

The Breakaways

Northern Ireland · Charity number 103752

Details

Status Received

Registered 2017-03-01

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

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Activities

Purposes: The group is established to advance education, relieve poverty among the aged and to promote the preservation and protection of health among older people aged 50 or over to promote the benefit of such older people in this urban area of Rathcoole and surrounding district (hereinafter called 'the area of benefit') and in particular: a) Provide facilities in the interests of social welfare for recreation or other leisure-time occupation, with the object of improving the conditions of life for older people; b) Raise awareness among the general public of the needs and experiences of older people in the area of benefit

What the charity does: The advancement of health or the saving of lives, 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, Relief of poverty, Volunteer development

Who the charity helps: Carers, Men, Mental health, Older people, Physical disabilities, Unemployed/low income, Voluntary and community sector, Women

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-09-01	£10,266	£13,022	£0	0

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Ann Lush		
Janet Wiltoz		
Mary Houston		
Mr Trevor Campbell		
Mrs Betty Galloway		
Mrs Joyce Cambell		
Mrs May Clyde		
Mrs May Mc Kenzie		
Rose Scott		
Vivienne Mc Granghan		

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The group do not have any assets or liabilities.

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Date 20/10/2025

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Financial information 01 September 2024-31 August 2025

Accounting Information 1 st September 2024-31 August 2025

	£
Opening balance	10,575.34
Closing balance	7,819.31
Income	
Grants income	8,266.46
Other	2,000.00
Outgoings	
Bank charges	58.68
Food	4708.12
Entrance fees	1935.50
Entertainment	600.00
Insurance	340.19
Bus hire	3,380.00
Other – banking error	2,000.00
Total expenditure	13,022.49

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Treasurer's Report

01 September 2024

Breakaways No 2 Reserve Account

The annual accounts for The Breakaways No 2 Reserve Account run from 01 September 2023 – 31st August 2024.

This account is used for non-funding business and includes collection of fees, donations and ballots etc...

There was an opening balance of **£5,835.07** in The Breakaways No 2 account on 01 September 2023.

The expenditure and income were as follows:

Income	£
Member fees	7552.00
Bingo	969.00
Donations	785.00
Fundraising for outings	7,047.00
Expenditure	£
Business administration	475.00
Entertainment	2400.00
Sundries (Bingo books, cleaning materials, petty cash)	93.00
Donations to charities (NI Hospice)	£50.00

Payments are made weekly as required before monies are lodged into account. The main expenses paid before the money is lodged into the

account include entertainment, business administration, sundries and donations or fruit baskets as required.

There was also bank Interest for the period of the accounts £85.20 that requires to be paid on a monthly basis.

The lodgements and expenditure for the bank are listed below.

Payments made in £	Payments out £	Explanation
13,339.20	11,446.59	£1500 Food and bus hire Tullyglass November 2023
		£3000 towards food and bus hire for Tullyglass June 2024
		£6,946.59 Donegal accommodation April 2024

Expenditure paid from the bank account included accommodation for Donegal and underspends for food and refreshments and bus hire for outings not covered under any funding provided to the club.

At the end of the financial year 31 August 2024, bank accounts of Breakaways No 2 Reserve Account stands at **£7727.68**.

I would like to thank those members past and present and their families for the donations to the club which helps us with our weekly activities and outings.

Breakaways No 2

Is a charitable account. We opened this account to keep separate incoming funding.

The opening balance on 31 August 2023 was 13,354.87.

We had £14,337.00 of grants from Antrim and Newtownabbey Borough Council and Neighbourhood Renewal Partnership as part of a Community Programmes Grant, Christmas Dinner Grant, Keeping Warm Grant and Neighbourhood Renewal Programmes grant.

The expenditure was a follows:

Expenditure heading	Amount
Bus Hire	5260.00
Venue Hire	1,500.00
Insurance	161.76
Entrance fees	500.00
Food and refreshments	5,119.70
Materials	62.00
Bank charges	113.82
Entertainment	1,120.00

The closing balance on 1st September 2024 was £10, 075.34.

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01 September 2024

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CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT

The purpose of The Breakaways seniors group is to reduce isolation and loneliness of older people by providing a range of social and leisure activities that will encourage older people to get out of their homes and enjoy the company of others.

Some older people have limited or no family and really depend on the Breakaways to support and assist them to maintain social contact. Others have families who have work commitments and for them to have a bit of reassurance that their mother or father is being cared for and supported can be very comforting for them.

Throughout the year we have been listening to our members to learn from them the type of activities that they are interested in and to see what has worked well this year. We put together a timetable of activities based on this information.

We have found that our seniors enjoy music and dance, hobby activities and outings to places of interest.

This year the Breakaways Committee have organised various outings for members to Newtownards, Ballymena, a mystery bus run around Co Down and a fun filled weekend of country music to Donegal.

Our weekly tea dance continues to gain attention within our community, and we continue to attract new members who are always welcomed.

We will continue to encourage other older people to join us at our weekly tea dance on a Tuesday in Whitehouse Workies. We will also reach out to other local groups to invite them to join us. We also support other local groups and attend their tea dances and activities.

This year we provided hot food during tea dances in the winter months which helped ensure older people were getting some warm food that day. We have also arranged themed tea dances for Halloween and Easter. At the request of family's we have organised tea dances in support of those bereaved.

The Breakaways have provided a Christmas dinner and Christmas outings which are annual events and always a huge highlight and enjoyed by all.

Our committee work extremely hard to secure external funding. This year we have attracted over £12,000 of grant aid from different funders, and this will cover some of the tea dances, outings, information sessions and some hobby classes. We will continue to fundraise to make up any short falls.

Due to increasing membership we sometimes require 2 buses for outings which incur an additional cost however, our aim is to keep any ask from members as low as possible as the cost of living is affecting everyone and we are aware of that.

We plan to continue with the charity work with Cancer Lifeline. This organisation has been greatly beneficial to some of our members and their families particularly those we have recently lost and the ones that have been newly diagnosed this year. We have also donated to NI Hospice and Marie Curie this year.

If there are any suggestions for other charities to donate to for next year, please put in writing to the secretary.

I would like to draw your attention to the change this year in voting for the Board Members which is normally done on an annual basis but to enable us to focus more on business we are suggesting that we appoint the Board for three years as opposed to one and I hope you will accept this change. It will enable Board Members to focus on fundraising, developing the Breakaways and expanding our timetable of activities.

The Breakaways continue to represent older people on the Rathcoole Neighbourhood Renewal Partnership Board and lobby for increased service delivery for older people and raise any concerns that older people bring to us through this platform. We will continue to feed any information from these meetings to our members.

On behalf of myself and the Breakaways Committee, I wish to take this opportunity to thank all of you for your continued support as always.

Many thanks

Joyce Campbell

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Income	
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Outgoings	
Bank charges	113.82
Food	5,119.70
Materials	62.00
Entertainment	1,120.00
Insurance	161.76
Bus hire	5,260.00
Entrance fees	500.00
Venue hire	1,500.00
Total expenditure	13,837.28

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Opening balance	9,726.89
Closing balance	13,354.87
Income	£
Grants income	14146
Fundraising	6366
Refund	567
Outgoings	
Bank charges	97.12
Food	4518
Equipment	110.4
Entertainment	600
Insurance	150.5
Facilitation	450
Accommodation	7445
Entrance fees	1350
Bus Hire	2730
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Throughout the year we have been carrying out engagement with members to listen to what people like to take part in and though this engagement we have found that older people no longer have an interest in doing classroom focused activities but would like more of different types of dances, hobby activities and taking part in outings to places of interest. This year the Breakaways have provided line dancing sessions, various outings to Co. Down, Glens of Antrim, Tullyglass in Ballymena, Derry/Londonderry and Coleraine to name a few. The Breakaways have also arranged themed tea dances that have coincided with the Kings Carnation and Easter.

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