

**Cushendun Building Preservation Trust**  
**Company limited by guarantee**

**Trustees' annual report (incorporating the director's report)**  
**Year ended 31 March 2024**

The trustees, who are also the directors for the purpose of company law, present their report and the unaudited financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31 March 2024.

**Reference and administrative details**

**Registered charity name**      Cushendun Building Preservation Trust

**Charity registration number**      103472

**Company registration number**      NI066318

**Principal office and registered office**      The Old Church Centre  
1 Church Lane  
Cushendun  
Co. Antrim  
BT44 0PS

**Business address**      The Old Church Centre  
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**Trustees and directors**

The trustees and directors who served the company during the year were as follows:

Fiona Lynch	
Maria McAllister	
James Skivington	
Frances Swail	(Resigned 23 November 2023)
Gerard Anthony Swail	(Resigned 23 November 2023)
Jude McNeill	
Julie Antonette Kinsella	
Paul O'Hara	(Resigned 23 November 2023)
Philippa Katharine English	(Resigned 12 May 2023)
Seana Frances McSparran	
Anthony Kennedy	(Treasurer)
Claire McKeegan	(Appointed 11 October 2023)
Shirley Maria McAuley	(Appointed 23 November 2023)
Caroline Anne Quinn	(Appointed 23 November 2023)
Clare McKay	(Appointed 23 November 2023)
William Colvin	(Director and company Secretary)

**Accountants**

Park McKillop and Company  
51 Springwell Street  
Ballymena  
Co. Antrim  
BT43 6AT

**Structure, governance and management**

The Cushendun Building Preservation Trust is managed by a Board of Directors/Trustees responsible for general administration and governance. Following a governance review by Blue Moss Consultants in early 2021, an updated Memorandum and Articles of Association were adopted at the 2021 AGM on 7 November 2021. The full Board meets monthly for oversight, while office bearers meet weekly for day-to-day management. During the year the Board commissioned Blue Moss to undertake an independent evaluation report to consider progress and possible future developments. The recommendations of this report have been considered and are informing our future plans.

**Objectives and activities**

The primary objective of the Trust is to preserve the historic, architectural, and constructional heritage in and around Cushendun for the benefit of the local community and the nation. This includes managing The Old Church Centre to promote heritage, art, and community benefits, and co-operating with other local and regional groups in working towards our objectives.

**Staffing**

Rosemary Farrell the Administrator resigned in May 2023 and was not replaced. Throughout the year the team comprised Steven Byrne (Visitor and Centre Coordinator) and Seana McSparran (Marketing and Programme Officer).

**Public benefit statement**



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In setting our objectives and activities, the trustees have adhered to the Charities Commission for Northern Ireland's guidance on public benefit to ensure our activities align with our purposes and benefit our beneficiaries.

**Statement of compliance**

In setting out our objectives and carrying out our activities for the year the trustees have given careful consideration to the Charities Commission for Northern Ireland's guidance on public benefit in order to ensure that the activities undertaken have helped the Cushendun Building Preservation Trust achieve its purposes as set out in the Memorandum and that it has provided a benefit to its beneficiaries.

**Achievements and performance**

The Cushendun Old Church Centre is proving to be a well used community resource

**Key Events:**

- Weekly groups such as Cushendun Painting for Pleasure Group, Cushendun Reading Circle, Whist evenings, and Yoga classes.
- Tuesday get-togethers for the elderly.
- Art Exhibitions
- Workshops
- High-profile events, including Brian Kennedy, a Murder Mystery night, and c21 Theatre workshops.
- Various events for Culture Month and the Cushendun Big Arts Weekend.

**Financial review**

The Old Church Centre's activities have been popular, with numerous events generating footfall and revenue. These events are crucial for meeting the core running costs of the Centre but also necessitate additional staffing. We continue to explore ways of generating additional funding for the Centre.

Acknowledgments: Thanks to the committee members, volunteers, and funders including the National Heritage Lottery Fund and Causeway Coast and Glens Borough Council. The Centre is becoming increasingly active, which places more demands on our management systems, volunteers, and committee.

**Small company provisions**

This report has been prepared in accordance with the provisions applicable to companies entitled to the small companies exemption.

This report was approved by the board of directors on 2 November 2024 and signed on behalf of the board by:



Anthony Kennedy  
Trustee