

Causeway Talking News

Northern Ireland · Charity number 103499

Details

Known as Talking News

Status Received

Registered 2016-01-25

Register [View on the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland register](#)

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Activities

Purposes: The Object of the Association is to relieve blind or partially sighted people or those labouring under some temporary or permanent incapacity or disability which makes reading a strain, by the provision of news and other information via audio recordings or digital transmissions together with the discretionary provision of equipment considered necessary to use such transcriptions.

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

How the charity works: Advice/advocacy/information, Community development, Disability

Who the charity helps: Mental health, Older people, Physical disabilities, Sensory disabilities

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees	
2025-09-30		£475	£535	£0	0
2024-09-30		£155	£1,001	£0	0

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Alwyn Hayes		
Barry Williamson		
David Barnes		
David Terrett		
John Cuning		
Julie Russell		
Maureen Mcclean		
Ruth Elliott		
Sharman Wilson		

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Accounts

Coleraine and District Talking News

Income and Expenditure Account
for the year ended 30th September 2025

<u>Income</u>		
Bank Interest	62.46	
Donations	110.00	
Grants- ATNNI	<u>303.00</u>	475.46
<u>Expenditure</u>		
CDs	350.36	
Duplicator	101.65	
Bank Fees	33.10	
Associated Membership ATNNI	20.00	
Gift Voucher - Independent Examiner	<u>30.00</u>	<u>535.11</u>
<u>Deficit for the Year</u>		-59.65

Bank and Savings Accounts

Danske Bank Current Account	1356.95
Instant Accesst Account	867.13
NS&I Investment Account	<u>4729.91</u>
Total Bank and Investment Accounts	6953.99

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Income and Expenditure Account
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Income

Bank Interest	47.45	
Donations	40.00	
Collection Boxes	<u>68.03</u>	155.48

Expenditure

Newspapers and Magazines	321.88	
Contributors	240.00	
Laptop	207.99	
Flowers	53.00	
Miscellaneous	45.00	
Refreshments	34.70	
Bank Fees	33.85	
Associated Membership ATNNI	20.00	
Keys	16.50	
CD player	15.99	
Stationery	<u>12.50</u>	<u>1001.41</u>

Defecit for the Year -845.93

Bank and Savings Accounts

Danske Bank Current Account	1477.67
Instant Accesst Account	853.02
NS&I Investment Account	<u>4682.95</u>

Total Bank and Investment Accounts 7013.64

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<u>Income</u>		
Bank Interest	7.42	
Grant - TBF Thompson	500.00	
Grant - Causeway Coast and Glens Borough Council	500.00	
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<u>Expenditure</u>		
Bank Fees	32.35	
Headphones	101.99	
Magazines	299.40	
Newspapers	98.20	
Keys	34.14	
Refreshments	75.00	
Sundry	1.32	
Office	6.60	
Stamps	10.20	
Associated Membership ATNNI	20.00	
Freeepost Wallets	<u>499.20</u>	<u>1178.40</u>
<u>Profit for the Year</u>		329.02
Bank and Savings Accounts		
Danske Bank Current Account		2369.06
Instant Accesst Account		843.51
NS&I Investment Account		<u>4647.00</u>
Total Bank and Investment Accounts		7859.57

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Annual report

Trustees Report 2022 - 23 Coleraine & District Talking News
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Introduction

The Coleraine & District Talking News has for 46 years been providing a free audio service to those in our community who have a range of visual impairments. This year we have once again produced on CD 49 weekly 80-minute audio programmes of local community news, useful information on disabilities, items of historical interest, quizzes, humour and music. We aim, in the best tradition of public service, to entertain, educate and inform. We cover the length and breadth of the borough and beyond.

Current listenership.....60

This figure fluctuates annually and throughout the year due to bereavements, relocation etc. Covid affected our listenership significantly with our numbers halving over the course of those two years. However, our service is hugely appreciated by our listeners with whom we continue to maintain a strong personal connection with weekly name checks, birthday greetings and wedding special anniversary congratulations.

Committee.....7 Volunteers.....18 Frequency.....weekly

Trustees

Barry Williamson (Chairperson)	Sharman Wilson (Secretary)
Mary Ellard (Treasurer)	Julie Russell
Maureen McLean	David Terrett
John Cunning (Listener Representative)	

Honorary President

David Barnes

We lost two much esteemed committee members – Stan Lightowler MBE passed away and Elaine Lynch relocated.

We wish to thank our team of loyal reliable volunteer reading teams who turn up every week and whose input is invaluable.

Core Activity / Public Benefit

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We continue to fulfil our key purpose as stated above. This work has contributed directly to our listeners' ability to take part more fully in local activities and to keep them informed of events relevant to them, thus providing a social outlet to those who might otherwise be isolated from their local community.

Libraries NI duplicates from our master CD and, using the free service provided by Royal Mail, sends out individual CDs to each listener on a weekly basis. Our sincere thanks go to both these organisations for their invaluable help and continued commitment.

There are currently seven Talking Newspapers operating in Northern Ireland with one uploading directly to British Wireless for The Blind website. They are: Ards, Armagh, Coleraine, Craigavon, Fermanagh, Mid Ulster and Omagh.

Finances

It is important to recognise that, while our expenditure is reasonably stable, our income is totally dependent on grants and gifts. Our thanks to Causeway Coast & Glens Borough Council whose Social Inclusion Grant provides us with essential funding. The committee continue to research and pursue a variety of funding sources which resulted in a generous donation from Garvagh's TBF Trust. We are happy to report that this year we surpassed our goal of covering our core expenses, ending the year with an operating profit of £329. This was a welcome improvement on the previous year which saw a small loss of £48.

Equipment

We maintain a supply of CDs and Freepost Wallets with Libraries NI in Ballymena. We encountered no technical problems this year and continue to monitor this aspect of our work.

Location

We had to move premises in 2021, due to the sale of the RNIB building in Coleraine where we had been based for many years. Thankfully, Laurel Hill Men's Shed in Coleraine came to our rescue and our studio has been established there for two years now.

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Independent Examiner's Statement

I have completed my examination of the accounts for the year ended 30 September 2023. I have no concerns in respect of the following:

1. That accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 53 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.

I have found no matters that require drawing to your attention.

Name: Alwyn Hayes

Address: 58 Station Road, Garvagh, Coleraine BT51 5LA

Signature of Independent Examiner: _____



Date _____

13/8/24

Apart from two bank accounts and one investment account, this charity has no other assets or liabilities.

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COLERAINE & DISTRICT TALKING NEWS
 RECEIPTS & PAYMENTS ACCOUNT
 FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30th SEPTEMBER 2018

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	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total 2018 Funds	Total 2017 Funds
RECEIPTS				
DONATIONS	3,181	-	3,181	551
INTEREST	24	-	24	30
CAUSEWAY COAST & GLENS	-	-	-	500
MISCELLANEOUS	-	-	-	25
TOTAL RECEIPTS	3,205	-	3,205	1,106
PAYMENTS				
INTEREST	24	-	24	27
CD'S	692	-	692	685
STATIONERY & POSTAGE	564	-	564	68
MEMBERSHIP FEES	120	-	120	120
REPAIRS & MAINTENANCE	260	-	260	94
MISCELLANEOUS	111	-	111	121
TOTAL PAYMENTS	1,771	-	1,771	1,115
NET RECEIPTS/(PAYMENTS)	1,434	-	1,434	9
CASH FUNDS LAST YEAR END	5,876	-	5,876	5,885
CASH FUNDS THIS YEAR END	7,310	-	7,310	5,876

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Trustees Report 2017 - 18
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Introduction

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Committee.....9 Volunteers.....21 Frequency.....weekly

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Finances

It is important to recognise that, while our expenditure is reasonably stable, our income is totally dependent on the flow of grants and gifts. The committee continue to research and pursue a variety of funding sources and we are happy to report that this year we surpassed our goal of covering our core expenses, ending the year with an operating profit of £1434. This was a welcome improvement on last year when we had an operating loss of £9.

Equipment

We maintain a supply of CDs with Libraries NI in Ballymena and will be purchasing a new supply in the coming year. We encountered no technical problems this year and continue to monitor this important aspect of our work.

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INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF COLERAINE & DISTRICT TALKING NEWS

I report on the accounts of the Trust for the year ended 30 September 2018

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.



Paul A. Taylor & Company
Chartered Accountants
Unit 4
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Date: 9/9/19