'charitable company') for the year ended 31 March 2023 which comprise the Statement of Financial Activities, the Statement of Financial Position, the Statement of Cash Flows and notes to the financial statements, including a summary of significant accounting policies. The financial reporting framework that has been applied in their preparation is applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice), including Financial Reporting Standard 102 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland'.

In our opinion the financial statements:

- give a true and fair view of the state of the charitable company's affairs as at 31 March 2023 and of its incoming resources and application of resources, including its income and expenditure, for the year then ended;
- have been properly prepared in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice, including Financial Reporting Standard 102 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland'; and
- have been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006.

Basis for opinion

We conducted our audit in accordance with International Standards on Auditing (UK) (ISAs (UK)) and applicable law. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditors' responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements section of our report. We are independent of the charitable company in accordance with the ethical requirements that are relevant to our audit of the financial statements in the UK, including the FRC's Ethical Standard, and we have fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with these requirements. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

Conclusions relating to going concern

In auditing the financial statements, we have concluded that the trustees' use of the going concern basis of accounting in the preparation of the financial statements is appropriate.

Based on the work we have performed, we have not identified any material uncertainties relating to events or conditions that, individually or collectively, may cast significant doubt on the charitable company's ability to continue as a going concern for a period of at least twelve months from when the financial statements are authorised for issue.

Our responsibilities and the responsibilities of the trustees with respect to going concern are described in the relevant sections of this report.

Other information

The trustees are responsible for the other information. The other information comprises the information included in the Annual Report, other than the financial statements and our Report of the Independent Auditors thereon.

Our opinion on the financial statements does not cover the other information and, except to the extent otherwise explicitly stated in our report, we do not express any form of assurance conclusion thereon.

In connection with our audit of the financial statements, our responsibility is to read the other information and, in doing so, consider whether the other information is materially inconsistent with the financial statements or our knowledge obtained in the audit or otherwise appears to be materially misstated. If we identify such material inconsistencies or apparent material misstatements, we are required to determine whether this gives rise to a material misstatement in the financial statements themselves. If, based on the work we have performed, we conclude that there is a material misstatement of this other information, we are required to report that fact. We have nothing to report in this regard.

**Report of the Independent Auditors to the Members of
Blackie River Community Groups**

Opinions on other matters prescribed by the Companies Act 2006

In our opinion, based on the work undertaken in the course of the audit:

- the information given in the Report of the Trustees for the financial year for which the financial statements are prepared is consistent with the financial statements; and
- the Report of the Trustees has been prepared in accordance with applicable legal requirements.

Matters on which we are required to report by exception

In the light of the knowledge and understanding of the charitable company and its environment obtained in the course of the audit, we have not identified material misstatements in the Report of the Trustees.

We have nothing to report in respect of the following matters where the Companies Act 2006 requires us to report to you if, in our opinion:

- adequate accounting records have not been kept or returns adequate for our audit have not been received from branches not visited by us; or
- the financial statements are not in agreement with the accounting records and returns; or
- certain disclosures of trustees' remuneration specified by law are not made; or
- we have not received all the information and explanations we require for our audit.

Responsibilities of trustees

As explained more fully in the Statement of Trustees' Responsibilities, the trustees (who are also the directors of the charitable company for the purposes of company law) are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements and for being satisfied that they give a true and fair view, and for such internal control as the trustees determine is necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the financial statements, the trustees are responsible for assessing the charitable company's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless the trustees either intend to liquidate the charitable company or to cease operations, or have no realistic alternative but to do so.

Report of the Independent Auditors to the Members of Blackie River Community Groups

Our responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue a Report of the Independent Auditors that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance, but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with ISAs (UK) will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of these financial statements.

The extent to which our procedures are capable of detecting irregularities, including fraud is detailed below:

Irregularities, including fraud, are instances of non-compliance with laws and regulations. We design procedures in line with our responsibilities, outlined above, to detect material misstatements in respect of irregularities, including fraud. In particular, we looked at where management made subjective judgements, for example in respect of accounting estimates that involved making assumptions and considering future events that are inherently uncertain. We also considered potential financial or other pressures, opportunity and motivations for fraud. As part of this discussion, we identified the internal controls established to mitigate risks related to fraud or non-compliance with laws and regulations and how management monitor these processes. Appropriate procedures included the review and testing of manual journals and key estimates and judgements made by management for risk of fraud.

Based on our understanding of the company and industry, we identified the principal risks of non-compliance with laws and regulations as those that have a direct impact on the determination of material amounts and disclosures in the financial statements.

We evaluated management's incentives and opportunities for fraudulent manipulation of the financial statements and identified the greatest potential for fraud. We communicated the identified laws and regulations throughout the audit team and remained alert to any indications of non-compliance throughout the audit. Audit procedures performed included, but were not limited to:

- Discussions with management including consideration of known or suspected instances of non-compliance with laws and regulation and fraud;

- Reviewing the financial statement disclosures and testing to supporting documentation;

- Review of board meeting minutes of those charged with governance;

- In addressing the risk of fraud through management override of controls, testing the appropriateness of journal entries and other adjustments;

As part of an audit in accordance with ISAs (UK), we exercise professional judgment and maintain professional scepticism throughout the audit. We also:-

- Identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error, design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks, and obtain audit evidence that is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion. The risk of not detecting a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than for one resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control.

- Obtain an understanding of internal control relevant to the audit in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the charities internal control.

**Report of the Independent Auditors to the Members of
Blackie River Community Groups**

Evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates and related disclosures made by the trustees.

Perform analytical procedures to identify any unusual or unexpected relationships that may indicate risks of material misstatement due to fraud or error.

Conclude on the appropriateness of the trustees' use of the going concern basis of accounting and based on the audit evidence obtained, whether a material uncertainty exists related to events or conditions that may cast significant doubt on the charities ability to continue as a going concern. If we conclude that a material uncertainty exists, we are required to draw attention in our auditor's report to the related disclosures in the financial statements or, if such disclosures are inadequate, to modify our opinion. Our conclusions are based on the audit evidence obtained up to the date of our auditor's report. However, future events or conditions may cause the charity to cease to continue as a going concern.

Evaluate the overall presentation, structure, and content of the financial statements, including the disclosures and whether the financial statements represent the underlying transactions and events in a manner that achieves fair presentation.

We communicate with those charged with governance regarding, among other matters, the planned scope and timing of the audit and significant audit findings, including significant deficiencies in internal control that we identify during our audit.

A further description of our responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements is located on the Financial Reporting Council's website at www.frc.org.uk/auditorsresponsibilities. This description forms part of our Report of the Independent Auditors.

Use of our report

This report is made solely to the charitable company's members, as a body, in accordance with Chapter 3 of Part 16 of the Companies Act 2006. Our audit work has been undertaken so that we might state to the charitable company's members those matters we are required to state to them in an auditors' report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, we do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the charitable company and the charitable company's members as a body, for our audit work, for this report, or for the opinions we have formed.



Billy Drake (Senior Statutory Auditor)
for and on behalf of Lynn Drake & Co Ltd
Statutory Auditors
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31 October 2023

Blackie River Community Groups

Statement of Financial Activities
(Incorporating an Income and Expenditure Account)
for the Year Ended 31 March 2023

	Notes	Unrestricted fund £	Restricted funds £	31.3.23 Total funds £	31.3.22 Total funds £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM					
Charitable activities	3				
Grants Receivable		-	1,015,759	1,015,759	1,025,445
Other trading activities	2	430,468	-	430,468	341,371
Total		<u>430,468</u>	<u>1,015,759</u>	<u>1,446,227</u>	<u>1,366,816</u>
EXPENDITURE ON					
Charitable activities	4				
Direct Charitable Expenditure		444,668	1,030,973	1,475,641	1,368,605
Governance		24,517	86	24,603	22,491
Total		<u>469,185</u>	<u>1,031,059</u>	<u>1,500,244</u>	<u>1,391,096</u>
NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)		(38,717)	(15,300)	(54,017)	(24,280)
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS					
Total funds brought forward		324,907	100,116	425,023	449,303
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD		<u><u>286,190</u></u>	<u><u>84,816</u></u>	<u><u>371,006</u></u>	<u><u>425,023</u></u>

The notes form part of these financial statements

Blackie River Community Groups

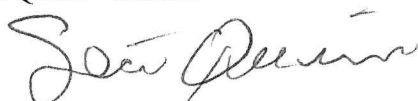
Statement of Financial Position

31 March 2023

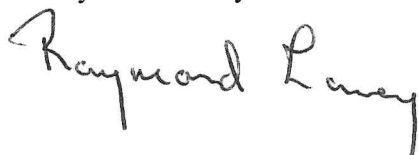
	Notes	31.3.23 £	31.3.22 £
FIXED ASSETS			
Tangible assets	10	84,655	102,425
CURRENT ASSETS			
Debtors	11	100,154	189,138
Cash at bank		213,370	189,748
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		313,524	378,886
CREDITORS			
Amounts falling due within one year	12	(27,173)	(56,288)
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NET CURRENT ASSETS		286,351	322,598
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TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES		371,006	425,023
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NET ASSETS		371,006	425,023
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FUNDS	14		
Unrestricted funds		286,190	324,907
Restricted funds		84,816	100,116
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TOTAL FUNDS		371,006	425,023
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The financial statements were approved by the Board of Trustees and authorised for issue on 31 October 2023 and were signed on its behalf by:

Sean Quinn - Trustee



Raymond Lavery - Trustee



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Blackie River Community Groups

Statement of Cash Flows
for the Year Ended 31 March 2023

	Notes	31.3.23 £	31.3.22 £
Cash flows from operating activities			
Cash generated from operations	1	23,622	(52,760)
Net cash provided by/(used in) operating activities		<u>23,622</u>	<u>(52,760)</u>
Change in cash and cash equivalents in the reporting period		23,622	(52,760)
Cash and cash equivalents at the beginning of the reporting period		<u>189,748</u>	<u>242,508</u>
Cash and cash equivalents at the end of the reporting period		<u><u>213,370</u></u>	<u><u>189,748</u></u>

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Notes to the Statement of Cash Flows
for the Year Ended 31 March 2023

1. RECONCILIATION OF NET EXPENDITURE TO NET CASH FLOW FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES

	31.3.23	31.3.22
	£	£
Net expenditure for the reporting period (as per the Statement of Financial Activities)	(54,017)	(24,280)
Adjustments for:		
Depreciation charges	17,770	24,812
Decrease/(increase) in debtors	88,984	(53,692)
(Decrease)/increase in creditors	(29,115)	400
	<u>23,622</u>	<u>(52,760)</u>
Net cash provided by/(used in) operations	<u><u>23,622</u></u>	<u><u>(52,760)</u></u>

2. ANALYSIS OF CHANGES IN NET FUNDS

	At 1/4/22	Cash flow	At 31/3/23
	£	£	£
Net cash			
Cash at bank	189,748	23,622	213,370
	<u>189,748</u>	<u>23,622</u>	<u>213,370</u>
Total	<u><u>189,748</u></u>	<u><u>23,622</u></u>	<u><u>213,370</u></u>

The notes form part of these financial statements

Blackie River Community Groups

Notes to the Financial Statements **for the Year Ended 31 March 2023**

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Basis of preparing the financial statements

Blackie River Community Groups Limited is constituted as a company limited by guarantee incorporated in Northern Ireland (NI035799). In the event of the charity being wound up, the liability in respect of the guarantee is limited to £1 per member of the charity.

The charity constitutes a public benefit entity as defined by FRS 102. The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland issued in 2019 the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the United Kingdom and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102), the Charities Act (Northern Ireland) 2013, the Companies Act 2006 and UK Generally Accepted Practice.

The financial statements are prepared on a going concern basis under the historical cost convention, modified to include certain items at fair value. The financial statements are presented in sterling which is the functional currency of the charity.

The significant accounting policies applied in the preparation of these financial statements are set out below. These policies have been consistently applied to all years presented unless otherwise stated.

(b) Funds

Unrestricted funds are available for use at the discretion of the trustees in furtherance of the general objectives of the charity and which have not been designated for other purposes.

Designated funds comprise unrestricted funds that have been set aside by the trustees for particular purposes. The aim and use of each designated fund is set out in the notes to the financial statements.

Restricted funds are funds which are to be used in accordance with specific restrictions imposed by donors or which have been raised by the charity for particular purposes. The cost of raising and administering such funds are charged against the specific fund. The aim and use of each restricted fund is set out in the notes to the financial statements.

Further explanation of the nature and purpose of each fund is included in the notes to the financial statements.

(c) Income recognition

All incoming resources are included in the Statement of Financial Activities (SoFA) when the charity is legally entitled to the income after any performance conditions have been met, the amount can be measured reliably and it is probable that the income will be received.

For donations to be recognised the charity will have been notified of the amounts and the settlement date in writing. If there are conditions attached to the donation and this requires a level of performance before entitlement can be obtained then income is deferred until those conditions are fully met or the fulfilment of those conditions is within the control of the charity and it is probable that they will be fulfilled. Voluntary income is received by way of grants, donations and gifts and is included in full in the Statement of Financial Activities (SoFA) when receivable. Income received from collections is recognised when received.

Blackie River Community Groups

Notes to the Financial Statements - continued **for the Year Ended 31 March 2023**

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES - continued

Basis of preparing the financial statements

Donated facilities and donated professional services are recognised in income at their fair value when their economic benefit is probable, it can be measured reliably and the charity has control over the item. Fair value is determined on the basis of the value of the gift to the charity. For example the amount the charity would be willing to pay in the open market for such facilities and services. A corresponding amount is recognised in expenditure.

No amount is included in the financial statements for volunteer time in line with the SORP (FRS 102). Further detail is given in the Trustees' Annual Report.

For legacies, entitlement is the earlier of the charity being notified of an impending distribution or the legacy being received. At this point income is recognised. On occasion legacies will be notified to the charity however it is not possible to measure the amount expected to be distributed. On these occasions, the legacy is treated as a contingent asset and disclosed.

Income from trading activities includes income earned from fundraising events and trading activities to raise funds for the charity. Income is received in exchange for supplying goods and services in order to raise funds and is recognised when entitlement has occurred.

The charity receives government grants which are detailed within the notes to these financial statements. Income from government and other grants are recognised at fair value when the charity has entitlement after any performance conditions have been met, it is probable that the income will be received and the amount can be measured reliably. If entitlement is not met then these amounts are deferred.

(D) Expenditure recognition

All expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis, inclusive of VAT which cannot be recovered and has been classified under headings that aggregate all costs related to the category. Expenditure is recognised where there is a legal or constructive obligation to make payments to third parties, it is probable that the settlement will be required and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably. It is categorised under the following headings:

Costs of raising funds includes the costs associated with attracting voluntary incomes;

Expenditure on charitable activities includes those costs incurred by the charity in the delivery of its activities and services for its beneficiaries. It includes both costs that can be allocated directly to such activities and those costs of an indirect nature necessary to support them; and

Other expenditure represents those items not falling into the categories above.

Irrecoverable VAT is charged as an expense against the activity for which expenditure arose.

Grants payable to third parties are within the charitable objectives. Where unconditional grants are offered, this is accrued as soon as the recipient is notified of the grant, as this gives rise to a reasonable expectation that the recipient will receive the grants. Where grants are conditional relating to performance then the grant is only accrued when any unfulfilled conditions are outside of the control of the charity.

(e) Support costs allocation

Notes to the Financial Statements - continued
for the Year Ended 31 March 2023

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES - continued

Basis of preparing the financial statements

Support costs are those that assist the work of the charity but do not directly represent charitable activities and include office costs, governance costs, administrative payroll costs. They are incurred directly in support of expenditure on the objects of the charity and include project management carried out at Headquarters. Where support costs cannot be directly attributed to particular headings they have been allocated to cost of raising funds and expenditure on charitable activities on a basis consistent with use of the resources. Premises overheads have been allocated on an insert detail basis and other overheads have been allocated on a basis consistent with the use of resources.

Fund-raising costs are those incurred in seeking voluntary contributions and do not include the costs of disseminating information in support of the charitable activities.

(f) Tangible fixed assets

Tangible fixed assets are stated at cost less accumulated depreciation and accumulated impairment losses. Cost includes costs directly attributable to making the asset capable of operating as intended.

Depreciation is provided on all tangible fixed assets, at rates calculated to write off the cost, less estimated residual value, of each asset on a systematic basis over its expected useful life as follows:

Buildings - 10% Straight Line
Equipment - 25% Straight Line

(g) Financial Instruments

A financial asset or a financial liability is recognised only when the charity becomes a party to the contractual provision of the instrument.

Basic financial instruments are initially recognised at the amounts receivable or payable including any related transaction costs.

Current assets and current liabilities are subsequently measured at the cash or other consideration expected to be paid or relived and not discounted.

Debt instruments are subsequently measured at amortised cost.

Where investments in shares are publicly traded or their fair value can otherwise be measured reliably, the investment is subsequently measured at fair value with changes in fair value recognised in income and expenditure. All other such investments are subsequently measured at cost less impairment.

Other financial instruments, including derivatives, are initially recognised at fair value, unless payment for an asset is deferred beyond normal business terms or financed at a rate of interest that is not a market rate, in which case the asset is measured at the present value of the future payments discounted at a market rate of interest for a similar debt instrument.

Other financial instruments are subsequently measured at fair value with any changes recognised in the statement of financial activities, with the exception of hedging instruments in a designed hedging relationship.

Notes to the Financial Statements - continued
for the Year Ended 31 March 2023

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES - continued

Basis of preparing the financial statements

Financial assets that are measured at cost or amortised cost are reviewed for objective evidence of impairment at the end of each reporting date. If there is objective evidence of impairment an impairment loss is recognised under the appropriate heading in the statement of financial activities in which the initial gain is recognised.

For all equity instruments regardless of significance, and other financial assets that are individually significant, these are assessed individually for impairment. Other financial assets are either assessed individually or grouped on the basis of similar credit risk characteristics.

Any reversals of impairment are recognised immediately, to the extent that the reversal does not result in a carrying amount of the financial asset that exceeds what the carrying amount would have been had the impairment not previously been recognised.

(h) Impairment

Assets not measured at fair value are reviewed for any indication that the asset may be impaired at each balance sheet date. If such indication exists, the recoverable amount of the asset, or the asset's cash generating unit, is estimated and compared to the carrying amount. Where the carrying amount exceeds its recoverable amount, an impairment loss is recognised in profit or loss unless the asset is carried at a revalued amount where the impairment loss is a revaluation decrease.

(i) Provisions

Provisions are recognised when the charity has an obligation at the balance sheet date as a result of a past event, it is probable that an outflow of economic benefits will be required in settlement and the amount can be reliably estimated.

(j) Leases

Assets acquired under finance leases are capitalised and depreciated over the shorter of the lease term and the expected useful life of the asset. Minimum lease payments are apportioned between the finance charge and the reduction of the outstanding lease liability using the effective interest method. The related obligations, net of future finance charges, are included in creditors.

Rentals payable and receivable under operating leases are charged to the SoFA on a straight line basis over the period of the lease.

(k) Tax

No provision is required for taxation as the company is defined as a charity for taxation purposes. The charity is a registered charity and so such is entitled to certain tax exemptions on income and profits from investments and surpluses on any trading activities carried on in furtherance of the charity's primary objectives, if these profits and surpluses are applied solely for charitable purposes.

(l) Going concern

Notes to the Financial Statements - continued
for the Year Ended 31 March 2023

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES - continued

Basis of preparing the financial statements

The financial statements have been prepared on a going concern basis as the trustees believe that no material uncertainties exist. The trustees have considered the level of funds held and the expected level of income and expenditure for 12 months from authorising these financial statements. The budgeted income and expenditure is sufficient with the level of reserves for the charity to be able to continue as a going concern.

(m) Accounting estimates and areas of judgement

The preparation of the financial statements requires management to make judgements, estimates and assumptions that affect the amounts reported. These estimates and judgements are continually reviewed and are based on experience and other factors, including expectations of future events that are believed to be reasonable under the circumstances.

The items in the financial statements where these judgements and estimates have been made include:

- (i) estimating the useful economic life of tangible fixed assets
- (ii) property valuation
- (iii) allocation of expenditure and support costs

Taxation

The charity is exempt from corporation tax on its charitable activities.

Fund accounting

Unrestricted funds can be used in accordance with the charitable objectives at the discretion of the trustees.

Restricted funds can only be used for particular restricted purposes within the objects of the charity. Restrictions arise when specified by the donor or when funds are raised for particular restricted purposes.

Further explanation of the nature and purpose of each fund is included in the notes to the financial statements.

Pension costs and other post-retirement benefits

The charitable company operates a defined contribution pension scheme. Contributions payable to the charitable company's pension scheme are charged to the Statement of Financial Activities in the period to which they relate.

Blackie River Community Groups

Notes to the Financial Statements - continued for the Year Ended 31 March 2023

2. OTHER TRADING ACTIVITIES

	31.3.23	31.3.22
	£	£
Management Fee Income	-	15
Daycare Fees	283,095	242,643
Donations	11,400	-
Training Income	55,783	33,970
Divis Joint Development Committee	-	8,450
HMRC -CJRS (SSP)	-	674
Community Response - USDT	-	4,000
DAERA	-	500
Summer Scheme Fees	19,065	10,267
After School Fees	61,125	40,852
	<u>430,468</u>	<u>341,371</u>

3. INCOME FROM CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES

	31.3.23	31.3.22
	£	£
Grants	1,015,759	1,025,445
	<u>1,015,759</u>	<u>1,025,445</u>

Grants received, included in the above, are as follows:

	31.3.23	31.3.22
	£	£
BHSCT re SLA	37,955	36,500
Belfast City Council - Running Costs	18,500	18,000
Belfast City Council - Community Relations	-	5,360
Belfast City Council - Kitchen Equipment	-	1,650
DSD/DFC Health	29,465	-
DSD/DFC Education	137,759	-
DSD/DFC Infrastructure	39,934	39,321
DHSSPS Milk	-	574
DE (through HSCB)	244,750	237,621
Brightstart	18,456	10,554
Belfast Outcomes Family Support	18,879	26,326
GF Family Support Hub	27,492	-
Pathway Fund	30,000	30,000
BHSCT - Lead Body	13,157	41,035
Department of Communities - Health	-	35,344
Dept of Communities - Education	-	229,066
The Executive Office - Contracts	-	37,581
Early Years - CRSF	-	10,167
Ulster Community Fund - Covid-19 Grant	-	50,000
The Executive Office - Communities in Transition (Phase 2)	190,230	212,828
Co-Operation Ireland (PPE Resources)	-	2,518
Arnold Clarke	-	1,000
	<u>806,577</u>	<u>1,025,445</u>
Carried forward	806,577	1,025,445

Blackie River Community Groups

Notes to the Financial Statements - continued
for the Year Ended 31 March 2023

3. INCOME FROM CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES - continued

	31.3.23	31.3.22
	£	£
Brought forward	806,577	1,025,445
HPA - Developing Communities	2,243	-
BH&SCT - Emerging Need	12,968	-
CIT - Policing & Community Safety	6,387	-
The Executive Office - Communities in Transition (Phase 3)	145,726	-
Belfast City Council - Social Supermarket	38,163	-
ARCS	3,695	-
	<u>1,015,759</u>	<u>1,025,445</u>

4. CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES COSTS

	Direct Costs £	Support costs (see note 5) £	Totals £
Direct Charitable Expenditure	1,475,641	-	1,475,641
Governance	-	24,603	24,603
	<u>1,475,641</u>	<u>24,603</u>	<u>1,500,244</u>

5. SUPPORT COSTS

	Governance costs £
Governance	<u>24,603</u>

6. NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)

Net income/(expenditure) is stated after charging/(crediting):

	31.3.23	31.3.22
	£	£
Accountancy Fees	2,640	2,582
Audit Fees	1,980	1,980
Depreciation - owned assets	<u>17,770</u>	<u>24,812</u>

Blackie River Community Groups

Notes to the Financial Statements - continued for the Year Ended 31 March 2023

7. TRUSTEES' REMUNERATION AND BENEFITS

There were no trustees' remuneration or other benefits for the year ended 31 March 2023 nor for the year ended 31 March 2022.

Trustees' expenses

There were no trustees' expenses paid for the year ended 31 March 2023 nor for the year ended 31 March 2022.

8. STAFF COSTS

	31.3.23	31.3.22
	£	£
Wages and salaries	723,726	718,921
Social security costs	45,080	46,037
Other pension costs	32,792	29,819
	<u>801,598</u>	<u>794,777</u>

The average monthly number of employees during the year was as follows:

	31.3.23	31.3.22
Management and Administration	<u>40</u>	<u>43</u>

No employees received emoluments in excess of £60,000.

The key management personnel of the charity comprise of the Chief Executive and Senior management team. The salaries paid to key management personnel being the Chief Executive Officer, Programme Co-ordinators and Finance Manager, during the year totalled £175,308. (2022: £174,490).

9. COMPARATIVES FOR THE STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

	Unrestricted fund £	Restricted funds £	Total funds £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM			
Charitable activities			
Grants Receivable	-	1,025,445	1,025,445
Other trading activities	<u>341,371</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>341,371</u>
Total	<u>341,371</u>	<u>1,025,445</u>	<u>1,366,816</u>
EXPENDITURE ON			
Charitable activities			
Direct Charitable Expenditure	318,179	1,050,426	1,368,605
Governance	<u>22,491</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>22,491</u>
Total	<u>340,670</u>	<u>1,050,426</u>	<u>1,391,096</u>

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9. COMPARATIVES FOR THE STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES - continued

	Unrestricted fund £	Restricted funds £	Total funds £
NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)	701	(24,981)	(24,280)
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS			
Total funds brought forward	324,206	125,097	449,303
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD	<u>324,907</u>	<u>100,116</u>	<u>425,023</u>

10. TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS

	Improvements to property £	Equipment £	Totals £
COST			
At 1 April 2022 and 31 March 2023	<u>887,800</u>	<u>192,603</u>	<u>1,080,403</u>
DEPRECIATION			
At 1 April 2022	788,735	189,243	977,978
Charge for year	<u>16,090</u>	<u>1,680</u>	<u>17,770</u>
At 31 March 2023	<u>804,825</u>	<u>190,923</u>	<u>995,748</u>
NET BOOK VALUE			
At 31 March 2023	<u>82,975</u>	<u>1,680</u>	<u>84,655</u>
At 31 March 2022	<u>99,065</u>	<u>3,360</u>	<u>102,425</u>

11. DEBTORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

	31.3.23 £	31.3.22 £
Trade debtors	2,466	-
The Executive Office	76,538	60,679
CIT Policing & Community	200	-
ARCS	3,695	-
DSD - Education	8,372	112,417
Belfast City Council	8,883	14,820
Prepayments & other Debtors	-	1,222
	<u>100,154</u>	<u>189,138</u>

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12. CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

	31.3.23	31.3.22
	£	£
Accrued expenses	27,173	48,855
Deferred Grants	-	7,433
	<u>27,173</u>	<u>56,288</u>

13. ANALYSIS OF NET ASSETS BETWEEN FUNDS

	Unrestricted fund	Restricted funds	31.3.23 Total funds	31.3.22 Total funds
	£	£	£	£
Fixed assets	4,839	79,816	84,655	102,425
Current assets	303,405	10,119	313,524	378,886
Current liabilities	(22,054)	(5,119)	(27,173)	(56,288)
	<u>286,190</u>	<u>84,816</u>	<u>371,006</u>	<u>425,023</u>

14. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS

	At 1/4/22	Net movement in funds	At 31/3/23
	£	£	£
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	324,907	(38,717)	286,190
Restricted funds			
Belfast City Council - Internal Works(Capital)	12,500	(2,500)	10,000
HSCB - Small Capital Grant	1,500	(250)	1,250
Dept For Communities - Capital Build	57,836	(9,640)	48,196
Belfast City Council - Toilet Upgrade	23,280	(2,910)	20,370
B&Q Foundation	5,000	-	5,000
	<u>100,116</u>	<u>(15,300)</u>	<u>84,816</u>
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>425,023</u>	<u>(54,017)</u>	<u>371,006</u>

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14. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued

Net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	430,468	(469,185)	(38,717)
Restricted funds			
BHSCT re SLA	37,955	(37,955)	-
Belfast City Council - Running Costs	18,500	(18,500)	-
DSD/DFC Health	29,465	(29,465)	-
DSD/DFC Education	137,759	(137,759)	-
DSD/DFC Infrastructure	39,934	(39,934)	-
DE (through HSCB)	244,750	(244,750)	-
BrightStart	18,456	(18,456)	-
Belfast Outcomes Family Support/Mentoring	18,879	(18,879)	-
GF Family Support Hub	27,492	(27,492)	-
Pathway Fund	30,000	(30,000)	-
BHSCT - Lead Body	13,157	(13,157)	-
Belfast City Council - Internal Works(Capital)	-	(2,500)	(2,500)
HSCB - Small Capital Grant	-	(250)	(250)
Dept For Communities - Capital Build	-	(9,640)	(9,640)
Belfast City Council - Toilet Upgrade	-	(2,910)	(2,910)
The Executive Office - Communities in Transition (Phase 2)	190,230	(190,230)	-
HPA - Developing Communities	2,243	(2,243)	-
BH&SCT - Emerging Need	12,968	(12,968)	-
CIT - Policing & Community Safety	6,387	(6,387)	-
The Executive Office - Communities in Transition (Phase 3)	145,726	(145,726)	-
Belfast City Council - Social Supermarket	38,163	(38,163)	-
ARCS	3,695	(3,695)	-
	<u>1,015,759</u>	<u>(1,031,059)</u>	<u>(15,300)</u>
TOTAL FUNDS	<u><u>1,446,227</u></u>	<u><u>(1,500,244)</u></u>	<u><u>(54,017)</u></u>

Blackie River Community Groups

Notes to the Financial Statements - continued
for the Year Ended 31 March 2023

14. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued

Comparatives for movement in funds

	At 1/4/21 £	Net movement in funds £	At 31/3/22 £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	324,206	701	324,907
Restricted funds			
Belfast City Council - Internal Works(Capital)	15,000	(2,500)	12,500
Dept For Communities - IT Upgrade	6,359	(6,359)	-
HSCB - Small Capital Grant	1,750	(250)	1,500
Dept For Communities - Capital Build	67,476	(9,640)	57,836
The Executive Office - Contracts	1,386	(1,386)	-
The Executive Office - Programmes	1,936	(1,936)	-
Belfast City Council - Toilet Upgrade	26,190	(2,910)	23,280
B&Q Foundation	5,000	-	5,000
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	125,097	(24,981)	100,116
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TOTAL FUNDS	449,303	(24,280)	425,023
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Blackie River Community Groups**Notes to the Financial Statements - continued
for the Year Ended 31 March 2023****14. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued**

Comparative net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	341,371	(340,670)	701
Restricted funds			
BHSCT re SLA	36,500	(36,500)	-
Belfast City Council - Running Costs	18,000	(18,000)	-
Belfast City Council - Community Relations	5,360	(5,360)	-
Belfast City Council - Kitchen Equipment	1,650	(1,650)	-
DSD/DFC Infrastructure	39,321	(39,321)	-
DHSSPS - Milk	574	(574)	-
DE (through HSCB)	237,621	(237,621)	-
BrightStart	10,554	(10,554)	-
Belfast Outcomes Family Support/Mentoring	26,326	(26,326)	-
Pathway Fund	30,000	(30,000)	-
BHSCT - Lead Body	41,035	(41,035)	-
Dept of Communities - Education	229,066	(229,066)	-
Department of Communities - Health	35,344	(35,344)	-
Belfast City Council - Internal Works(Capital)	-	(2,500)	(2,500)
Dept For Communities - IT Upgrade	-	(6,359)	(6,359)
HSCB - Small Capital Grant	-	(250)	(250)
Dept For Communities - Capital Build	-	(9,640)	(9,640)
The Executive Office - Contracts	37,581	(38,967)	(1,386)
The Executive Office - Programmes	-	(1,936)	(1,936)
Early Years - CRSF	10,167	(10,167)	-
Ulster Community Fund - Covid-19 Grant	50,000	(50,000)	-
Belfast City Council - Toilet Upgrade	-	(2,910)	(2,910)
The Executive Office - Communities in Transition (Phase 2)	212,828	(212,828)	-
Co-Operation Ireland (PPE Resources)	2,518	(2,518)	-
Arnold Clarke	1,000	(1,000)	-
	<u>1,025,445</u>	<u>(1,050,426)</u>	<u>(24,981)</u>
TOTAL FUNDS	<u><u>1,366,816</u></u>	<u><u>(1,391,096)</u></u>	<u><u>(24,280)</u></u>

Blackie River Community Groups

Notes to the Financial Statements - continued **for the Year Ended 31 March 2023**

15. CONTINGENT LIABILITIES

A contingent liability exists to repay grants received should certain conditions not be fulfilled by the charity.

16. RELATED PARTY DISCLOSURES

There were no related party transactions for the year ended 31 March 2023.

17. POST BALANCE SHEET EVENTS

There were no events after the reporting period therefore no material issues need disclosed.

18. CAPITAL COMMITMENTS

A Company Charge was created on 19th September 2000 between Dept of Social and Churchill House. The Charge consisted of premises comprised in a debenture, Land and Premises at Beechmount Pass Belfast, comprised in a lease made 18th September 2000 between NIHE and Blackie River Community Groups.

19. WINDING UP

Every member of the Company undertakes to contribute to the assets of the Company, in the event of the same being wound up while it is a member, or within one year after it ceases to be a member, for payment of the debts and liabilities of the Company contracted before it ceases to be a member, and of the costs, charges and expenses of winding up, and for the adjustment of the rights of the contributor's among themselves, such amount as may be required not exceeding one pound.

20. SHARE CAPITAL

The Company is Limited by Guarantee and has no Share Capital

21. COVID-19

The trustees continue to monitor the impact of Covid 19. The trustees believe there is no adjusting events to report after the reporting date. The trustees will continue to monitor the situation closely to secure the viability of the organisation.

Blackie River Community Groups

Detailed Statement of Financial Activities **for the Year Ended 31 March 2023**

	31.3.23	31.3.22
	£	£
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS		
Other trading activities		
Management Fee Income	-	15
Daycare Fees	283,095	242,643
Donations	11,400	-
Training Income	55,783	33,970
Divis Joint Development Committee	-	8,450
HMRC -CJRS (SSP)	-	674
Community Response - USDT	-	4,000
DAERA	-	500
Summer Scheme Fees	19,065	10,267
After School Fees	61,125	40,852
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	430,468	341,371
Charitable activities		
Grants	1,015,759	1,025,445
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Total incoming resources	1,446,227	1,366,816
 EXPENDITURE		
Charitable activities		
Wages	723,726	718,921
Social security	45,080	46,037
Pensions	32,792	29,819
Insurance	5,888	5,549
Light and heat	16,001	15,003
Telephone and Internet	5,955	5,255
Printing and Stationery	3,640	3,286
Advertising	1,000	7,685
Staff Training & Development	120	1,100
Travel and Subsistence	4,191	1,645
Repairs and Maintenance	31,479	14,718
Creche Food	8,640	9,521
Direct Programme Costs	426,508	406,807
Affiliation & Membership	3,681	6,287
Surestart Programmes	63,300	29,080
Milk	1,468	19
IT Maintenance & Support	4,319	1,522
Training	3,232	2,704
Carried forward	1,381,020	1,304,958

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Detailed Statement of Financial Activities
for the Year Ended 31 March 2023

	31.3.23	31.3.22
	£	£
Charitable activities		
Brought forward	1,381,020	1,304,958
Equipment Hire	284	284
Education Development	64,133	27,048
Consultancy	10,300	9,500
Health & Safety	2,134	2,003
Depreciation	17,770	24,812
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	1,475,641	1,368,605
 Support costs		
 Governance costs		
Accountancy Fees	2,640	2,582
Audit Fees	1,980	1,980
Bank Fees	3,027	2,936
Water Rates	1,581	1,776
Cleaning & Caretaker	8,654	5,521
Staff Uniforms	4,500	3,945
General Expenses	557	461
Legal & Professional Fees	1,664	3,290
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	24,603	22,491
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Total resources expended	1,500,244	1,391,096
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Net expenditure	(54,017)	(24,280)
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Blackie River Community Groups

Northern Ireland - Charity number 103339

Annual report

Blackie River Community Groups

Report of the Trustees **for the Year Ended 31 March 2023**

The trustees who are also directors of the charity for the purposes of the Companies Act 2006, present their report with the financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31 March 2023. The trustees have adopted the provisions of Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019).

OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

Objectives and aims

Blackie River Community Groups is a registered charity which seeks to empower the residents of the Blackie River by facilitating and developing community development activity which enables them to celebrate their creativity and culture, develop their skills, enhance their self-esteem, play a full and equal role in society, and secure the social and economic regeneration of their area.

Significant activities

The Blackie River Community Groups aims:

To promote the benefit of the inhabitants of the Blackie River area and the environs of the Greater Belfast area (hereinafter described as the "area of benefit") without distinction of age, gender, race, political, religious or other opinion, by association statutory authorities, voluntary organisations and inhabitants in a common effort to advance education, relieve poverty and to provide facilities in the interest of social welfare for recreation and leisure time occupation, with the object of improving the conditions of life for the said inhabitants;

To promote cooperation between local community groups with the object of improving the conditions of life for the inhabitants in the area of benefit.

To promote and coordinate community development by enhancing the local social infrastructure through: support, training and resource provision.

Blackie River Community Groups

Report of the Trustees **for the Year Ended 31 March 2023**

OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

Public benefit

Purpose A

The direct benefit which flows from purpose A includes improved education outcomes reduction in poverty, and to provide facilities in the interest of social welfare for recreation and leisure time occupation, with the object of improving the conditions of life of residents within Blackie River Area (Beechmount ward) and the wider Greater Belfast area. These benefits are evidenced through our programmes, initiatives and services being monitored and evaluated by all participants. The purpose of the charity may lead to the following harm of personal injury through some of our educational programmes, daycare provision and health programme but we can demonstrate that this harm is greatly reduced through our risk management policy and procedures and the benefits to the service users outweigh any of the risks. The charities beneficiaries are the inhabitants of the Beechmount ward, Greater Falls area and the environs of the Greater Belfast Area. The only private benefit flowing from the purpose is the skilling up of staff and the salary which they receive and this is incidental and necessary to run an organisation which operates to the childcare standards, education skills authority, funding requirements.

Purpose B

The direct benefit which flows from purpose B includes promoting cooperation between local community groups with the object of improving the conditions of life for the inhabitants in the area of benefit. These benefits are evidenced through engagement with local residents through surveys, canvasses and questionnaires. It is further evidenced through the participation on local and regional forums and partnerships. The purpose of the charity may lead to the following harm of misrepresenting an individual but we can evidence that all the information which we discuss in forums comes from analysing the data which we have collected. The charities beneficiaries are the inhabitants of the Beechmount ward, Greater Falls area and the environs of the Greater Belfast Area. The only private benefit flowing from the purpose is the skilling up of staff and the salary which they receive and this is incidental and necessary to run an organisation which operates to the childcare standards, education skills authority, funding requirements.

Purpose C

The direct benefit which flows from purpose B includes promoting and coordinate community development by enhancing the local social infrastructure through: support, training and resource provision. These benefits are evidenced through engagement with local residents through surveys, canvasses and questionnaires. The purpose of the charity may lead to the following harm of misrepresenting an individual but we can evidence that all the information which we discuss in forums comes from analysing the data which we have collected. The charities beneficiaries are the inhabitants of the Beechmount ward, Greater Falls area and the environs of the Greater Belfast Area. The only private benefit flowing from the purpose is the skilling up of staff and the salary which they receive and this is incidental and necessary to run an organisation which operates to the childcare standards, education skills authority, funding requirements. Blackie River Community Group works with local residents to ensure that quality and conditions of housing within the local area are up to standard. In the past we successfully lobbied for new housing as there was a substantial amount of houses with outside toilets and environmental issues. We successfully got the area vested and new 21st century housing built. We run a variety of educational classes which both upskills people and also combat social isolation. We have successfully run a level 5 Childcare management course which means that there are now 14 local people who can now manage a day-care setting.

Blackie River Community Groups

Report of the Trustees **for the Year Ended 31 March 2023**

STRATEGIC REPORT

Achievement and performance

Charitable activities

Our charity found itself like many others in difficult financial times this year due to the current Cost of Living Crisis. We have been applying for external funding to alleviate financial pressures which is ongoing. We were eventually successful in lobbying for a financial assistance package from the government which has gone some way to help our situation. While the charity has not yet undertaken any public fundraising initiatives, we have been successful in seeking and receiving grant funding amounting to £1,015,759 for this year ending March 2023. The breakdown of restricted grants funding can be seen on Note 3 of the accounts.

The funding received assisted the charity in continuing with our aims and objectives. offering vital services in our community such as: providing first class affordable child care, supporting child development. providing support to children with additional needs, promoting Community led education through lifelong learning, providing cultural and arts programmes, working on the regeneration of the area and working with our community partners in the Greater Falls Neighbourhood Partnership Area

Reserves Policy

The charity's policy is to retain a level of free reserves, which matches the needs of the organisation both at the current time and in the foreseeable future. The charity has developed a plan to establish and maintain this agreed level of free reserves. The charity will continue to monitor compliance with this policy on a regular basis and the Board will review the appropriateness of the policy annually.

Financial review

The company had net outgoing resources for the year of £54,017 (2022: net outgoing resources of £24,280), which reflected the completion of a number of projects during the year. Unrestricted funds decreased by £38,717, while restricted funds decreased by £24,280.

Blackie River Community Groups

Report of the Trustees **for the Year Ended 31 March 2023**

STRATEGIC REPORT

Future plans

The biggest challenge for us is going to be sustaining ourselves through this current pandemic and the current cost of living crisis. The strategic priority will be sustainability. We aim to continue to improve our business / finance model and community development outcomes, to continue to develop a strong board and to inspire and professionalism to our staff.

In terms of sustainability we have:

1. Secured the third tender for the West Belfast Health & Wellbeing Programme.
2. Sought funding for an extension.
3. Secured planning permission for our car park and are in the process of Vesting the land and securing funding to renovate it.
4. Developing a sustainable energy plan, potential solar and battery energy. For the strategic priority of service deliver
 1. We aim to continue to provide first class services to the
 2. community in the fields of child-care, education, art and culture, health, youth and older services and have secured the status of Centre of excellence.

For the strategic priority of infrastructure: We aim to improve the service available in the Beechmount area by lobbying for the improved facilities.

Examples of this are:

1. The development of St James Farm, The contained lobbying for; the Beechmount Triangle site, the car park and the extension to the Blackie River Community Group.
2. Extra provision of alley gates.
3. Working with the Davitts GAC to provide indoor sports provision.
4. Assisting Willowbank FC with a new 3G pitch.
5. Establishment of a Social Supermarket, delivering food vouchers and wraparound support to 270 families

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

Governing document

The charity is controlled by its governing document, a deed of trust, and constitutes a limited company, limited by guarantee, as defined by the Companies Act 2006.

Governance of the Charity

During the period under review the directors met bi-monthly. Trustees/directors are appointed by nominations made in writing by any existing director. At the General Meeting nominated directors are appointed by election.

Blackie River Community Groups

Report of the Trustees **for the Year Ended 31 March 2023**

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

Risk management

The principles of good governance are embedded within all aspects of Blackie River Community Group Limited operations with management and staff being keenly aware of the Boards responsibility of ensuring that the organisation protects itself from financial exposure and reputational damage, A close working relationship is maintained between the Board and management to ensure that operationally staff are aware of the standards required of them by the Board and the Board are always in a position to provide guidance and support to management in the discharge of their duties. This two way relationship is the key feature of Blackie River Community Group Limited governance arrangements and is a key strength in the company.

A conscientious approach to ensuring that contractual project requirements are achieved has been maintained at all times both in the accounting period being reported on and since Blackie River Community Group Limited establishment. Very tight financial controls on expenditure and all financial commitments are maintained at all times and project staff have been trained and have become experienced in budgetary controls. In both these areas ie Project delivery and financial controls management all staff have established close working relationships with funding organisations to ensure all mandatory standards are consistently achieved. Board representatives also actively engage with funding bodies.

The Board, management and staff are fully aware that the nature of the work in which Blackie River Community Group Limited is involved can bring with it a high level of scrutiny to ensure that all activities are fully compliant with funding requirements and, therefore, beyond reproach. The Board of Blackie River Community Group Limited is, therefore, greatly reassured of the company's compliance with the highest of standards of governance on the basis that all monitoring and evaluation of project delivery demonstrates achievement of all funders objectives and that funders' audits and vouching of financial expenditure and the statutory audit confirm compliance with both probity and regularity in the use of monies received.

EVENTS SINCE THE END OF THE YEAR

Information relating to events since the end of the year is given in the notes to the financial statements.

STATEMENT OF TRUSTEES' RESPONSIBILITIES

The trustees (who are also the directors of Blackie River Community Groups for the purposes of company law) are responsible for preparing the Report of the Trustees and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice) including Financial Reporting Standard 102 "The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland".

Company law requires the trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charitable company and of the incoming resources and application of resources, including the income and expenditure, of the charitable company for that period. In preparing those financial statements, the trustees are required to

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles in the Charity SORP;
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable accounting standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements;
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charitable company will continue in business.

Blackie River Community Groups

Report of the Trustees
for the Year Ended 31 March 2023

STATEMENT OF TRUSTEES' RESPONSIBILITIES - continued

The trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charitable company and to enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Companies Act 2006. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charitable company and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

In so far as the trustees are aware:

- there is no relevant audit information of which the charitable company's auditors are unaware; and
- the trustees have taken all steps that they ought to have taken to make themselves aware of any relevant audit information and to establish that the auditors are aware of that information.

AUDITORS

The auditors, Lynn Drake & Co Ltd, will be proposed for re-appointment at the forthcoming Annual General Meeting.

Report of the trustees, incorporating a strategic report, approved by order of the board of trustees, as the company directors, on 31 October 2023 and signed on the board's behalf by:

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read 'Sean Quinn', is written in black ink.

Sean Quinn - Trustee

Blackie River Community Groups

Northern Ireland - Charity number 103339

Annual return

Report of the Independent Auditors to the Members of Blackie River Community Groups

Opinion

We have audited the financial statements of Blackie River Community Groups (the 'charitable company') for the year ended 31 March 2023 which comprise the Statement of Financial Activities, the Statement of Financial Position, the Statement of Cash Flows and notes to the financial statements, including a summary of significant accounting policies. The financial reporting framework that has been applied in their preparation is applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice), including Financial Reporting Standard 102 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland'.

In our opinion the financial statements:

- give a true and fair view of the state of the charitable company's affairs as at 31 March 2023 and of its incoming resources and application of resources, including its income and expenditure, for the year then ended;
- have been properly prepared in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice, including Financial Reporting Standard 102 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland'; and
- have been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006.

Basis for opinion

We conducted our audit in accordance with International Standards on Auditing (UK) (ISAs (UK)) and applicable law. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditors' responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements section of our report. We are independent of the charitable company in accordance with the ethical requirements that are relevant to our audit of the financial statements in the UK, including the FRC's Ethical Standard, and we have fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with these requirements. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

Conclusions relating to going concern

In auditing the financial statements, we have concluded that the trustees' use of the going concern basis of accounting in the preparation of the financial statements is appropriate.

Based on the work we have performed, we have not identified any material uncertainties relating to events or conditions that, individually or collectively, may cast significant doubt on the charitable company's ability to continue as a going concern for a period of at least twelve months from when the financial statements are authorised for issue.

Our responsibilities and the responsibilities of the trustees with respect to going concern are described in the relevant sections of this report.

Other information

The trustees are responsible for the other information. The other information comprises the information included in the Annual Report, other than the financial statements and our Report of the Independent Auditors thereon.

Our opinion on the financial statements does not cover the other information and, except to the extent otherwise explicitly stated in our report, we do not express any form of assurance conclusion thereon.

In connection with our audit of the financial statements, our responsibility is to read the other information and, in doing so, consider whether the other information is materially inconsistent with the financial statements or our knowledge obtained in the audit or otherwise appears to be materially misstated. If we identify such material inconsistencies or apparent material misstatements, we are required to determine whether this gives rise to a material misstatement in the financial statements themselves. If, based on the work we have performed, we conclude that there is a material misstatement of this other information, we are required to report that fact. We have nothing to report in this regard.

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Opinions on other matters prescribed by the Companies Act 2006

In our opinion, based on the work undertaken in the course of the audit:

- the information given in the Report of the Trustees for the financial year for which the financial statements are prepared is consistent with the financial statements; and
- the Report of the Trustees has been prepared in accordance with applicable legal requirements.

Matters on which we are required to report by exception

In the light of the knowledge and understanding of the charitable company and its environment obtained in the course of the audit, we have not identified material misstatements in the Report of the Trustees.

We have nothing to report in respect of the following matters where the Companies Act 2006 requires us to report to you if, in our opinion:

- adequate accounting records have not been kept or returns adequate for our audit have not been received from branches not visited by us; or
- the financial statements are not in agreement with the accounting records and returns; or
- certain disclosures of trustees' remuneration specified by law are not made; or
- we have not received all the information and explanations we require for our audit.

Responsibilities of trustees

As explained more fully in the Statement of Trustees' Responsibilities, the trustees (who are also the directors of the charitable company for the purposes of company law) are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements and for being satisfied that they give a true and fair view, and for such internal control as the trustees determine is necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the financial statements, the trustees are responsible for assessing the charitable company's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless the trustees either intend to liquidate the charitable company or to cease operations, or have no realistic alternative but to do so.

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Our responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue a Report of the Independent Auditors that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance, but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with ISAs (UK) will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of these financial statements.

The extent to which our procedures are capable of detecting irregularities, including fraud is detailed below:

Irregularities, including fraud, are instances of non-compliance with laws and regulations. We design procedures in line with our responsibilities, outlined above, to detect material misstatements in respect of irregularities, including fraud. In particular, we looked at where management made subjective judgements, for example in respect of accounting estimates that involved making assumptions and considering future events that are inherently uncertain. We also considered potential financial or other pressures, opportunity and motivations for fraud. As part of this discussion, we identified the internal controls established to mitigate risks related to fraud or non-compliance with laws and regulations and how management monitor these processes. Appropriate procedures included the review and testing of manual journals and key estimates and judgements made by management for risk of fraud.

Based on our understanding of the company and industry, we identified the principal risks of non-compliance with laws and regulations as those that have a direct impact on the determination of material amounts and disclosures in the financial statements.

We evaluated management's incentives and opportunities for fraudulent manipulation of the financial statements and identified the greatest potential for fraud. We communicated the identified laws and regulations throughout the audit team and remained alert to any indications of non-compliance throughout the audit. Audit procedures performed included, but were not limited to:

Discussions with management including consideration of known or suspected instances of non-compliance with laws and regulation and fraud;

Reviewing the financial statement disclosures and testing to supporting documentation;

Review of board meeting minutes of those charged with governance;

In addressing the risk of fraud through management override of controls, testing the appropriateness of journal entries and other adjustments;

As part of an audit in accordance with ISAs (UK), we exercise professional judgment and maintain professional scepticism throughout the audit. We also:-

Identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error, design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks, and obtain audit evidence that is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion. The risk of not detecting a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than for one resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control.

Obtain an understanding of internal control relevant to the audit in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the charities internal control.

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Evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates and related disclosures made by the trustees.

Perform analytical procedures to identify any unusual or unexpected relationships that may indicate risks of material misstatement due to fraud or error.

Conclude on the appropriateness of the trustees' use of the going concern basis of accounting and based on the audit evidence obtained, whether a material uncertainty exists related to events or conditions that may cast significant doubt on the charities ability to continue as a going concern. If we conclude that a material uncertainty exists, we are required to draw attention in our auditor's report to the related disclosures in the financial statements or, if such disclosures are inadequate, to modify our opinion. Our conclusions are based on the audit evidence obtained up to the date of our auditor's report. However, future events or conditions may cause the charity to cease to continue as a going concern.


Evaluate the overall presentation, structure, and content of the financial statements, including the disclosures and whether the financial statements represent the underlying transactions and events in a manner that achieves fair presentation.

We communicate with those charged with governance regarding, among other matters, the planned scope and timing of the audit and significant audit findings, including significant deficiencies in internal control that we identify during our audit.

A further description of our responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements is located on the Financial Reporting Council's website at www.frc.org.uk/auditorsresponsibilities. This description forms part of our Report of the Independent Auditors.

Use of our report

This report is made solely to the charitable company's members, as a body, in accordance with Chapter 3 of Part 16 of the Companies Act 2006. Our audit work has been undertaken so that we might state to the charitable company's members those matters we are required to state to them in an auditors' report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, we do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the charitable company and the charitable company's members as a body, for our audit work, for this report or for the opinions we have formed.



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