

Churchtown Community Association Limited

TRUSTEES REPORT

For the

Period Ending 31st March 2024

Governing Document

Churchtown Community Association is a company limited by guarantee governed by its Memorandum & Articles of Association dated 7th March 2004. It is registered as a charity with the Charity Commission NI.

Reference & Administration Details

Charity No: NIC103689
Company No: NI50068
Registered Address: 48 Lurganbuoy Road
CASTLEDERG
Co Tyrone BT81 7HT

Purpose of the Charity

Churchtown Community Association's objects as per its governing document are "to promote the benefit of the Castlederg area and its environs in a common effort to advance education, relieve poverty, relieve unemployment, preserve and protect health and provide facilities in the interest of social welfare for recreation and other leisure time occupations with the object of improving the conditions of life for said inhabitants by:

- Providing or securing the provision of social services, educational and recreational facilities and practical assistance for all person's residing within the area.
- providing, endow and furnish and fit out with all necessary furniture and other equipment and maintain such building, premises and centres as may from time to time be required for the purposes of the company.

Review Period Activities

During the review period up to 31st March 2024, Churchtown CA continued to expand and diversify its project portfolio and has worked in partnership with numerous agencies/organisations to deliver a range of community projects and services, these included:

- Completion of Community Audit
- Delivered 4 x 5-week Menopause Education & Awareness Programmes
- Introduce ongoing Monthly Menopause Support Group
- Introduced twice weekly Diva Den Sessions
- Continued Men's Shed Activities
- Continued Crafty Craft Group
- Continued Community Allotment Activities
- Planned, coordinated and hosted community wide events, including Spring Carnival & Halloween Hoolie on the Hill
- Liaised with Derry City & Strabane DC on proposed plans for new play park and hosted public consultation event.
- Hosted 2 Healthy Relationship Workshops, addressing themes such as personal & community safety, domestic violence and coercive behaviour.

In addition, to these activities Churchtown CA delivered a host of stand-alone projects with the aim of improving the health and wellbeing of the local community whilst encouraging participants to engage and access community initiatives within the local community. Stand Alone projects delivered

were:

10 Weeks .foundation Mindfulness Programme
4 Week Meaningful Meditation Programme
Health MOT Check
Basic Sewing Classes
Well Being Crafts

Training – Success North West

Churchtown CA are currently a project partner with Success North West, a project which aim to engage with economically inactive cohorts to support/mentor individuals with the view of enhancing employability and supporting entrance to the labour market. During the review period numerous training opportunities were available to the project participants, which included:

- *BARISTA Skills
- *SMART Shopping
- *Health & Safety in the Workplace
- *Employability Skills
- *Interview Skills

New Projects Introduced

During the review period Churchtown CA introduced the “Better Connected” Group. The project provides a range of socialisation and training opportunities for young people with learning disabilities. The outcomes from this project have been reported as:

- *Positive Impact on the participant`s mental health
- *Enhanced learning opportunities and increased physical well-being.

These outcomes are achieved by through the activities on offer and the participants’ have establish new friendships, feel more connected to the community, and have access to social support.

Activities during the period have included

- *Gardening - Growing in Containers
- *Upcycling small furniture items eg chairs, tables etc
- *Making small items eg bird boxes, planters etc
- *Arts and Crafts Classes
- *Makaton Training

Furthermore, Churchtown CA introduced the Diva Den to its portfolio of projects, which proved to be a resounding success, with a second weekly session introduced to accommodate the demand for places

These programmes were in addition to providing administration support; resource sharing etc with several local organisations and groupings including

Community Allotments
Naiscoil na Deirge
CPM
Castlederg Childcare Services

Staff & Trainees

The Association employs 3 members of staff: 1 part time and 2 full time, with 18 volunteers in supporting roles such as caretaker, administration support and stewarding community events.

Future Developments

In partnership with other local groups Churchtown CA will be proposing to deliver a series of events through the Derg DEA promoting Women's Wellness and Health Promotion Events across 6 rural venues working together to afford residents in rural areas the same opportunities and access to Health & Well Being Information and supporting services.

Directors & Trustees

The directors of the charitable company are its trustees for the purposes of charity law. Nigel Harpur was resigned as a director during the period, with the remaining trustees and officers serving during the year outlined below,

Chairperson:	Dave Cameron
Treasurer:	Jane Harvey
Secretary:	Brendan Devlin
	Maria Corry
	Gordon Speer
	David Young
	Sorcha McHugh
	Ashling McHugh

Signed:

Dated: