

Ballymena Garden Club

Northern Ireland · Charity number 103451

Details

Status	Received
Registered	2015-07-31
Register	View on the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland register

Contact

Address 30 Ballygarvey Road
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Activities

Purposes: The Association is established to: 1. Advance education and good practice in horticulture in Ballymena and the surrounding area (hereafter called the 'the area of benefit') and to promote the improvement of horticulture by the holding of horticultural shows, competitions and meetings, lectures, discussions and demonstrations; and 2. To provide facilities in the area of benefit to individuals who have need of such facilities by reason of their youth, age, infirmity or disability, financial hardship or social circumstances with the object of improving their conditions of life.

What the charity does: The advancement of education, The advancement of environmental protection or improvement, The relief of those in need by reason of youth, age, ill-health, disability, financial hardship or other disadvantage

How the charity works: Education/training, Environment/sustainable development/conservation

Who the charity helps: General public

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2024-12-31	£5,865	£4,463	£0	0

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Adeline Cherry		
Anne Orr		
Cecil Quinn		
Elizabeth Boyd		
Elma Holdstock		
Gladys Smyth		
Hugh Keery		
Ian Scroggy		
Irene Cumming		
Judith Orr		
Mrs Daphne Glass		
Mrs Marlene Adams		
Paddy Loughridge		
Pamela Reade		
Rosslind Mcgookin		

Ballymena Garden Club

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Accounts

Charity Name

Charity No.

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Receipts and payments accounts

For the period from		To		
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Section A Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Endowment funds	Total funds	Last year
	to the nearest £	to the nearest £	to the nearest £	to the nearest £	to the nearest £
A1 Receipts					
Memberships	1,265	-	-	1,265	1,070
Donations	193	-	-	193	124
Charitable Activities	3,258	-	-	3,258	2,461
Gift Aid	120	-	-	120	67
Council grants	938	-	-	938	463
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
A1 Sub total (Gross income for the Annual Return)	5,774	-	-	5,774	4,185
A2 Asset and investment sales (see tables 1 and 2 in section 7 of the guidance).					
Interest	91	-	-	91	33
	-	-	-	-	-
A2 Sub total	91	-	-	91	33
Total receipts	5,865	-	-	5,865	4,218
A3 Payments					
Charitable Activities	4,213	-	-	4,213	3,019
Governance Costs	250	-	-	250	235
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
A3 Sub total	4,463	-	-	4,463	3,254
A4 Asset and investment purchases (see tables 1 and 2 in section 7 of the guidance)					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
A4 Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total payments	4,463	-	-	4,463	3,254
Net of receipts/(payments)	1,402	-	-	1,402	964
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	8,929	-	-	8,929	7,965
Cash funds this year end	10,331	-	-	10,331	8,929

Section B Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the period

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £	Total funds to nearest £	Last year to nearest £
B1 Cash funds	Cash funds	70	-	-	70	119
	Ulster Bank	6,718	-	-	6,718	5,357
	Progressive Building Society	3,543	-	-	3,543	3,453
	Total cash funds	10,331	-	-	10,331	8,929
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	OK	OK	OK	OK	OK

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £	Total funds to nearest £	Last year to nearest £
B2 Other monetary assets		-	-	-	-	-
		-	-	-	-	-
		-	-	-	-	-
		-	-	-	-	-
		-	-	-	-	-
	Total	-	-	-	-	-

Categories	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)	Last year
B3 Investment assets			-	-	-
			-	-	-
			-	-	-
			-	-	-
	Total		-	-	-

Categories	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)	Last year
B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use	Trophies		-	-	-
	Computer Laptop		-	-	-
			-	-	-
			-	-	-
			-	-	-
		Total		-	-

Categories	Details	Fund to which liability relates	When due (optional)	Amount due (optional)	Last year
B5 Liabilities				-	-
				-	-
				-	-
				-	-
	Total			-	-

Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees

Signature

Hugh Kenny
Colin Quinn

Print Name

Hugh Kenny
Colin Quinn

Date of approval

13/1/25
13/1/25

Ballymena Garden Club

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Accounts

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Receipts and payments accounts

For the period from	01 Jan 2023	To	31 Dec 2023	
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Section A Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds to the nearest £	Restricted funds to the nearest £	Endowment funds to the nearest £	Total funds to the nearest £	Last year to the nearest £
A1 Receipts					
Memberships	1,070	-	-	1,070	610
Donations	124	-	-	124	75
Charitable Activities	2,461	-	-	2,461	347
Gift-Aid	67	-	-	67	-
Conncil Grants	463	-	-	463	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
A1 Sub total (Gross income for the Annual Return)	4,185	-	-	4,185	1,032
A2 Asset and investment sales (see tables 1 and 2 in section 7 of the guidance).					
Interest	33	-	-	33	4
	-	-	-	-	-
A2 Sub total	33	-	-	33	4
Total receipts	4,218	-	-	4,218	1,036
A3 Payments					
Charitable Activities	3,019	-	-	3,019	773
Goverance Costs	235	-	-	235	180
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
A3 Sub total	3,254	-	-	3,254	953
A4 Asset and investment purchases (see tables 1 and 2 in section 7 of the guidance)					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
A4 Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total payments	3,254	-	-	3,254	953
Net of receipts/(payments)	964	-	-	964	83
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	7,965	-	-	7,965	7,882
Cash funds this year end	8,929	-	-	8,929	7,965

Section B Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the period

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £	Total funds to nearest £	Last year to nearest £
B1 Cash funds	Ulster Bank	5,357	-	-	5,357	4,472
	Progressive Building Society	3,453	-	-	3,453	3,420
	Cash	119	-	-	119	73
	Total cash funds	8,929	-	-	8,929	7,965
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	OK	OK	OK	OK	OK

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £	Total funds to nearest £	Last year to nearest £
B2 Other monetary assets		-	-	-	-	-
		-	-	-	-	-
		-	-	-	-	-
		-	-	-	-	-
	Total	-	-	-	-	-

Categories	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)	Last year
B3 Investment assets			-	-	-
			-	-	-
			-	-	-
			-	-	-
	Total		-	-	-

Categories	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)	Last year
B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use	Trophies		-	-	-
	Computer laptop		-	-	-
			-	-	-
			-	-	-
			-	-	-
	Total		-	-	-

Categories	Details	Fund to which liability relates	When due (optional)	Amount due (optional)	Last year
B5 Liabilities				-	-
				-	-
				-	-
				-	-
	Total			-	-

Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees

Signature

Cecil Quinn
Hugh Keery

Print Name

Cecil Quinn
Hugh Keery

Date of approval

15th Mar 2024
15th Mar 2024

Ballymena Garden Club

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Annual report

BALLYMENA GARDEN CLUB

Northern Ireland Charity Number: 103451

TRUSTEES' ANNUAL REPORT

01 January 2023 to 31 December 2023

Contact address

Mr Hugh Keery
30 Ballygarvey Road Ballymena
Co Antrim
BT43 7HB

Charity trustees

Mrs Elizabeth Boyd, Mrs Adeline Cherry, Mrs Irene Cumming BEM, Mr Hugh Keery, Mrs Elma Holdstock, Miss Linda Crawford, Mrs Paddy Loughridge, Mrs Rosslind McGookin, Mrs Anne Orr, Mrs Judith Orr, Mr Cecil Quinn (Chairman), Mrs Pamela Reade, Mr Ian Scroggy, Mrs Gladys Smyth OBE.

Trustees have had regard to the Commission's Public Benefit requirement statutory guidance when devising a programme of activities which have helped to achieve the Club's purposes and provide a benefit to the beneficiaries.

Governing document

The Club is governed by its Constitution as adopted on 2nd February 2009 by members in Annual General Meeting.

Purposes

The Club is established to:

1. Advance education and good practice in horticulture in Ballymena and the surrounding area (hereafter called the 'the area of benefit') and to promote the improvement of horticulture by the holding of horticultural shows, competitions and meetings, lectures, discussions and demonstrations; and
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Main activities in support of the Club's purposes

February: Annual General Meeting followed by horticultural quiz designed to help members to get to know each other.

March: "Organic Gardening"; a talk by Norman Rowe from Limavady where he works a small organic smallholding.

April: 93rd Annual Spring Show in Broughshane Community Centre. This is the Club's major event of the year, open to members and the public for exhibiting and for viewing. There is an outreach to Women's Institutes and Schools who are encouraged to exhibit. The Show acts as an educational and promotional vehicle for the Club.

May: Afternoon/evening visit to Drenagh Estate, Limavady. Drenagh House sits within an old 1,000-acre estate, surrounded by beautiful gardens and parkland, in the valley of the river Roe.

July: Afternoon/evening visit to Beechmount House Garden near Ballyclare, a large country garden on all sides of the house with herbaceous plants, mixed shrub borders and trees. Lawns and a large elevated rockery offer stunning views of the surrounding Co. Antrim countryside.

August: Day Tour by coach to Visit Tattykeel House Garden, Omagh, a country garden of approximately 1½ acres created over a 30-year period, planted with conifers, shrubs, roses and perennials.

October: "Antrim Castle Gardens"; a talk by Caroline Cushenan, a club member, who works in the gardens. After outlining the history of the estate, Caroline described how the gardens were restored to their present state.

November: "Flower Farming"; a talk by Angharad Maxwell who gave up a career as a NHS physiotherapist to establish Hilltop Flowers which grows cut flowers organically for sale directly to the public and to florists,

December: Christmas social event held in Ballymena Bowling Club premises. A light supper was followed by entertainment provided by Colin Urwin, storyteller and singer from Glenarm.

Operation and activities of the Club post COVID-19

Given the age profile of the membership, it transpired that we lost a few senior members during this period through death or age-related problems. However, since opening up fully in July 2022 membership has increased to pre-COVID-19 numbers.

How activities have provided a benefit to its beneficiaries

(The beneficiaries are members of the Club and their friends, together with members of the general public who attend, read or hear about the Club's public events such as flower shows and public lectures.)

The varied programme of activities has provided a range of educational and social benefits to members, their friends and the general public.

The programme of talks has enhanced members' horticultural knowledge which hopefully will translate into general environmental improvements in private and public spaces. Non-members may attend talks on payment of a small charge.

Meetings and garden visits enable members to socialise with each other and with the public. This is especially important in a Club where the majority of members are seniors, some of whom have mobility problems or who are socially isolated through lack of public transport or inability to drive.

Publicity for the Club's events obtained through the local press, radio announcements and Facebook help to raise the public profile of the Club.

Club members utilise their horticultural knowledge to contribute as members or officials of local community groups.

Club members occasionally are invited to speak on horticultural topics to community groups.

The Club is represented on the Broughshane and District Community Association's committee through which it can interact with the other 34 affiliated groups in the catchment area. It also participates along with other affiliated groups in community initiatives and events.

Private benefit incidental to public benefit

There has been no private benefit incidental to the provision of public benefit.

Review of the Club's financial position as at 31st December 2023

As Club's accounts for the period demonstrate, sufficient reserves exist to meet anticipated regular expenditure. No funds held by Ballymena Garden Club were materially in deficit at the end of the year.

Signed

Cecil Quinn

Cecil Quinn (Chairman)

Date

14/02/2024

Hugh Keery

Hugh Keery (Treasurer)

14/02/2024

Ballymena Garden Club

Northern Ireland - Charity number 103451

Annual return

Independent examiner's report to the charity trustees of Ballymena Garden Club

I report on the accounts of Ballymena Garden Club for the year ended 31st December 2023, which are set out on the attached pages 1-2.

Respective responsibilities of charity trustees and examiner

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

It is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under section 65 of the Charities Act
- follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Commission under section 65(9)(b) of the Charities Act
- state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of independent examiner's report

I have examined your charity accounts as required under section 65 of the Charities Act and my examination was carried out in accordance with the general Directions given by the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland under section 65(9)(b) of the Charities Act.

My examination included a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also included consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from you as charity trustees concerning any such matters.

My role is to state whether any material matters have come to my attention giving me cause to believe:

1. That accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 63 of the Charities Act
2. That the accounts do not accord with those accounting records
3. That the accounts do not comply with the accounting requirements of the Charities Act
4. That there is further information needed for a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Independent examiner's statement

I have completed my examination and have no concerns in respect of the matters (1) to (4) listed above and, in connection with following the Directions of the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland, I have found no matters that require drawing to your attention.



Ian Johnston
Stevenson and Wilson
Chartered Accountants
Date 15th March 2024

22-30 Broadway Avenue
Ballymena
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Ballymena Garden Club

Northern Ireland - Charity number 103451

Accounts

Charity Name

Charity No.

Ballymena Garden Clubs

103451

Receipts and payments accounts

For the period from	1st JAN 2022	To	31st DEC 2022
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Section A Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds to the nearest £	Restricted funds to the nearest £	Endowment funds to the nearest £	Total funds to the nearest £	Last year to the nearest £
A1 Receipts					
Membership	610	-	-	610	10
Donations	75	-	-	75	-
Charitable Activities	347	-	-	347	52
Council Grants	-	-	-	-	969
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
A1 Sub total (Gross income for the Annual Return)	1,032	-	-	1,032	1,031
A2 Asset and investment sales (see tables 1 and 2 in section 7 of the guidance).					
Interest	4	-	-	4	3
	-	-	-	-	-
A2 Sub total	4	-	-	4	3
Total receipts	1,036	-	-	1,036	1,034
A3 Payments					
Charitable Activities	773	-	-	773	250
Governance Costs	180	-	-	180	180
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
A3 Sub total	953	-	-	953	430
A4 Asset and investment purchases (see tables 1 and 2 in section 7 of the guidance)					
Computer	-	-	-	-	760
	-	-	-	-	-
A4 Sub total	-	-	-	-	760
Total payments	953	-	-	953	1,190
Net of receipts/(payments)	83	-	-	83	- 156
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	7,882	-	-	7,882	8,038
Cash funds this year end	7,965	-	-	7,965	7,882

Section B Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the period

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £	Total funds to nearest £	Last year to nearest £
B1 Cash funds	Ulster Bank	4,472	-	-	4,472	4,393
	Progressive Building Society	3,420	-	-	3,420	3,416
	Cash	73	-	-	73	73
	Total cash funds	7,965	-	-	7,965	7,882
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	OK	OK	OK	OK	OK

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £	Total funds to nearest £	Last year to nearest £
B2 Other monetary assets		-	-	-	-	-
		-	-	-	-	-
		-	-	-	-	-
		-	-	-	-	-
		-	-	-	-	-
	Total	-	-	-	-	-

Categories	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)	Last year
B3 Investment assets			-	-	-
			-	-	-
			-	-	-
			-	-	-
	Total		-	-	-

Categories	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)	Last year
B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use	Trophies		-	-	-
	Computer - Laptop		-	-	-
			-	-	-
			-	-	-
			-	-	-
			-	-	-
	Total		-	-	-

Categories	Details	Fund to which liability relates	When due (optional)	Amount due (optional)	Last year
B5 Liabilities				-	-
				-	-
				-	-
				-	-
				-	-
	Total			-	-

Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees

Signature


Print Name

Hugh Keery
C Quinn

Date of approval

30th Jan 2023
30th Jan 2023

Ballymena Garden Club

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Annual report

BALLYMENA GARDEN CLUB

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Main activities in support of the Club's purposes

July: Visit to Dr Tricia & Dr Mike Colohan's garden in Ballycastle

This was the first opportunity for members to meet as a group since the outbreak of COVID-19 in March 2020. Members appreciated the educational and social aspects of the visit.

August: Visit to James Burnside's garden in Upperlands

As a floral art speaker, judge and demonstrator, James pointed out that the plants in his garden provide the material for his floral art work.

October: Annual General Meeting followed by a talk "Japanese Gardens"; a talk by Ciaran Mulholland, a lecturer at Greenmount College who contrasted the Japanese style of garden design with the Western European style. A plant and book sale was well supported by attendees.

November: "Succession Gardening for a Year-round Garden"; a talk by Adrian Walsh who was "BBC Gardener of the Year" in 2001. Adrian demonstrated by PowerPoint slides of his garden that, with some forethought, one could provide something of interest in every month of the year.

December: Christmas social event held in Ballymena Bowling Club premises. A light supper was followed by musical items provided by the Loughridge family

How COVID-19 has affected the operation and activities of the Club

Taking into account the age profile of members, no group meetings were organised in the winter and spring of 2022 due to the prevalence of COVID-19. To keep members updated a Winter Newsletter was issued in February 2022.

After a long break since the outbreak of COVID-19 in March 2020 we were uncertain as to the recovery of membership. Given the age profile of the membership it transpired that we lost a few senior members during this period but were delighted to welcome nine new members.

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Review of the Club's financial position as at 31st December 2022

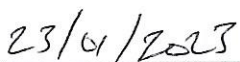
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Signed

Date

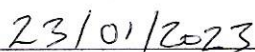


Cecil Quinn (Chairman)





Hugh Keery (Treasurer)



Ballymena Garden Club

Northern Ireland - Charity number 103451

Annual return

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- follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Commission under section 65(9)(b) of the Charities Act
- state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of independent examiner's report

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Jan Johnston