Diamond Rural Development Group

Northern Ireland · Charity number 103779

Details

Status	Received
Registered	2016-01-28
Register	View on the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland register

Contact

Address	114 Diamond Road Dromara Dromore County Down Bt25 2px BT25 2PX
Phone	07884 386025

Activities

Purposes: To promote the benefit of the inhabitants of the Skeogh area and its environs without distinction of age, sex, race, political, religious or other opinion. It will do so by associating the statutory authorities, voluntary organisations and inhabitants in a common effort to advance education and to provide facilities in the interests of the social welfare, education, recreation or other leisure-time occupation with the object of improving the condition of life for the said inhabitants. To advance knowledge and appreciation of the Ulster-Scots language and culture and to encourage understanding and acceptance of all indigenous cultures to the area of benefit.

What the charity does: The advancement of citizenship or community development,The advancement of the arts, culture, heritage or science

How the charity works: Community development,Cultural,Education/training

Who the charity helps: Adult training

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2024-12-31	£5,462	£4,709	£0	0

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Mr David Meeke		
Mr Ian Ward Llb		
Mr Mark Sleator		
Mr Steven Clarke		

Accounts

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Annual Report and Receipts and Payments Account

For the year ended 31st December 2024

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Independent Examiner:	Alan Roulston FCA First Floor 3 Gallows Street Dromore BT25 1BG
Bankers:	Santander

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Independent Examiner

The examiner, Alan Roulston has indicated their willingness to continue in office.

On behalf of the Trustees

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Mark Sleator

Steven Clarke - Trustee

Mark Sleator - Trustee

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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.

Alan Roulston

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Statement of Receipts & Payments for the year ended 31st December 2024

	Note	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Total funds	Prior year total funds
Income from:					
Donations		1,106	0	1,106	1,055
Fundraising	2	185	0	185	493
Events	3	1,237	0	1,237	2,901
Grant Funding	4	0	2,934	2,934	4,066
Total income		2,528	2,934	5,462	8,515
Expenditure on:					
Raising Funds		0	0	0	0
Charitable Activities	5	1,775	2,934	4,709	6,551
Total expenditure		1,775	2,934	4,709	6,551
Net income / (expenditure) resources		753	0	753	1,964

Statement of Assets & Liabilities- Year Ended 31st December 2024

	2024	2023
Reconciliation of funds at 31st Dec 2024		
Total funds brought forward	4,309	2,345
Surplus/(deficit) this year end	753	1,964
Total funds carried forward	5,062	4,309
Bank & Cash Balances		
Cash at bank and in hand	5,062	4,309
	5,062	4,309
Represented by		
Unrestricted funds	5,062	4,309
Restricted funds	0	0
Total Funds	5,062	4,309

Notes on pages 7 to 8 are an integral part of these financial statements.

The financial statements on pages 5 to 6 were approved by the Board of Trustees on 6 March 2025 and signed on its behalf by:

S Clarke

Steven Clarke - Chair Person

Mark Sleator

Mark Sleator- Treasurer

Notes to the financial statements for the year ended 31st December 2024

1. Accounting policies
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2. Fundraising

	Unrestricted	Restricted	Total 2024	Total 2023
Clothes Bank Collection	185		185	153
Fireside Quiz			0	340
	185	0	185	493

3. Events

	Unrestricted	Restricted	Total 2024	Total 2023
Big Breakfast	1,237		1,237	2,386
Kings Coronation Afternoon Tea			0	515
	1,237	0	1,237	2,901

4. Grants

	Unrestricted	Restricted	Total 2024	Total 2023
ABC Council Running Costs Grant		1,239	1,239	1,999
DAERA Micro Grant		1,695	1,695	1,495
Ulster Scots Energy Cost Grant			0	172
ABC Council Coronation Event			0	400
	0	2,934	2,934	4,066

5. Analysis of Expenditure

	Unrestricted	Restricted	Total 2024	Total 2023
Charitable Activities				
Insurance	93	150	243	243
Heating Oil	27	345	372	783
Hall Rent	456	744	1,200	1,325
New Lighting	209	1,185	1,394	0
Folding Tables	90	510	600	0
Big Breakfast Costs	429		429	854
Boiler Service	91		91	0
Joinery works	380		380	0
Catering			0	350
New Boiler			0	2,450
Christmas Gifts for Community 2022			0	234
Christmas Gifts for Community 2023			0	212
Musical Performance			0	100
Total	1,775	2,934	4,709	6,551

6. Taxation

Diamond Rural Development Group is not subject to taxation on its charitable activities.

7. Analysis of trustee remuneration and expenses.

No Trustee received any payments other than for out of pocket expenses incurred on behalf of the group

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Fundraising	**2**	493	0	493	0
Events	**3**	2,901	0	2,901	1,550
Grant Funding	**4**	172	3,894	4,066	2,784
Total income		4,621	3,894	8,515	4,734
Expenditure on:					
Raising Funds		0	0	0	0
Charitable Activities	**5**	2,657	3,894	6,551	4,070
Total expenditure		2,657	3,894	6,551	4,070
Net income / (expenditure) resources		1,964	0	1,964	664

Statement of Assets & Liabilities- Year Ended 31st December 2023

	2023	2022
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Total funds brought forward	2,345	1,681
Surplus/(deficit) this year end	1,964	664
Total funds carried forward	4,309	2,345
Bank & Cash Balances		
Cash at bank and in hand	4,309	2,345
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Represented by		
Unrestricted funds	4,309	2,345
Restricted funds	0	0
Total Funds	4,309	2,345

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Fireside Quiz	340		340	0
	493	0	493	0

3. Events

	Unrestricted	Restricted	Total 2023	Total 2022
Big Breakfast	2,386		2,386	0
Kings Coronation Afternoon Tea	515		515	0
Coffee Morning			0	1,550
	2,901	0	2,901	1,550

4. Grants

	Unrestricted	Restricted	Total 2023	Total 2022
ABC Council Running Costs Grant		1,999	1,999	1,134
Ulster Scots Energy Cost Grant	172		172	0
ABC Council Coronation Event		400	400	760
DAERA Micro Grant		1,495	1,495	890
	172	3,894	4,066	2,784

5. Analysis of Expenditure

	Unrestricted	Restricted	Total 2023	Total 2022
Charitable Activities				
Insurance		243	243	243
Heating Oil		783	783	807
Catering	175	175	350	175
Hall Rent	227	1,098	1,325	1,295
New Boiler	955	1,495	2,450	0
Christmas Gifts for Community 2022	234		234	0
Christmas Gifts for Community 2023	212		212	0
Musical Performance		100	100	150
Big Breakfast Costs	854		854	0
New Door			0	600
Electrical Repairs			0	800
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Northern Ireland - Charity number 103779

Annual report

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Diamond Rural Development Group is not subject to taxation on its charitable activities.

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Diamond Rural Development Group

Northern Ireland - Charity number 103779

Annual return

Diamond Rural Development Group

Annual Report and Receipts and Payments Account

For the year ended 31st December 2023

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Steven Clarke - Trustee

Mark S

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Independent examiner's statement

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Alan Roulston

Alan Roulston FCA
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3 Gallows Street
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Statement of Receipts & Payments for the year ended 31st December 2023

	Note	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Total funds	Prior year total funds
Income from:					
Donations		1,055	0	1,055	400
Fundraising	2	493	0	493	0
Events	3	2,901	0	2,901	1,550
Grant Funding	4	172	3,894	4,066	2,784
Total income		4,621	3,894	8,515	4,734
Expenditure on:					
Raising Funds		0	0	0	0
Charitable Activities	5	2,657	3,894	6,551	4,070
Total expenditure		2,657	3,894	6,551	4,070
Net income / (expenditure) resources		1,964	0	1,964	664

Statement of Assets & Liabilities- Year Ended 31st December 2023

	2023	2022
Reconciliation of funds at 31st Dec 2023		
Total funds brought forward	2,345	1,681
Surplus/(deficit) this year end	1,964	664
Total funds carried forward	4,309	2,345
Bank & Cash Balances		
Cash at bank and in hand	4,309	2,345
	4,309	2,345
Represented by		
Unrestricted funds	4,309	2,345
Restricted funds	0	0
Total Funds	4,309	2,345

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S. Clarke

Steven Clarke - Chair Person

Mark S

Mark Sleator- Treasurer

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Accounts

Diamond Rural Development Group

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Statement of Receipts & Payments for the year ended 31st December 2022

	Note	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Total funds	Prior year total funds
Income from:					
Donations		400	0	400	150
Fundraising	**2**	0	0	0	0
Events	**3**	1,550	0	1,550	0
Grant Funding	**4**	0	2,784	2,784	5,576
Total income		1,950	2,784	4,734	5,726
Expenditure on:					
Raising Funds		0	0	0	0
Charitable Activities	**5**	2,149	1,921	4,070	6,543
Total expenditure		2,149	1,921	4,070	6,543
Net income / (expenditure) resources		(199)	863	664	(817)

Statement of Assets & Liabilities- Year Ended 31st December 2022

	2022	2021
Reconciliation of funds at 31st Dec 2022		
Total funds brought forward	1,681	2,498
Surplus/(deficit) this year end	664	(817)
Total funds carried forward	2,345	1,681
Bank & Cash Balances		
Cash at bank and in hand	2,321	1,681
	2,321	1,681
Represented by		
Unrestricted funds	2,321	2,544
Restricted funds	0	(863)
Total Funds	2,321	1,681

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DFC Volunteer Small Grants			0	0
ABC Council		760	760	500
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	0	2,784	2,784	5,576

5. Analysis of Expenditure

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Electrical Repairs	800		800	0
New Lighting	74	-74	0	460
Printer Ink	13	-13	0	53
General Repairs			0	120
Covid 19 Food Hampers			0	520
Christmas Gifts for Community			0	129
Foot Operated Sanitizer Station			0	420
Laptop			0	900
Wall Mounted Screen			0	744
Gazebo			0	946
Historical Talk			0	150
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Statement of Receipts & Payments for the year ended 31st December 2022

	Note	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Total funds	Prior year total funds
Income from:					
Donations		400	0	400	150
Fundraising	**2**	0	0	0	0
Events	**3**	1,550	0	1,550	0
Grant Funding	**4**	0	2,784	2,784	5,576
Total income		1,950	2,784	4,734	5,726
Expenditure on:					
Raising Funds		0	0	0	0
Charitable Activities	**5**	2,149	1,921	4,070	6,543
Total expenditure		2,149	1,921	4,070	6,543
Net income / (expenditure) resources		(199)	863	664	(817)

Statement of Assets & Liabilities- Year Ended 31st December 2022

	2022	2021
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Total funds brought forward	1,681	2,498
Surplus/(deficit) this year end	664	(817)
Total funds carried forward	2,345	1,681
Bank & Cash Balances		
Cash at bank and in hand	2,321	1,681
	2,321	1,681
Represented by		
Unrestricted funds	2,321	2,544
Restricted funds	0	(863)
Total Funds	2,321	1,681

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Steven Clarke - Chair Person

Mark Sleator- Treasurer

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b) Income

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2. Fundraising

	Unrestricted	Restricted	Total 2022	Total 2021
			0	0
	0	0	0	0

3. Events

	Unrestricted	Restricted	Total 2022	Total 2021
Coffee Morning			1,550	0
	0	0	1,550	0

4. Grants

	Unrestricted	Restricted	Total 2022	Total 2021
ABC Council Running Costs Grant		1,134	1,134	1,045
DFC Volunteer Small Grants			0	0
ABC Council		760	760	500
DAERA Micro Grant		890	890	1,045
Ulster-Scots Agency- Covid Recovery			0	2,986
	0	2,784	2,784	5,576

5. Analysis of Expenditure

	Unrestricted	Restricted	Total 2022	Total 2021
Charitable Activities				
Insurance	121	122	243	324
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Catering		175	175	34
Hall Rent	595	700	1,295	1,275
New Door	96	504	600	0
Musical Performance	50	100	150	0
Electrical Repairs	800		800	0
New Lighting	74	-74	0	460
Printer Ink	13	-13	0	53
General Repairs			0	120
Covid 19 Food Hampers			0	520
Christmas Gifts for Community			0	129
Foot Operated Sanitizer Station			0	420
Laptop			0	900
Wall Mounted Screen			0	744
Gazebo			0	946
Historical Talk			0	150
Supper			0	125
Total	2,149	1,921	4,070	6,543

6. Taxation

Diamond Rural Development Group is not subject to taxation on its charitable activities.

7. Analysis of trustee remuneration and expenses.

No Trustee received any payments other than for out of pocket expenses incurred on behalf of the group

Diamond Rural Development Group

Northern Ireland - Charity number 103779

Annual return

Diamond Rural Development Group

Annual Report and Receipts and Payments Account

For the year ended 31st December 2022

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References and administrative details

Charity Name:	Diamond Rural Development Group
Charity Registration Number:	103779
Contact Address:	114 Diamond Road Dromara, Dromore, Co. Down BT25 2PX
Trustees:	David Meeke Ian Ward LLB Steven Clarke Mark Sleator
Independent Examiner:	Alan Roulston FCA
Bankers:	Santander

Trustees' Annual Report for the period ended 31st December 2022

The trustees present the annual report and accounts for Diamond Rural Development Group for the year ended 31st December 2022

Objectives and Activities

The organisation has been set up with the aim to promote the benefit of the inhabitants of the Skeogh area and its environs without distinction of age, sex, race, political, religious or other opinion. It will do so by associating the statutory authorities, voluntary organisations and inhabiitants in a common effort to advance education and to provide facilities in the interests of the social welfare, education, recreation or other leisure-time occupation with the object of improving the conditions of life for the said inhabitants.

Achievements, Performance & Public Benefit

We are a rural community group based between Dromore and Dromara Co Down whose aims are to promote local community skills, increase social inclusion and help reduce marginalization and social isolation. We regularly organise community events which have included food hygiene training, PSNI safety events, cookery demonstrations, craft classes, First Aid training, children's Sunday school, music workshops, tractor runs, beetle drives, treasure hunts, community information evenings, bar-be-ques and family fun nights.

Financial Review

The charities funds have decreased over the year and the group is dependent on sourcing third party funding in order to run events.

Going Concern

The trustees have reviewed their financial position and are in a position to continue running events next year. The nature and number of events will be dependent on the what funding opportunities arise and how they fit in with the groups aims and objectives. As such the financial statements for the year ended 31st December 2022 can be signed off as a going concern.

Structure, Governance and Management

Governing Document and Constitution of the Charity

The charity is governed by its constitution.

Recruitment and Appointment of Volunteers

The Trustees welcome new volunteers to help with the running of the charity, any new volunteers initially meet with the Trustees so they have a understanding of the work involved are given training and support.

Organisational Structure

The governing body of the charity is the board of trustee's who are listed on the information page. The charity is run by the trustee's who work together to make decisions regarding the running of the charity.

Statement of Trustees' Responsibilities

The Trustees are responsible for preparing the Trustee's Report and the Statement of Receipts and Payments and Statement of Assets and Liabilities in accordance with applicable law and regulations.

The law applicable to Charities in Northern Ireland with income of less than £250,000 requires the Trustees to prepare a statement of Receipts and Payments and a Statement of Assets and Liabilities for each financial year.

The Trustees are responsible for keeping accounting records that are sufficent to show and explain the transactions and disclose with reasonable accruacy at any time the Assets and Liabilities of the charity. They are also responsible for safeguarding the Assets of the charity and hence taking resaonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

Statement as to disclosure to our examiners

In so far as the trustees are aware at the timing of approving our trustees' annual report:

- there is no relevant audit information of which the charity's auditor is unaware; and
- the trustees have taken all steps that they ought to have taken to make themselves aware of any relevant audit information and to establish that the charity's auditor is aware of that information.

Independent Examiner

The examiner, Alan Roulston has indicated their willingness to continue in office.

On behalf of the Trustees

Steven Clarke - Trustee

Mark Sleator - Trustee

I report on the accounts of the charity for the year ended 31st December 2022 which are set out on pages 5-6.

Respective responsibilities of 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 Charity Commission for Northern Ireland under section 65(9)(b) of the Charities Act; and
- 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.

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