

Churchtown Community Association
(A company limited by guarantee, not having a share capital)
DIRECTORS' ANNUAL REPORT
for the financial year ended 31 March 2025

The directors present their Directors' Annual Report, combining the Directors' Report and Trustees' Report, and the unaudited financial statements for the financial year ended 31 March 2025.

The financial statements are prepared in accordance with the Companies Act 2006, FRS 102 "The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland" and Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their financial statements in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102).

The Directors' Report contains the information required to be provided in the Directors' Annual Report under the Statement of Recommended Practice (SORP) guidelines. The directors of the company are also charity trustees for the purpose of charity law and under the company's constitution are known as members of the board of trustees.

In this report the directors of Churchtown Community Association present a summary of its purpose, governance, activities, achievements and finances for the financial year 31 March 2025.

The company is a registered charity and hence the report and results are presented in a form which complies with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 and, although not obliged to comply with the Statement of Recommended Practice applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland FRS 102, the organisation has implemented its recommendations where relevant in these financial statements.

Mission, Objectives and Strategy

Objectives

The principal activity of the company is 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:

1. Providing or securing the provision of social services, educational and recreational facilities and practical assistance for all persons resident with the area.
2. 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.

Structure, Governance and Management

Structure

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.

Review of Activities, Achievements and Performance

Review period activities

During the review period up to 31st March 2025, Churchtown CA continued to deliver a wide range of services and activities. Attendances records indicated a total of 349 individuals accessed a minimum of one project/service during the year.

Churchtown CA has continued to develop and work in partnership with numerous agencies/organisations to deliver community projects and services, an example of these projects* are highlighted below:

- Delivered 2 x 2 session Online Menopause Education & Awareness Programmes, including ongoing Monthly Menopause Support Group
- Continued twice weekly Diva Den Sessions
- Continued Men's Shed Activities
- Continued Better Connected Sessions and liaised with Strabane Special Olympics Team.
- Continued Crafty Craft Group – Additional activities included Basic Sewing and Roman Blinds Making
- Continued Community Allotment Activities
- Expanded History Group Activities to include Study Visits, Genealogy Workshops and co-ordinated a series of talks in both Newtownstewart and Sion Mills
- Planned and Co-ordinated Horticulture Workshops in Castlederg and Killeter
- Planned, coordinated and hosted community wide events eg Halloween Hoolie on the Hill

*Not an exhaustive list

Additionally, during the review period Churchtown CA assumed the role of Lead Partner in 3 Derg DEA Consensual Grants, namely PCSP; Derg DEA and Age Friendly.

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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:

CSR Cards
Paediatric First Aid
Money Helper
SMART Shopping
Cyber Fraud
Manual Handling
Living Life to the Full
Health & Safety
Meaningful Mediation
Mindfulness

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

PCSP

This was a community led initiative developed in response to local needs, the programme offered a diverse range of educational and recreational activities, with the aim to create awareness of community & personal safety issues whilst creating the platform to hold conversations about the root causes of violence and unhealthy relationships.

The programme included opportunities to meet and liaise with local support groups and agencies, (PSNI, Council Reps etc), to voice opinions and influence local community actions, allowing a sense of ownership and community belonging.

Events Delivered

Ardstraw	– 11/11/2024	– 46 Attendees
Sion Mills	– 14/11/2024	– 21 Attendees
Clady	– 26/11/2024	– 26 Attendees
Aghyaran	– 14/10/2025	– 45 Attendees
Newtownstewart	– 25/02/2025	– 33 Attendees
Glebe	– 27/02/2025	– 21 Attendees
Churchtown CA	– 06/03/2025	– 48 Attendees
Total Attendees = 240		

Derg DEA

Grant aid awarded from the Derg DEA Consensual Grant Making Model supported weekly socialisation sessions for Adults with Learning Disabilities in Castlederg and Sion Mills. The sessions provided opportunities for participants to form friendships, feel more connected, and have access to social support. The programme offered the following activities:

Arts and Crafts Classes; Music and Dance Classes; Outdoor Activities; Cooking Classes and excursions.

Feedback from carers and the participant was extremely positive and indicated the following benefits were achieved for the participants:

- Enhanced Communication Skills;
- Increased Confidence and Self- Esteem;
- New Skills and New friendship

Age Friendly

The Age Friendly Programme was a community led initiative with 6 partner organisations planning, co-ordinating and hosting Health MOT events within their own area. The primary aim of each event was to promote and support healthy lifestyle choices, social connectedness, whilst providing the attendees with the skills and knowledge to remain as independent as possible, whilst they engage in the local community life.

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Killeter & District	– 11/03/2025	– 21 Attendees
Churchtown CA	– 11/03/2025	– 19 Attendees
Newtownstewart 2000	– 18/03/2025	– 40 Attendees
Derry & Raphoe	– 20/03/2025	– 21 Attendees
Ardstraw Womens	– 25/03/2025	– 14 Attendees
Glebe CCDA	– 25/03/2025	– 20 Attendees
Derg Valley Care	– 25/03/2025	– 20 Attendees
Aghyaran	– 25/03/2025	– 19 Attendees
Sion Mills	– 31/03/2025	– 29 Attendees
Total Attendees - 203		

Financial Results

At the end of the financial year the company has assets of £40,342 (2024 - £34,196) and liabilities of £25,160 (2024 - £29,925). The net assets of the company have increased by £10,911.

Future Development

Future Development Plans

In addition to maintaining its current project portfolio Churchtown CA aims to develop and introduce new projects and services in the 2025/2026 year, these have been identified as the following

- Youth Leadership – Well Being Workshops, Team Building and Training
- Healthy Plate Programme – Managing Personal Finances, Cook Along Workshops and Slow Cooker and Air Fryer Workshops
- Holistic Health & Complementary Approaches
- Enhance One Town History Group
- Develop Allotment Site – apply for funding to erect 4 new large, raised beds for training & demonstration purposes.

Directors

The directors who served throughout the financial year, except as noted, were as follows:

Dave Cameron
Jane Harvey
Gordon James Speer
Maria Corry
Samuel David Young
Aisling McHugh
Sorcha McHugh

In accordance with the Constitution, the directors retire by rotation and, being eligible, offer themselves for re-election.

The secretary who served during the financial year was:

Brendan Devlin

Staff Training and Development

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.

Compliance with Sector-Wide Legislation and Standards

The company engages pro-actively with legislation, standards and codes which are developed for the sector. Churchtown Community Association subscribes to and is compliant with the following:

- ☐ The Companies Act 2006
- ☐ The Charities SORP (FRS 102)

Public Benefits Statement

The association has identified 2 main purposes of its activities:-

- 1) Provision of Community Venue for advancement of citizenship and community development
- 2) Advancement of education and relief of unemployment & poverty.

In assessing the benefits that flow from these purposes the association would suggest the following:-

- 1) Provision of Community Venue for advancement of citizenship and community development. Through this provision beneficiaries are able to improve the quality of their lives by accessing information and services which would otherwise remain unavailable to them.

- 2) Advancement of Education; relief of unemployment & poverty. The benefits that flow from this purpose is enhanced educational attainment for the beneficiaries which improves their employability potential and increased confidence to participate community life whilst reducing social isolation. Through improved economic standing and employment

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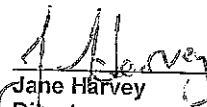
beneficiaries can move out of poverty and reliance on welfare.

The association measures the outcome of these benefits via a number of mechanisms such as: Monitoring activities and session delivered Number of enquiries Attendance Records Individual session evaluation forms Number and types of organisations availing of community centre. There is no harm potential flowing from the purposes of Churchtown Community Association. The charity's beneficiaries are individuals who attend the various training activities and information sessions. Additional beneficiaries include, members of the various groupings availing of the venue such as AA, Family Contact Visits, local football clubs etc. The benefits of the association are open to the inhabitants of Castlederg and it environs.

Approved by the Board of Directors on 9 September 2025 and signed on its behalf by:



Dave Cameron
Director



Jane Harvey
Director

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STATEMENT OF DIRECTORS' RESPONSIBILITIES

for the financial year ended 31 March 2025

The directors are responsible for preparing the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and regulations.

Company law requires the directors to prepare financial statements for each financial year. Under that law the directors have elected to prepare the financial statements in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice (United Kingdom Accounting Standards and applicable law) including FRS 102 "The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland" Section 1A (Small Entities). Under company law the directors must not approve the financial statements unless they are satisfied that they give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the company and of the surplus or deficit of the company for that period.

In preparing these financial statements, the directors are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and apply them consistently;
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether the financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the relevant financial reporting framework, identify those standards, and note the effect and the reasons for any material departure from those standards; and
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the company will continue in operation.

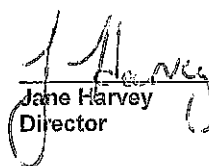
The directors confirm that they have complied with the above requirements in preparing the financial statements.

The directors are responsible for keeping adequate accounting records that are sufficient to show and explain the company's transactions and disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the company and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Companies Act 2006. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the company and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

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