

Martin's Lane Area Community Association

Northern Ireland · Charity number 103596

Details

Status Overdue

Registered 2015-08-03

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

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Activities

Purposes: The objects of the Martin's Lane Community Association are: To promote the benefit of the inhabitants of Martins Lane, Altnaveigh Park and Castlekeele and its immediate environs without distinction of age, sex, race, political or religious or other opinions, by associating the statutory authorities, voluntary organisations, institutions, business and inhabitants in a common effort to advance education and to provide facilities in the interests of social welfare for health, recreation and leisure time activities, with the object of improving conditions of life for the inhabitants.

What the charity does: The advancement of citizenship or community development

How the charity works: Community development

Who the charity helps: Specific areas of deprivation

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2024-03-31	£15,370	£19,041	£0	0

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Fiona Brothers		
Francine Ruddy		
Frank Ruddy		
Laura Toman		
Maureen Ruddy		

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N.M.D.C. Funding 1,600 pounds

16/8/23	Community Tribal drummer	632-50	
27/8/23	Fun day Boney Castlehire	700-00	
27/8/23	DJ Robbie (music)	200-00	
27/8/23	D.C. Face painting	150-00	
	Total	1682-50	received 1600
		Unreserve paid	82-50

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Due to lack of funding the following were paid
 by Martins Lane unreserved accounts

17/7/23	Sheepridge bowling for 11-15 yr olds including Road + refreshments	699.90
12/8/23	Keegans Bar/restaurant older people meal before going to theatre	500.00
12/8/23	Market place theatre show	336.00
15/8/23	The Rink Roller Skating Kids	245.00
27/8/23	Kidz Play bus - funday	200.00
27/8/23	Molly donuts - funday	100.00
9/10/23	Buses for Summer Rink + Sheepridge	490.00
19/10/23	Buses to Carling Road	380.00
9/10/23	2 Halloween trips (1 Kids) (2 teenagers)	1092.45
5/12/23	Selection boxes + refreshment	160.00
7/12/23	Trip to Cinema + meet Santa	319.90
26/3/24	Teenage girls make up + skin care session	810.00
28/3/24	Kids pyjama Party in Peter Pan (2 cheques)	374.90
28/3/24	Bus to Peter Pan world. (free)	0.00
4/3/23	Microsoft Word + Refreshments for flower arranging	82.00
		Total 5789.25

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John Moores Grant £3,500 - New Sandham
~~Reservations~~

30th May - Coffee evening for older people
 Form and name group 30 in attendance

30th May Food + Refreshment 82-00

23rd July Bus to sheepridge (Bowling) 140-00

2th August Bus to Armagh (shop) 320-00

6th Nov Canal Court xmas dinner 600-00

7/12 flower arranging by dutch flower girl Deposit - Balance

Total 250-00

250-00

Total 500-00

March 24 Easter flower arranging 600-00

Spent Total 2242-00

Grant was expended into June 24.

8th June Bus - 350-00 350-00

8th June Theatre tickets \$98-00 598-00

Total 3190

Balance 210 Martins
 → Lane Reserves

MARTINS LANE AREA COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

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Education Authority grant £500

April	Cinema trip.	329
	Bus to sheepridge	£140.00
	Water for attendees	31.00
		Total 500

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April 2022 - March 23

S.H.S.C.T.

growing project with older people 11/3/2022

Total granted £600.00 Trip to An Tobair for older people

an tobair 27/4/22 560.00 + 40 towards bus.

Paid 5/7/22

Slow Cooker Vouchers 100.00 Finished

N.R. Running Costs April 2022 - March 2023.

* Send Sean Bank Pass at end of year.				
	Accountant fees	180 00		
April	Ecclesiastical	72 80		
May	Ecclesiastical	72 80		
June	Ecclesiastical	72 80		
Site	Venue hire (school)	415 00	* Sean	
Site	School membership			
Site	Bank of Ireland	15 00		
Site	Affiliation fees	20 00		
	Total.	654 40	654 40	Our Spend 338 40.
				Total Spend 334 40
July	Ecclesiastical	72 80		
Aug	Ecclesiastical	72 80		
Sept	Ecclesiastical	77 87		
July	Venue hire Summer scheme	90 00		
	Accounts McCann P. McTaggart	180 00		
	Venue hire P. McTaggart	128 00		
	Total.	621 47		
Oct	Ecclesiastical	77 69		
Nov	Ecclesiastical	77 69		
Dec	Ecclesiastical	77 69		
	Total	233 07		
Jan	Ecclesiastical	77 69		
Feb	Ecclesiastical	77 69		
March	Ecclesiastical	77 69		
	St Malachy's school	470 00		
	for Venue hire for			
	Health sub group programme			
	Marina's Lane school	163 00		
		990 00		
				Total Expenditure 1643 07
				Yearly expenditure 3332 01

Council grants April 2022 - March 2023

Grant number 2778 Grant name Community Summer Scheme
 week long multi sports activities.
 grant awarded Facilitator 750.00
 refreshment 250.00
 We asked for more people

Cancelled:

Grant number 2781 Grant name Community events + Festivals
 2000 awarded: Community tribal drummers 500
 medals trophies + Rewards £150
 Community celebration day Inflatables £1000
 Refreshment + entertainment
 Refreshments throughout festival £350

✓	Maryland fund day	100.00
✓	SP Bognor Centre's	800.00
✓	Rock Harbison Music	160.00
✓	Don't let a ball face rain	100.00
✓	medals trophies	150.00
✓	Drummers	500.00
	Refreshment	90.00
		2600.00

Council products bank £1500 14 Oct 2022 disallowed 500.

Awards For all Community Fund. 2022/23 10-000.

Date	Activity or Trip.	Spend	Balance.
13/7/22	omni plex Newry 50 kids attended Movie.	339-00	9,661-00
16/7/22	Trip to Fort Evergreen 50 kids.	400-00	9,261-00
25/7/22	Trip to the Rink rollerskating	240-00	9,021-00
27/7/22	Peter Pan Party + supper @ Peter Pan world + Baden	486-90	8,534-10
1/8/22	Trip to Armagh Planetarium. 50 kids.	269-50	8,264-60
10/8/22	Trip to Ulster American Folk Park older people	133-95	8130-60
10/8/22	Dinner for older people Jolly's omagh	154-60	7976-00
25/8/22	Back to school trip to art centre	550-00	7426-00

Buses for trips

Part funded bus to Cromlin Rd older peoples trip
 Part funded bus to jungle in Money more.

Buses for July.

Fort Evergreen 350-00

The Rink 350-00

Peter Pan 350-00

Cromlin Rd 400-00

1450

1450-00 5726-50

Ant tubusea garden older people

Buses for August 150-00

planetarium 400-00

Folk Park 500-00

Jungle N.I. 500-00

Art centre 500-00

1950-00

2050-00 3826-50

150-00

Buses total July + August 3,200-00

3,676-50

older peoples smart lunch 600-00

3,076-50

Smart lunch jungle N.I. 2700-00

316-50

Buses to jungle N.I. 900-00

100-00

deficit 523-50

Paid by SA + Martin

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Annual report

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Trustees Annual Report

1st April 2022 to 31st March 2023

NIC: 103596



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Charity Trustees as of 31st March 2023

Mrs Maureen Ruddy (Chairperson)

Mrs Linda Devlin (Secretary)

Ms Francine Ruddy (Treasurer)

Ms Michelle Kennedy – retired during the year.

Mrs Fiona Brothers

Mrs Deborah Mc Shane – retired during the year.

Miss Aimee-Lee Mc Shane – retired during the year.

Mr Frank Ruddy

Mr Paul Byrne – retired during the year.

Mrs Ciara Byrne

Mrs Laura Toman

Note: No other Charity Trustees in the Year to 31st March 2023

Accountant / Independent Examiner

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Chairpersons Report

This year has been a challenging year for our Charity with highs and lows, funding remains as difficult as ever, however, we were lucky to have a healthy bank balance at the start of this reporting period due to funding awarded in the previous financial year and this meant we were able to deliver an amazing range of opportunities to benefit our community.

This year we lost the services of some valued committee members due to family and work commitments; on the plus side we gained some new volunteers who proved to be invaluable to us in the running of all our activities.

This year we seen the formation of our Older Peoples group, who have named themselves 'Never Say Never' and they have proven to be quite a dynamic group with 30+ members and growing all the time. We applied to the John Moore's Foundation for funding to get the group up and running and received a grant of £3500, which will be reported on in our next financial period.

With limited resources and despite having no base and limited access to alternative venues we were able to facilitate a full seven-week summer scheme and seasonal activities throughout the year. Through our partnership work we have been able to bring training and employment opportunities to the community as well as information sharing because it will only be by working together that we can achieve societal changes.

With support from the Confederation of Community Groups we have received funding from their Crisis Support scheme to help families with the pressure of the costs of living by providing food vouchers when we were contacted in the strictest of confidence for help.

We continue to fulfil all good governance requirements and ensure that our Charity is operating within the guidelines laid down by the Charity Commission NI. Our accounts have again been independently examined by Steven McCann from McCann and Teggart Accountants Ltd. We continue to work in partnership with a wide range of agencies and organisations for the benefit of our whole community.

The aim and culmination of all our work must be the creation of a stronger, more vibrant community where all are included and respected. While we are making good progress much more needs to be done. We need new members to come forward and join us as both Charity Trustees and as volunteers, we hope these new members will come to the table with new ideas and new energies. We hope the volunteers that we have gained will still be there to help in the community and offer us a few hours of their time to help us with activities and trips when required.

I would like to take the opportunity to thank all our funders without your support our work throughout the year would have been severely curtailed, and as you can see from this report, we have been busy with a wide range of activities, events, and trips for both young and old. We are already planning for the year ahead and look forward to another action-packed program of activities.

We would like to thank the Confederation of Community Groups and in particular Cathy McMahon (Community Development Worker). We would like to thank our funders NMDDC, the John Moore's Foundation and NIHE, we would also like to thank Dennison's for their kind donation and the Mallon Family for organising and paying for science workshops which the kids thoroughly enjoyed.

I would also like to thank all our partners; the other members of the Newry Neighbourhood Renewal Partnership Board, statutory bodies, councillors, voluntary and community organisations, local residents and all our dedicated volunteers/committee and of course the residents of the Martin's Lane area for all your help and support; we are ready for whatever challenges the year ahead brings and look forward to working towards a more vibrant community.

Maureen Ruddy
Chairperson

Public Benefit Statement

The Trustees of Martin's Lane Area Community Association confirm that they have complied with their duty under Section 17(5) of the Charities Act 2011 to have regard to the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit and that the public benefit requirement has informed the activities of the Martin's Lane Area Community Association in the year to the 31st March 2023.

In evaluating public benefit, the Trustees note that membership of the Association is open to all residents in the 'area of benefit' - (Full Members aged 18 and over, Junior Members under age 18) - and we strive to provide a wide range of activities, events, trips and group sessions that will cater for all ages. Note that some necessary and reasonable restrictions have been put in place for different age groups.

Summary of Main Activities

Trustees were delighted to have been able to offer the community a varied portfolio of community events, activities and trips to suit all ages and abilities. Once again, we have utilised all available space and venues locally, including St Malachy's Primary School, Altnaveigh Play Park and the local kickabout area, ensuring that provision is right in the heart of our area of benefit to make it as accessible as possible for the local community.

Summer Scheme

Trustees worked tirelessly to deliver an eight-week summer programme for children and young people which provided no cost opportunities that would never otherwise have been available or accessible by local families. This summer programme included:

- Multi-Cultural day with African Drumming Circle, Circus Skills, Arts & Crafts, Bubble Making and much more.



- Old School Sports Day, featuring classic games and challenges.
- Multi Sports Boot Camp Week with Cathal Fegan, kindly funded via the Neighbourhood Renewal Health Subgroup.
- Arts & Crafts workshops.
- Outdoor Play & Games sessions.
- Hip Hop Dance classes also funded by the Neighbourhood Renewal Health Subgroup.

Trustees were mindful of the many challenges and struggles being faced by local households, these included financial pressures, physical and mental health issues, and the ongoing challenges being presented by the cost-of-living crisis which immediately followed the Covid-19 pandemic. The cumulative impact of all of this has meant that families have not had a break or a chance to get back on their feet. Trustees therefore felt it was important to offer local families the opportunity to enjoy some community trips and outings; opportunities that would never otherwise have been available. Over the Summer these included:

- An outing to the local Omniplex cinema.
- A trip to Fort Evergreen – a Pet and Play Farm with indoor soft play, barrel train rides, zipline and outdoor adventure fort, and the chance to interact with amazing animals.
- A trip to The Rink Roller Disco to show off some moves by the children and the young at heart.
- A pyjama party at Peter Pan’s Neverland.
- An ‘out of this world’ trip to Armagh Planetarium.
- A family trip and picnic at Gosford Forest Park.
- An adrenaline packed trip for young people to Lurgaboy Adventure Centre.
- An action-packed day at The Jungle NI.
- A family trip to Portrush.
- A back-to-school trip to Airtastic.

Our Summer programme culminated with a Community Carnival Celebration Day which was a fun packed day of family activities in the local play park and play area. There were a wide range of bouncy castles and inflatable obstacle courses, children entertainment, face painting, music and food/refreshments, all enjoyed by over 200 attendees.

Youth Group

Trustees were disappointed that the Education Authority (EA) funding was cut for the Youth Group as this meant there was no EA outreach youth worker provision for the Martin’s Lane Area. Some of the young people from the Martin’s Lane area travelled to the Bosco Youth Centre to join the youth group there but this was not a viable option for young people with no access to transport at home. Trustees have been mindful to provide a range of suitable opportunities for these young people and are hopeful of reestablishing a formal youth group moving forward.

Older People's 'Never Say Never' Group Development



Trustees were pleased to officially launch an Older People's Group for the Martin's Lane Area which will be supported in its first year with funding received from the John Moore's Foundation.

The first event on offer was the Growing Project whereby 30 older people got to experience a trip to An Tobar, a social enterprise farm in Silverbridge, South Armagh, this trip was funded by the Neighbourhood Renewal Health Subgroup. Participants got to explore this amazing facility, learn about planting & growing and the benefits afforded by the same in terms of physical & mental health alongside environmental benefits.

- The Never Say Never group also benefited from a community trip to the Crumlin Road Gaol where they experienced the history tour, which sparked both learning and some lively discussions amongst members. The day was finished with a beautiful meal and time shared together, allowing bonds of friendship and social connections to develop which we hope will help reduce feelings of social isolation for many older residents.
- The next destination for the group was the Ulster American Folk Park, followed by dinner at Sally's in Omagh; this trip was a first for most attendees and the feedback from everyone was overwhelmingly positive.



Seasonal Events

- For Easter, 50 children and young people enjoyed a high energy trip to Airtastic in Newtownards where everyone got to participate in trampoline fun, and a game of bowls followed by food & drinks.
- At Halloween, children and young people were treated to Scary Movie Night with tricks and treats provided.
- At Christmas time we changed our usual plans and there were several different opportunities available to cater for as many as possible. We ran Santa's Magical Mystery Tour to the Jungle NI where children got to meet Santa, enjoy activities, and receive a selection box. For our older residents we offered a trip for Christmas Dinner to the Canal Court Hotel. Thanks to local Newry City Councillor Malone, we were able to distribute packages of turkeys and hams to families who were experiencing difficulties. Thanks to the staff of Norbrook and the Confederation of Community Groups we were able to distribute meals and desserts, over a 6-week period, to benefit local residents who were struggling with the cost of living and/or social isolation and vulnerability.

Activities, Training and More ...



Thanks to the Southern Health and Social Care Trust (SHSCT) and the Neighbourhood Renewal (NR) Health subgroup: the Northern Ireland Chest, Heart and Stroke Bus visited our area, providing free health checks for residents. In addition, the SHSCT NR Health sub-group also provided a 4-week programme of basketball training, 4 weeks of hip hop dance classes, 4 weeks of Zumba dance classes for young people and 4 weeks of Zumba for adults which was then extended for a further 6 weeks due to the incredible uptake.

Thanks to this same partnership we were able to run a Slow Cooker programme which allowed us to distribute 8 large and 2 small slow cookers to targeted local families; this was then followed up with a 'Cook It' skills training programme.

Through our partnership working with the SHSCT we were also able to attend free training on the Autism Reality Experience Bus; additional places were also made available to residents. There was also a visit from the Virtual Dementia Bus Experience, attended by both Trustees, volunteers and residents.

Charity Trustees also completed Emergency First Aid Training and offered the same opportunity to residents who wished to avail of the free training opportunity.

We were delighted to be able to offer additional free training opportunities to the community, these included Safeguarding (Children and Young People), Adult Safeguarding Awareness, Emergency First Aid, and Grow Good Well Being.

Trustees worked closely with the Community Education team at Southern Regional College and disseminated information about a range of training opportunities for residents living across the Newry Neighbourhood Renewal areas; these included, Door Security, CSR Card Training, Forklift Training, the OCEANS programme and more.

Trustees represented the Martin's Lane Area Community Association at the Pride of Place celebration event in the Canal Court Hotel.

Thanks to a very kind donation from Newry City Councillor Malone, Trustees were able to offer free tickets for young people to attend Newry City Football Club games.

Networking and Partnerships

One of our aims as Trustees has been to establish proper networks and channels of communication between ourselves and other local community groups, with organisations representing the community & voluntary sector and with the statutory authorities. We are active and enthusiastic partners on the Newry Neighbourhood Renewal Partnership alongside the Department for Communities, Newry, Mourne & Down District Council, Confederation of Community Groups, Southern Health & Social Care Trust, Housing

Executive, Community Restorative Justice Newry & Armagh, Education Authority, Southern Regional College, Newry & Mourne Enterprise Agency, and the other Neighbourhood Renewal Community Associations.

A Trustee also sits on the Management Committee for the Confederation of Community Groups to ensure representation for our area.

Trustees have continued to represent the Martins Lane Area on the Housing Executives' Housing Community Network meetings to ensure that the needs of residents and the area are addressed. We continue to work with the PSNI and Community Restorative Justice in the policing in the community meetings.

Tackling Issues in the Community



Trustees have been disappointed at the ongoing anti-social behaviour which has been taking place in the local play park. These issues are always reported to Newry, Mourne & Down District Council and Trustees continue to work in partnership with all local agencies to try and address these issues.

Alongside this partnership working, Trustees endeavour to engage with the young people in a positive programme of activity, encouraging civic pride and reducing the boredom which often leads to low level anti-social behaviour.



Financial Review

Financial Performance

In a very challenging financial landscape with increasingly competitive funding streams financial performance has been largely consistent with Trustees expectations.

We started this financial year with a healthy bank balance of £23,454 which relates to external grants funding awarded in the previous financial period, which was spent in the current financial period. Due to this 'funding balance' being carried over, our income for the current year was lower as we must be careful to align funding with the volunteer capacity to deliver on the ground.

Full details are included in the copy of Independent Financial Examiners Report included with Trustees Report.

Income

Income receipts for the year totalled at only £4,574, as compared to £18,444 for the previous year; however, this financial year started with a balance of just over £23K from funding awarded in the previous period.

The breakdown for the current financial period was as follows:

- Newry, Mourne & Down District Council - £3,407
(Running costs via the Neighbourhood Renewal Programme)
- Education Authority - £500
- Southern Health & Social Care Trust - £100
- Donations: £567

Expenditure

Expenditure for the year totalled £17,469, as compared to £8,464 for the previous year. This reflected a much busier year for the charity, delivering on a wider range of activities, events, trips, and opportunities to benefit the local community.

Major expenditure for the year centred on Community Trips and Community Events in line with funding awarded.

Funds Materially in Deficit

As of the 31st of March 2023, the Martin's Lane Area Community Association had no funds in material deficit.

Major Risks

No major risks have been identified; however, the Trustees of Martin's Lane Area Community Association note that external funding streams are becoming increasingly competitive, technical and problematic to secure.

Financial Management

The Martin's Lane Area Community Association maintain robust financial systems and have good financial management systems in place; we have successfully held a number of grants and have always fulfilled all accounting, reporting and monitoring requirements; our annual accounts are always independently examined.

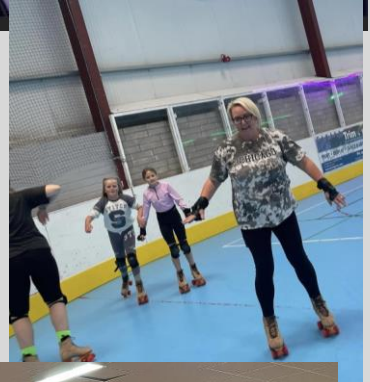
Assets and Liabilities

The Trustees of the Martins Lane Area Community Association can confirm that the Association currently hold no assets and have identified no liabilities moving forward.

Photographic Highlights







Our Appreciation for Your Support ...

We would like to take this opportunity to extend our gratitude to the following funders, agencies and individuals who have supported the work of the Martins Lane Area Community Association throughout the year.

- ◆ The Residents of the Martin's Lane Area.
- ◆ The Department for Communities - Neighbourhood Renewal Programme and the associated sub-groups; Health (SHSCT), Education (EA), Community/Physical (NM&DDC/NIHE), and Economic (NMEA).
- ◆ The members of the Newry Neighbourhood Renewal Partnership Board.
- ◆ Neighbourhood Renewal Community Associations.
- ◆ Neighbourhood Renewal Co-Ordinator.
- ◆ The Confederation of Community Groups.
- ◆ Newry, Mourne & Down District Council.
- ◆ The Southern Health & Social Care Trust.
- ◆ Newry & Mourne Extended Schools.
- ◆ St Malachy's Nursery and Primary School.
- ◆ John Moores Foundation
- ◆ The Charity Commission NI
- ◆ Dennisons



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Annual return

Martins Lane Community Association

Independent examiner's report to the trustees of Martins Lane Community Association

I report on the accounts of the Trust for the year ended 31 March 2022, which are set out on pages 2 & 3

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.


McCann Teggart Ltd
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3 May 2022

Martins Lane Community Association
Income & Expenditure
for the year ended 31 March 2022

	2022
	£
Income	
Awards for All	10,000
COVID Response	1,500
Education Authority	500
Newry, Mourne & Down District Council	5,516
SH&SCT	928
Total Income	<u>18,444</u>
Payments	
Accountants fees	180
Affiliation fee	20
Bank charges	99
Community Events	1,161
COVID Response	1,000
Insurance costs	828
Trips	5,176
	<u>8,464</u>
Excess of receipts over payments	<u>9,980</u>


Martins Lane Community Association
Statement of Financial Position
as at 31 March 2022

	2022
	£
Accumulated Fund	
Balance at start of period	13,474
Surplus for the year	9,980
	<u>23,454</u>

Represented by:

Bank balances	<u>23,454</u>
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In accordance with your instructions, we have compiled these accounts from the accounting records and information and explanations supplied to us. We have examined the accounts under section 65 of the charities act and followed the general directions given by the commission under section 65.



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3 May 2022

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Charity Accounts – Year Ended 31 March 2022

Income		£
Big Lottery Awards for All NI	10,000	
Covid-19 Response (Confederation of Community Groups)	1,500	
Education Authority	500	
Newry, Mourne & Down District Council	5,516	
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Charity Trustees as of 31st March 2022

Mrs Maureen Ruddy (Chairperson)

Mrs Kathy Mackey (Vice Chairperson) – retired during year

Mrs Linda Devlin (Secretary)

Ms Francine Ruddy (Treasurer)

Ms Michelle Kennedy

Mrs Fiona Brothers

Mrs Deborah Mc Shane

Miss Aimee-Lee Mc Shane

Mr Frank Ruddy

Mr Paul Byrne

Mrs Ciara Byrne

Mrs Laura Toman

Mr Geared Mackey – retired during year

Note: No other Charity Trustees in the Year to 31st March 2022

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Chairpersons Report

This has been another busy year for everyone involved with community work and we hope our Annual Trustees Report will provide you all with a flavour of the types of different activities, events and trips we have been able to offer. I would like to thank everyone who has supported our work over the past year; we really do appreciate all that has been done to help our Community Association and we have tried to ensure that everyone gets a mention in this Report.

With support from the Confederation of Community Groups, we continue to fulfil all good governance requirements and ensure that the Community Association is operating within the guidelines laid down by the Charity Commission NI. Our accounts have again been independently examined by Steven Mc Cann, from Mc Cann & Teggart Ltd.

We continue to work in partnership with a wide range of agencies and organisations for the benefit of our whole community and despite having no community base and limited access to alternative venues we have been able to facilitate a wide range of different activities. Through our partnership work, we have been able to bring training and employment opportunities to the area that never would have otherwise been available. We promote and encourage inter-community activities and events as well as information sharing because it will only be by working together that we can achieve societal changes.

The aim and culmination of all our work has to be the creation of a stronger, more vibrant community where all are included and respected. While we are making good progress, much more needs to be done, we have attracted a number of new volunteers whom we hope will become new charity trustees, and we hope these new members will come to the table with new ideas and new energies.

I'd like to thank all our funders, in particular the John Moores Foundation and Awards for All NI; although some of this funding was awarded in the previous financial period there were delays with spending due to the ongoing impact of the Covid-19 pandemic and we are grateful to the funders for affording us the flexibility to carry over spending into this financial period to ensure the original grant conditions were met.

We'd also like to acknowledge our core running costs funding awarded through the Department of Communities and managed by NMDDC; we are very grateful for this vital continued support. The community development support provided by Cathy Mc Mahon at the Confederation of Community Groups and the support from Sean Mc Kevitt, Neighbourhood Renewal Coordinator with NMDDC, has also played a key role in helping our community association and community to grow and thrive.

Without the support from all external funders, our work would be severely curtailed and as you can see from our Annual Report, we have been busy with a wide range of activities, events and trips on offer. Once more we availed of vital Covid community response funding, managed by the Confederation of Community Groups, and this allowed us to respond to emerging needs primarily related to the ongoing impact of the Covid-19

pandemic. The long-term impacts of the pandemic will no doubt be felt for many months to come, and we would remain concern about many of our more vulnerable residents and families.

We are already planning for the year ahead and look forward to another action-packed programme of activities that will offer opportunities for all ages and abilities within the local community.

I'd also like to thank all our 'partners'; the other members of the Newry Neighbourhood Renewal Partnership Board, statutory Bodies, voluntary & community organisations, local residents and businesses, all our dedicated volunteers, our senior and junior youth groups and, of course, all the residents of the Martins Lane Area. We look forward to working with all as we move forward together.

Maureen Ruddy

(Chairperson)

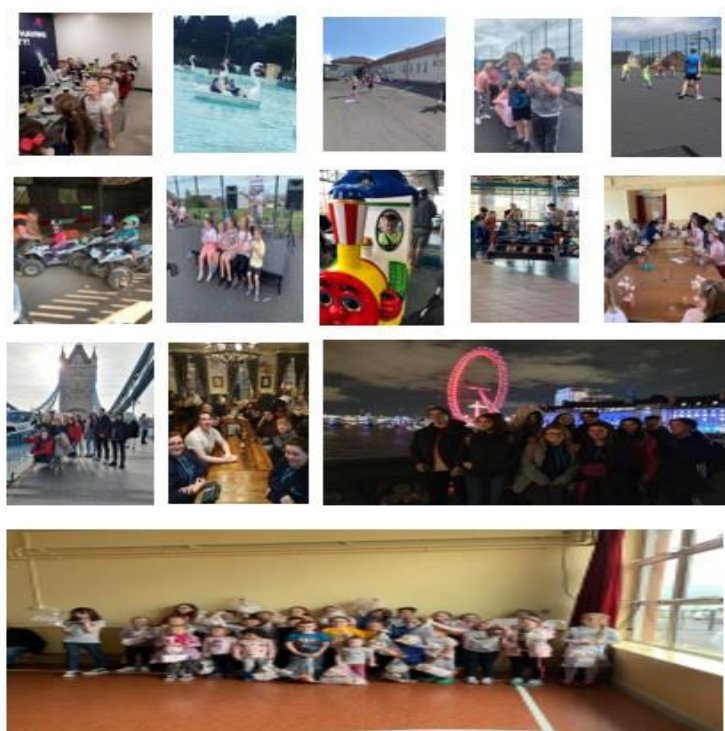
Public Benefit Statement

The Trustees of Martin's Lane Area Community Association confirm that they have complied with their duty under Section 17(5) of the Charities Act 2011 to have regard to the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit and that the public benefit requirement has informed the activities of the Martin's Lane Area Community Association in the year to the 31st March 2020 .

In evaluating public benefit the Trustees note that membership of the Association is open to all residents in the 'area of benefit' - (Full Members aged 18 and over, Junior Members under age 18) - and we strive to provide a wide range of activities, events, trips and group sessions that will cater for all ages . We are in the process of establishing an over 50's group and we now have 40 older people that we are in contact with. Note that some necessary and reasonable restrictions have been put in place; for example, some of the youth groups' personal development programmes would not be age appropriate for younger children.

Summary of Main Activities

This has been another busy year for the Trustees and volunteers at Martin's Lane Area Community Association with a bumper schedule of activities, events and trips on offer to the whole community.



As the restrictions of lockdowns began to ease, we were delighted to resume many community activities and programmes. We ran trips to Spruce Meadows Open Farm and quad biking, Fort Evergreen Halloween adventure, W5, Pickie Park, Captain Greens/Airtastic, fun house, Christmas Wonderland Santa Sunday, Youth Group Residential to London, in partnership with the EA Bosco Extended Outreach Youth workers; and our end of Summer family trip to Portrush, with over 150 people from the area heading off on coaches for a day's adventures.

Summary of Main Activities contd.

We have made excellent use of our local Primary School, St Malachys, as a community venue and this allowed us to offer many activities and opportunities right in the heart of our area of benefit that simply would not otherwise be available. Aunt Sandra's Travelling Chocolate Factory was back by popular demand and, once more, was a huge hit with children, parents & grandparents alike. We also hosted return visits from the Bricks 4 Kidz , Go Fly a Kite Workshop, Sweetie Gardens sweet tree making and taster sessions with Tomas Daibhis GAA.

Also in the school, there have been arts and crafts sessions, hip hop dance, yoga boxercise, circuit training for old and young alike and much more. During our Summer programme we had a range of different activities on offer each day, which included outdoor games days, multi sports boot camp, and Gaelic to name but a few and introduced fruit and water at these programmes as a healthy option instead of sugary sweets and juice. We hosted the Action Cancer Big Bus, we also encouraged people to take part in a petition to keep breast screening clinic open in our local hospital.

Youth Group Development

The Martins Lane Youth Group have continued to meet weekly in the school/Bosco Youth Centre and have gone from strength to strength over the past year. Thanks to support from the Education Authority, we have been able to avail of the services of an outreach youth workers and together they have been focusing on a range of personal & social development programmes, mental health and physical activities. There have been opportunities for team-building activities, a summer intervention programme with their peers from the Meadow and Armagh Road Youth group that consisted of a weeklong programme of activities. There have been training opportunities such as Disability Awareness and PIPS Positive Mental Health. They also participated in an inter community go-karting event for the second year running. One of our aims as Trustees has been to see the formation and development of a youth group in the area and we want to keep building on the progress achieved to date and encourage more of our young people to get involved, through their involvement our youth group where successful in securing £700 from the communities leading change program where they had to bit against 20 other groups to secure the funding. This enabled them to run a 6 week pilot scheme with young people age 7-11 in which they had 25 participants who took part in various activities i.e basketball, football, arts and crafts and team bonding games. Over the next year we will be working towards a funding application in partnership with our older youth group to expand on the 6 week pilot scheme to keep the junior youth group running.



Seasonal Events

The whole community enjoyed our easter activity where we went to Airtastic and Captain Greens where everyone trampolining and crazy golf followed by the kids receiving their easter eggs on the way home. We also held a Halloween trip to Fort Evergreen where the kids had to fancy dress and got to carve pumpkins and take part in many different activities. For Christmas we followed up with our Annual Santa Sunday where the kids took part in many different activities such as writing Santa letters, doing arts and crafts and much more. Santa arrived by fire engine where the kids come out and greeted him where we then went to his grotto and the kids went in and received their selection boxes and got their pictures taking.



Training and More ...

Thanks to the SHSCT and the NR Health sub –group: the Action Cancer Big Bus visited our area again and we were able to avail of a range of health related activities throughout the year - this includes some of the activities outlined above.

We were delighted to be able to offer a range of free training opportunities to the community, these included Safeguarding (Children and Young People), Adult Safeguarding Awareness for new committee members, Emergency First Aid, Grow Good Well Being and good governance training.



Networking and Partnerships

One of our primary aims as Trustees has been to establish proper networks and channels of communication between ourselves and other local community groups, with organisations representing the community & voluntary sector and with the statutory authorities. We are active and enthusiastic partners on the Newry Neighbourhood Renewal Partnership alongside the Department for Communities, Newry, Mourne & Down District Council, Confederation of Community Groups, Southern Health & Social Care Trust, Housing Executive, Community Restorative Justice Newry & Armagh, Education Authority, Southern Regional College, Newry & Mourne Enterprise Agency, and the other Neighbourhood Renewal Community Associations.

We have continued to represent the Martins Lane Area on the Housing Executives' Housing Community Network meetings to ensure that the needs of residents and the area are addressed. We continue to work with the PSNI and Community Restorative Justice in the policing in the community meetings.

Through our work with the housing executives good relations officer we have again reached out to local representatives from the Orange Order to explore possibilities of joint working on a shared space project; this may take a bit longer to bring to fruition and we will be continuing these conversations in the background. Projects we are shaping up for the coming year will include opportunities for cross-community workshops, activities and trips for both older and younger residents.

A Trustee also sits on the Management Committee for the Confederation of Community Groups to ensure representation for our area.

Financial Review

Financial Performance

Financial performance has been largely consistent with Trustees expectations. We started this financial year with a healthy bank balance, thanks to grant funding received from the Big Lottery Awards for All programme for Northern Ireland. We also had funding from the John Moores Foundation which was received in the previous financial period, but we were unable to spend it all due to the ongoing Covid-19 pandemic

Copy of Independent Financial Examiners Report included with Trustees Report.

Income

Income receipts for the year totalled £18,444, as compared to £14,551 for the previous year- breakdown as follows:

Awards for All – £10,000

Newry, Mourne & Down District Council - £5,516

Covid-19 Response - £1,500

Education Authority - £500

Southern Health & Social Care Trust - £928

Expenditure

Expenditure for the year totalled £8,464 as compared to £10,155 for the previous year.

Major expenditure for the year centred on Community Trips as post-lockdown this was many people's first opportunity to leave the confines of the local community; our Covid community response programme and community-based events/activities - detailed breakdown in accounts.

Funds Materially in Deficit

As of the 31st March 2022 the Martin's Lane Area Community Association had no funds in material deficit.

Major Risks

No major risks have been identified, however, the Trustees of Martin's Lane Area Community Association note that external funding streams are becoming increasingly competitive, technical and problematic to secure.

Financial Management

The Martin's Lane Area Community Association maintain robust financial systems and have good financial management systems in place; we have successfully held a number of grants and have always fulfilled all accounting, reporting and monitoring requirements; our annual accounts are always independently examined.

Assets and Liabilities:

The Trustees of the Martins Lane Area Community Association can confirm that the Association currently hold no assets and have identified no liabilities moving forward.

Our Appreciation for Your Support ...

We would like to take this opportunity to extend our gratitude to the following funders, agencies and individuals who have supported the work of the Martins Lane Area Community Association throughout the year.

- ◆ The Residents of the Martin's Lane Area.
- ◆ The Department for Communities - Neighbourhood Renewal Programme and the associated sub-groups; Health (SHSCT), Education (EA), Community/Physical (NM&DDC/NIHE), and Economic (NMEA).
- ◆ The members of the Newry Neighbourhood Renewal Partnership Board.
- ◆ Neighbourhood Renewal Community Associations.
- ◆ Neighbourhood Renewal Co-Ordinator - Sean Mc Kevitt.
- ◆ The Confederation of Community Groups.
- ◆ Newry, Mourne & Down District Council.
- ◆ The Southern Health & Social Care Trust.
- ◆ Newry & Mourne Extended Schools.
- ◆ St Malachy's Nursery and Primary School.
- ◆ Big Lottery Awards for All
- ◆ John Moores Foundation
- ◆ The PSNI.
- ◆ The PCSP.
- ◆ The Charity Commission NI
- ◆ Father Damien Drumalane Parish
- ◆ Community Restorative Justice
- ◆ Youth Workers Kathleen McAteer & Aíne Fearon.



Martin's Lane Area Community Association

Northern Ireland - Charity number 103596

Annual return

Martins Lane Community Association
Income & Expenditure
for the year ended 31 March 2022

2022

£

Income

Awards for All	10,000
COVID Response	1,500
Education Authority	500
Newry, Mourne & Down District Council	5,516
SH&SCT	928

Total Income

18,444

Payments

Accountants fees	180
Affiliation fee	20
Bank charges	99
Community Events	1,161
COVID Response	1,000
Insurance costs	828
Trips	5,176

8,464

Excess of receipts over payments

9,980

Accumulated Fund
Balance at start of period
Surplus for the year

2022
£

13,474

9,980

23,454

Represented by:
Bank balances

23,454

In accordance with your instructions, we have compiled these accounts from the accounting records and information and explanations supplied to us. We have examined the accounts under section 65 of the charities act and followed the general directions given by the commission under section 65.



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