

# Autism Families Community Support Group

Northern Ireland · Charity number 103923

## Details

Status	Received
Registered	2016-01-26
Register	<a href="#">View on the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland register</a>

## Contact

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## Activities

**Purposes:** The objects ("Objects") of the group are to relieve the need of those living with autism or with those who display a significant number of the 'signs and symptoms of autism' (herein called the beneficiaries) within the Newry, Mourne & Down area (herein called the area of benefit) through the provision of support, social integration, advancement of education and provision of facilities.

**What the charity does:** 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,Counselling/support,Disability,Education/training

**Who the charity helps:** Adult training,Carers,Children (5-13 year olds),Learning disabilities,Mental health,Parents,Preschool (0-5 year olds),Sensory disabilities,Youth (14-25 year olds)

## Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-06-30	£25,976	£25,349	£0	0

## Trustees

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Name	Role	Appointed
Colin Boyle		
Elena Eke		
Mr Barry Bannon		
Mrs Hazel O'duill		
Mrs Jacqueline Carroll		
Mrs Michelle Doherty		

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**AUTISM FAMILIES COMMUNITY SUPPORT GROUP**

**FINANCIAL STATEMENT 1ST JULY 2024 TO 30TH JUNE 2025**

**RECEIPTS**

Donations	3,070.53
Registration	1,272.91
Summer Scheme	6,324.37
Charity Dip	310.00
Coin/Street Collections	8,890.72
Spinathons	2,435.18
St Ronans	600.00
Warrenpoint Harbour	250.00
Events/Trips	2,822.30
	<u>25,976.01</u>

**PAYMENTS**

Insurance	598.00
Summer Scheme	12,171.92
Sundry	19.88
Bank Fees	164.99
NMDC & ABC	1,196.00
Advertising	714.00
Affiliation Fee	40.00
Club Expenses	2,509.33
Cinema	247.16
Events	2,366.13
Uniforms	781.56
Panto	1,850.00
Christmas Party Expenses	1,453.17
Venue Hire	65.88
Sensory Equipment	497.69
Stationery	36.97
Autumn Walk Expenses	636.87
	<u>25,349.55</u>

Excess of Receipts Over Payments 626.46

**Accumulated Fund**

Balance at 1 July 2024	37,358.79
Excess for the Year	626.46
Balance at 30 June 2025	<u>37,985.25</u>

**Represented By:**

Bank Current Account	30,470.45
Paypal Account	7,514.80
Cash	0.00
	<u>37,985.25</u>

In my opinion, from the records and books I have received, the above Financial Statement gives a true and fair view of the state of Autism Families Community Support Group's Financial position for the year ended 30 June 2025.

Rita Murray F.C.C.A.

Independent Examiner

1.10.2025

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<b><u>RECEIPTS</u></b>	<b>£</b>
Donations	2,819.00
Fundraising	17,691.61
Events	6,552.45
Registration	1,296.00
	<u>28,359.06</u>
<b><u>PAYMENTS</u></b>	
Events	22,197.63
Bank Fees	162.50
Room Hire	609.40
Advertising	691.57
Affiliation Fee	31.50
Uniforms	420.97
Sensory Equipment	1,275.84
Gifts/Donations	147.95
Education Authority Grant Returned	271.49
Insurance	510.00
	<u>26,318.85</u>
Excess of Receipts Over Payments	2,040.21
<b>Accumulated Fund</b>	
Balance at 1 July 2023	35,318.58
Excess for the Year	<u>2,040.21</u>
Balance at 30 June 2024	<u>37,358.79</u>
<b>Represented By:</b>	
Bank Current Account	35,665.11
Paypal Account	1,135.35
Cash	<u>558.33</u>
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# Annual report

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## **Autism Families Community Support Group**

### **Chairperson Report**

Good evening. You are all welcome to our 2025, slightly delayed AGM.

2023-24 was a slightly more "settled" year for Autism Families as a lot of us got to grips with the more day to day administrative issues that we struggled with in the previous year. And I would like to thank the committee and volunteers for all their hard work during the last 13 or 14 months since our last AGM.

I'd like to thank our previous committee members, Joseph, Brenda and Sinead, who stepped down during the year for their hard work and commitment also.

During the year we ran our monthly kids club in the Brain Injury Foundation in Camlough. Each month we'd bring in some outside entertainment, such as drumming, animals, dancing, visits from the PSNI and the Fire Service , among others and these were always well attended at each club. There were other months where we created our own entertainment such as arts and crafts and gaming and these were also successful clubs. Our Halloween, Easter and Christmas parties were huge successes and we created our own Santa's grotto once again which was a big hit, and a huge thank you must go to Rathore's very own Santa Claus and his Elves and their magnificent grotto which definitely saved our Christmas party as our previous Grotto/sensory room is now sadly unavailable for our club . I believe we only missed one month during the year as the manpower wasn't available but it does highlight how important it is that as many of the committee gets stuck into each and every club. Ideally we would like to have a club every two weeks as it was generally in pre covid times but with our committee struggling with numbers this simply isn't an option right now.

In January 2024 we had another visit to the Grand Opera House in Belfast to see a relaxed viewing of the Panto Snow White which was a huge hit, which has since been followed by another visit only two weeks ago to see Peter Pan. 2024 saw another successful summer scheme which included a trip to Dublin Zoo, Seaforde Butterfly House, Streamvale Farm and Emerald Park to name a few. I know its a huge job to organise these events so well done to the events team.

Regular Sunday morning relaxed Cinema viewings and also Bowling for the Over 10's once again proved very popular. I'd hope to include another cookery course for our over 10's but a promise of outside funding never materialised so it had to be skipped last year sadly. The possibility of a 6 weeks swimming program was also investigated, but at almost £5000 it is probably just too large of an expense for us to fund ourselves, and also not having a functioning local swimming pool didn't help either.

In April we had our second annual Gosford Autism walk which was once again very well attended so hopefully this will carry on being a huge success. We also had a few outings at St Colman's running

track where we availed of their disability bicycles and this seemed to go very well each time, and again with a larger committee I'd love to see this happen at least once a month.

I'd like once again to extend our gratitude to "The Brain Injury Foundation" for allowing us the use of their excellent premises in Camlough, without which would not be enjoying the success we currently have so a huge thank you to them and long may this last.

I'd also like to thank the fundraising group for their excellent work with fundraising throughout the year without which the charity would not be able to continue . We had several street collections, spin a thon's and a charity dip in Warrenpoint to name just a few so well done.

Also huge thanks to Rita for compiling our Financial Report and for her valuable advice all through the year.

Going forward into 2025 and beyond I've no doubt Autism Families will have continued success and hopefully with a growing number of committee members and volunteers we will provide an even better help to our local children and a valuable resource for parents of children with Autism.

I'd like to thank you for allowing me another year as Chair which again has been a very very rewarding experience ,and even though it doesn't seem like it to most of you , I've enjoyed immensely. I may not fulfill or carry out my duties as Chair, Treasurer or Club officer with absolutely 100% correct protocol or exactly by the book but one way or another everything gets done and getting the job done for the betterment of Autism Families should be the top priority of being a committee member.

Colin Boyle

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Fundraising	10,140.02
Events	6,576.86
Registration	320.00
	<u>18,096.88</u>

**PAYMENTS**

Events	15,068.78
Bank Fees	90.25
Room Hire	803.60
Advertising	404.99
Affiliation Fee	40.00
Uniforms	180.00
Insurance	500.00
	<u>17,087.62</u>

Excess of Receipts Over Payments 1,009.26

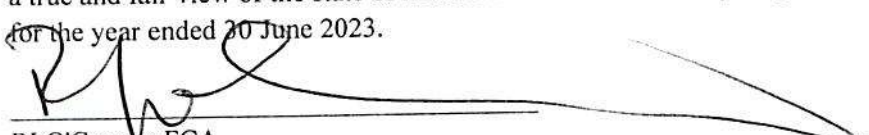
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PJ O'Connor FCA  
Independent Examiner  
23 October 2023

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# Chairperson's Report 22/23

Good evening. You are all welcome to our 2023, slightly delayed AGM.

2022-23 with Autism Families was quite an eye opener for most of our committee this year due largely to the fact that the members who dealt with the day to day administrative aspects of the group stepped down at our last AGM, leaving the rest of us who were mostly "hands on" people and some new members to have to learn very quickly how things were done. This certainly wasn't easy and there've been many bumps in the road and bumping of heads but most of us are still here with the full intention of seeing Autism Families continue as a successful local charity. And I would like to thank the committee and volunteers for all their hard work during the last 13 or 14 months since our last AGM.

I'd also like to thank our other committee members, Matthew, Marianne, Lorraine, Jolene and Sharon, who stepped down during the year for their hard work and commitment also. In particular Sharon or Shazza, our thoughts are with her and her ongoing health issue and we look forward to a full recovery and to see her back with us once again soon.

During the year we ran our monthly kids club in the Brain Injury Foundation in Camlough. Each month we'd bring in some outside entertainment, such as drumming, animals, dancing, visits from the PSNI and the Fire Service, among others and these were always well attended at each club. There were other months where we created our own entertainment such as arts and crafts and gaming and these were also successful clubs. Our Halloween, Easter and Christmas parties were huge successes and we created our own Santa's grotto last year which was a big hit. It's has also been turned into a temporary sensory room which is an ongoing project.

In January we had another visit to the Grand Opera House in Belfast to see a relaxed viewing of the Panto Cinderella which was a huge hit. 2023 saw another successful summer scheme which included a trip to Dublin Zoo, Seaford Butterfly House, Streamvale Farm and Emerald Park to name a few.

Regular Sunday morning relaxed Cinema viewings and also Bowling for the Over 10's once again proved very popular and we are currently in the midst of a six week Cookery program for our over 10's which is enjoyed immensely by both parents and kids.

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Also huge thanks again to our committee for the last twelve months and in particular a huge debt of gratitude to our treasurer Rita, who is stepping down due to work commitments after many years with our group, but she won't be too far away if ever we need any financial advice of course. Mates rates apparently she says.

Going forward into 2024 I've no doubt we will have continued success and hope to enlarge our committee as there's one or two ideas in the early stages which may come into fruition

soon enough so thank you for allowing me this last year as Chair which has been a very very rewarding experience.

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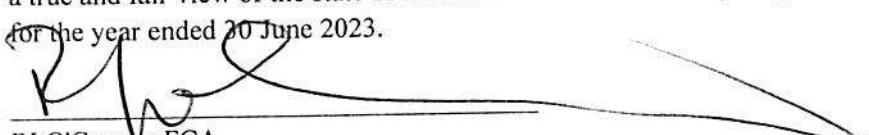
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