

**Diamond Rural Development Group**

**Annual Report and Receipts and Payments Account**

**For the year ended 31st December 2022**

**Northern Ireland Charities Number: 103779**

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**References and administrative details**

Charity Name: Diamond Rural Development Group

Charity Registration Number: 103779

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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 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 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.

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 sufficient to show and explain the transactions and disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the Assets and Liabilities of the charity. They are also responsible for safeguarding the Assets of the charity and hence taking reasonable 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.

**Alan Roulston FCA**  
**18 Villawood Road**  
**Ashfield**  
**Dromore**  
**BT25 1LG**

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

	Note	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Total funds	Prior year total funds
<b>Income from:</b>					
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
<b>Total income</b>		<b>1,950</b>	<b>2,784</b>	<b>4,734</b>	<b>5,726</b>
<b>Expenditure on:</b>					
Raising Funds		0	0	0	0
Charitable Activities	5	2,149	1,921	4,070	6,543
<b>Total expenditure</b>		<b>2,149</b>	<b>1,921</b>	<b>4,070</b>	<b>6,543</b>
<b>Net income / (expenditure) resources</b>		<b>(199)</b>	<b>863</b>	<b>664</b>	<b>(817)</b>

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

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

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 4 May 2023 and signed on its behalf by:

Steven Clarke - Chair Person

Mark Sleator- Treasurer



## Notes to the financial statements for the year ended 31st December 2022

### 1. Accounting policies

The principal accounting policies adopted, judgements and key sources of estimation uncertainty in the preparation of the financial statements are as follows:

#### a) Preparation of accounts on a going concern basis

The Group meets its financial obligations mainly from income received at events the Group run and also from making grant funding applications for specific purposes. The Group has some reserves and so if there was a fall in income then it could still continue but with reduced activity. The expenditure relating to grant income is mostly dependent on the funding being successful and as such if this income dropped then the group would also have a drop in expenditure. Therefore these financial statements have been prepared on a going concern basis.

#### b) Income

Income is accounted for on a cash receipts basis as the amount is collected and are allocated as either restricted or unrestricted funds according to the terms of the donation.

#### c) Expenditure

Expenditure is recognised on a cash payments basis.

#### d) Cash and cash equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents includes cash in hand, deposits held at call with banks, other short-term highly liquid investments with original maturities of three months or less and bank overdrafts.

#### i) Funds

Funds are classified as either restricted funds or unrestricted funds, defined as follows:

Restricted funds are funds subject to specific requirements as to their use which may be declared by the donor or with their authority or created through legal processes, but still within the wider objects of the Group.

Unrestricted funds are expendable at the discretion of the trustees in furtherance of the objects of the charity. If parts of the unrestricted funds are earmarked at the discretion of the trustees for a particular purpose, they are designated as a separate fund. This designation has an administrative purpose only and does not legally restrict the trustees' discretion to apply the fund.

### 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
<b>Charitable Activities</b>				
Insurance	121	122	243	324
Heating Oil	400	407	807	343
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
<b>Total</b>	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