



Trustees Annual Report 2024

Mazetown Rural Action Collective

Reg No. 103387

1st January 2024

31st December 2024

Purpose

For the advancement of the inhabitants of the Mazetown area, without distinction of age, sex, religion, disability, political, or other opinion. To provide facilities in the interests of social welfare, education, recreation, or other leisure time activities for local inhabitants.

Address

15 Kesh Road Maze, Lisburn, BT27 5RP

Trustees

Harold Turkington

Karen Shields

Eric Hewitt

Ruth Nelson

Philip Nelson

Dennis Watson

Finance

Year ended 31st December 2024

Income **£19,183**

Expenditure **£12,962**

Activities

During the year we held a number of classes and talks. These included classes for cookery, floral art, pumpkin carving and a Christmas floral centre piece. A visit to the Ulster Aviation Centre at Balmoral Park. A community quiz, two-day summer festival, older people's Christmas lunch, Christmas craft fayre, Line Dance social evening, and a Country Concert, was all delivered throughout 2024. All were well supported with the exception of the Craft Fayre. Perhaps it is time to draw a line under this event, going forward.

Other community groups use our premises on a regular basis, such as: RBL, WI, Arts and Lecture Classes.

Looking forward in 2025 - Major repairs: The party wall has been plastered. North facing main roof has been replaced. New staging purchased. All with support from the LCCC DIY and Community Facilities Fund. Still work to be done at the south facing main roof, the porch roof, and re-surfacing the car park.

We are grateful to the community development department, under the leadership of Victoria Jackson, for their support over the past nine years. This support has allowed our group to grow over this time, so making a positive contribution, to the well-being of the wider community here in Mazetown, and the surrounding areas. The support we have received has increased confidence in our group as a whole, and the results can be seen with all the improvements to our facilities.

New kitchen, toilets upgraded, natural gas and solar panels installed, committee room/toilet block re-roofed, sound system, projector and screen installed, along with other smaller improvements.

Public Benefit Requirement

The trustees have all necessary policies and systems in place, such as Conflict of Interest and Safeguarding policies. Quarterly meetings are held and recorded. Regular updates on the financial position are received. Community programmes are held throughout the year for the benefit of all. Regular contact is kept with funding agencies, and local council employees. Training programmes are attended, and information is circulated through FB and WhatsApp.

Year End Financial Position

A reduction in running costs and successful community events contributed to a surplus of £6221, which offset the previous deficit of £2275.

We have current policies in place such as Financial and Anti-Fraud, which are regularly updated.

Funds In deficit

None

Signed: *Dennis Watson*

Trustee

Date: 02.10.2025

Signed: *E Hewitt*

Trustee

Date: 02.10.2025