

Newtownhamilton/StJohns/Armagh/ChurchofIreland

Northern Ireland · Charity number 104087

Details

Status	Received
Registered	2016-03-23
Register	View on the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland register

Contact

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Activities

Purposes: The principal function is to support the advancement of the Christian religion by promoting through the work of the Parish the whole mission of the Church, pastoral, evangelistic, social and ecumenical. Being open to and engaging with society as a whole and offering support for those needing help is fundamental to the practical delivery of the tenets of Christianity. As a result of activity in pursuit of the advancement of the Christian religion, the Parish has custody of a large body of records, materials and artefacts of significance to the cultural heritage, the maintenance of which is undertaken by the Parish as a secondary charitable purpose.

What the charity does: The advancement of religion

How the charity works: Religious activities

Who the charity helps: General public

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2024-12-31	£45,524	£24,417	£0	0
2023-12-31	£35,356	£26,166	£0	0

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Mr Allen Jones		
Mr Mark Watt		
Mr Norman Cooke		
Mr Richard McBride		
Mr Wayne Hawthorne		
Mr William Mccombe		
Mrs Gillian Mccombe		
Mrs Ruth Copeland		
Mrs Valerie Taylor		

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Accounts

St John's Parish Church Newtownhamilton

St John's Parish Church, Newtownhamilton
(Northern Ireland Charity Commission Number: 104087)

**Report of the Trustees and Annual Accounts
for the year ended 31 December 2024**

Noel Conn & Company
Chartered Accountants

St John's Parish Church Newtownhamilton

Accounts for the year ended 31 December 2024

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Trustees and Other Information

Trustees

Alan Anderson
Herby Armstrong
Colin Elwood
Jean Hadden
Allen Jones
Alyson Jones
Alison McBride
Richard McBride
Edwina McCombe
Gillian McCombe
Norman McCombe
Brian McConnell
Dorothy McConnell
Valerie Taylor
Allison Warmington
Mark Watt

Rector

Reverend David Moses

Independent Examiner

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Principle Bankers

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Charity Commission NI Number

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Trustees Report for the year ended 31 December 2024

The Trustees present their report along with the financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31 December 2024. The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the accounting policies set out of page 11.

Governing Document and Constitution of the Charity

Chapter III of the Constitution of the Church of Ireland governs Parishes and Parochial Organisation. The Select Vestry members are the Charity Trustees.

Organisation

The Trustees who have served during the year are detailed out on page 3. The select vestry (Trustees) is responsible for the fabric, furnishings and finances of the Parish. The Select Vestry consists of the member of the clergy serving the Parish, the churchwardens, glebe wardens and generally not more than 12 other members of the general vestry elected at the General Vestry. The select vestry is chaired by the incumbent.

All members of the Church of Ireland who are over the age of 18 and are either resident within the parish or live elsewhere but have been accustomed members of the congregation for at least three months, may register as members of the general vestry of the parish, allowing them to attend and vote at meetings of the general vestry and to stand for election to the select vestry. Meetings of the general vestry are held at least once a year. The select vestry is elected as part of the General Vestry meeting. The select vestry will hold their positions for a period of one year. Select vestry members may be re-elected annually and there is no limit on the number of terms which may be served.

Objectives and Activities

Christian religion at its core seeks to provide care and support to those at point of need. Direct benefit of participation in church life includes the enjoyment of public worship and giving and receiving of pastoral care. As a church body we seek to engage with our local community and encourage social and community integration.

We are an active body with regular fundraising and community events during the year and a willing and able body of volunteers to assist in our work. No trustee or volunteer received any remuneration, reward or private benefit for carrying out their trustee responsibility.

The social benefits of volunteering provide a sense of purpose and belonging within the church community. We also get to enjoy historic building and artefacts and appreciate our rich Christian heritage.

People frequently seek access to church records for research and genealogy, conservation, property and artefacts and the subsequent and continued requests for access and use of our materials by the wider society. The direct beneficiaries of this purpose are the church members and the general public. There is no harm arising from the purpose. No private benefit is received by trustees fulfilling their trustee responsibilities in respect of these records, buildings or artefacts. On occasion specialist professional external services are engaged essential to the fulfilment of the task. Our church is celebrating 250 years since construction started on that site and we have also completed major structural work to the church building within this year, which has been an event of celebration in church life of a beautiful historic relic which has been preserved for those today and those in future to enjoy.

Achievement, Performance and Public Benefit

The Parish mission is to the advancement of religion through holding regular worship and pastoral care and support of Parishioners and the local community.

St John's Parish Church has weekly services on Sunday mornings comprising of a mix of Holy Communion, Family Services, Baptism Services and Morning Prayer together with various other special services during the year such as Lenten Services, Holy Week Services, Harvest Thanksgiving Services, Advent and Christmas Carol Services.

Events in the period 1 January 2024 to 31 December 2024:

24/5/2024 – 27/05/2024 – Flower Festival

19/10/2024 – Coffee morning

18/10/2024 – 20/10/2024 – Harvest Sunday

The Select Vestry is chaired by the Rector officiating in the Parish. The Select Vestry are responsible for decision making and steer on the matters of finance, structural upkeep and maintenance in compliance with State church legislation. The Select Vestry meets at times prior arranged by its members, rural dean or by the Diocesan Synod. Special meetings may be additional convened at any time by the Chairperson or the Churchwardens.

The parish has given due consideration to the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland's guidance on public benefit to ensure that the activities entered into during the year have assisted with achieving the Parish aims and objectives as well as providing public benefit.

Financial Review and Investment Policy

During the year ended 31 December 2024, the principal source of income of St John's Parish Church continues to be from donations and plate collections totalling £30,695 (2023: £34,140)

The principal expenses of St John's Parish Church during the year was in respect of payments regarding Diocesan Costs/Assessments totalling £12,651 (2023; £15,969) and the insurance totalling £1,826 (2023: £1,700).

St John's Parish Church continues to be in a reasonable financial state as at the 31 December 2024 with total cash funds of £106,955 (2023: £85,848).

St John's Parish Church aims to retain sufficient reserves to meet its expected future expenditure requirements as well as potential future capital projects.

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Risk Management

The Trustees have examined the major strategic, business and operational risks which the charity faces and confirm that systems have been established to enable regular reports to be produced so that the necessary steps can be taken to reduce these risks.

Going Concern

The trustees have reviewed its planned expenditure for the year ahead and are satisfied that there are adequate funds available to ensure that the Parish can continue its activities and the financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2024 can be signed off as a going concern.

By order of the Trustees

Allen Jones

Trustee

1/6/26

Date

Statement of Trustees' Responsibilities

The Trustees are responsible for preparing the Trustees' Annual Report and the Financial Statements in accordance with the applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards.

The law applicable to charities in Northern Ireland requires the trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year. Under that law the trustees have prepared the financial statements in accordance with Generally Accepted Accounting Practice in the United Kingdom (accounting standards issued by the Financial Reporting Council in the UK, including Charities SORP (FRS 102). Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statements of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the United Kingdom and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) and promulgated by the Institute of Chartered Accountants in the United Kingdom and United Kingdom Law). Under that law the trustees must not approve the financial statements unless they are satisfied that they give a true and fair view of the state of the affairs of the charity and of the statement of financial activities of the charity for that period.

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

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply the consistently;
- observe the methods and principles in the Charities SORP;
- make judgements and estimates that a reasonable and prudent;
- state whether the application of accounting standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained the Financial Statements;
- prepare the Financial Statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in business.

The trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and to enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities Act (Northern Ireland) 2008 and the Charity (Accounts and Reports) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2008. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

The trustees are responsible for the maintenance and integrity of the corporate and financial information included on the charities website. Legislation in the United Kingdom governing the preparation and dissemination of financial statements may differ from legislation in other jurisdictions.

By order of the Trustees

Allen Jones.

Trustee

1/6/27

Date

Independent Examiner's report for the year ended 31 December 2024

We report on the accounts of St John's Parish Church, Newtownhamilton for the year ended 31 December 2024, which are set out on pages 9 to 14.

Respective responsibilities of charity 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 our responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under section 65 of the Charities Act
- follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Commission under section 65(9)(b) of the Charities Act
- state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of independent examiner's report

We have examined the charity accounts as required under section 65 of the Charities Act and our 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.

Our 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.

Our role is to state whether any material matters have come to our attention giving us 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
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

We have completed our 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, we have found no matters that require drawing to your attention.



Noel Conn FCA
Noel Conn and Company Chartered Accountants
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Date

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Statement of Financial Activities for the year ended 31 December 2024

	Notes	Unrestricted Funds 2024 £	Restricted Funds 2024 £	Endowment Funds 2024 £	Total 2024 £	Total 2023 £
Receipts						
Donations and Plate Collections	3	30,695	-	-	30,695	34,140
Investment Income	6	2,701	-	-	2,701	1,216
Fundraising	5	11,578	-	-	11,578	-
Grant Income	4	-	550	-	550	-
Total Receipts		<u>44,974</u>	<u>550</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>45,524</u>	<u>35,356</u>
Payments						
Charitable Activities	7	23,867	550	-	24,417	26,166
Other Costs		-	-	-	-	-
Total Expenses		<u>23,867</u>	<u>550</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>24,417</u>	<u>26,166</u>
Surplus of Receipts over Payments for the year before transfers					<u>21,107</u>	<u>9,190</u>

	Unrestricted Funds 2024 £	Restricted Funds 2024 £	Endowment Funds 2024 £	Total 2024 £	Total 2023 £
Cash Funds					
Current Account	10,664	-	-	10,664	10,092
Deposit Account	96,165	-	-	96,165	75,756
Total Cash Funds	<u>106,829</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>106,829</u>	<u>85,848</u>

	Unrestricted Funds 2024 £	Restricted Funds 2024 £	Endowment Funds 2024 £	Total 2024 £	Total 2023 £
Investment Funds					
Investments in RCB / CIT Unit	1,106	-	-	1,106	1,216
Interest Received	1,595	-	-	1,595	-
Total Investment Assets	<u>2,701</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>2,701</u>	<u>1,216</u>

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Statement of Financial Position for the year ended 31 December 2024

	2024 £	2023 £
Current Assets		
Deposit Account	96,165	75,756
Current Account	10,664	10,092
Sundry Debtors	475	-
	<u>107,304</u>	<u>85,848</u>
Current Liabilities		
Sundry Creditors	349	-
	<u>349</u>	<u>-</u>
Net Current Assets	<u><u>106,955</u></u>	<u><u>85,848</u></u>
Funds		
Brought Forward	85,848	76,668
Surplus of Receipts over Payments for the year before transfers	21,107	9,180
Total funds to carry forward	<u><u>106,955</u></u>	<u><u>85,848</u></u>

We approve these accounts in behalf of the Board of Trustees and confirm that we have made available all relevant records and information required for their preparation.

Allen Jones

Trustee

1/6/26

Date

Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 December 2024

1. Accounting Policies

Set out below are the principal accounting policies which have been adopted in the compilation of the Receipts and Payments Account and the Statements of Assets and Liabilities.

(a) Receipts and Payments Account

All items of income and expenditure included within the Receipts and Payments Account have been accounted for on a cash receipts basis.

Voluntary income is received by way of donations and gifts and is included in full in the statement of Financial Activities when Receivable. The value of services provided by volunteers has not been included.

The Parish generally meets its day to day working capital requirements from its annual income. The Trustees have obtained and reviewed cash flow forecasts for the coming year and based on these are satisfied that the Parish has resources to provide a reasonable expectation that it can continue to meet its financial obligations as they fall due for the coming year. Therefore, these financial statements have been prepared on a going concern basis.

(b) Assets retained for the Parish's own use

The assets of the Parish, retained for its own use:

- i) Church Building and graveyard
- ii) Fixtures and Fittings
- iii) Shared Rectory

The Church Building and Graveyard deemed to be Heritage Assets as defined by the Charities SORP (FRS 102)

These Heritage Assets are not included in the Statement of Assets and Liabilities as information on the cost or valuation is not available and such information cannot be obtained at a cost commensurate with the benefit to the users of the accounts and to the parish.

Fixtures and Fittings are deemed to be Heritage Assets as defined by the Charities SORP (FRS 102). These fixtures and fittings are artefacts contained within the Church Building and their Preservation and contribution to culture are ancillary to faith and other purposes. Heritage assets are not included in Statement of Assets and Liabilities as information cannot be obtained at a cost commensurate with the benefit to the users of the accounts and to the parish.

The Rectory usage is shared between the Parishes of Keady, Derrynoose, Arnaghbreague and Newtownhamilton. Keady Parish maintain ownership of this property and as a result this building is not recognised in the Parish Statement of Assets and Liabilities.

2. Reconciliation of Cash Funds

Total Cash Funds at the beginning of the year	85,848
Receipts for the year	45,524
Payments for the year	24,417
Total Cash Funds at the end of the year	<u>106,955</u>

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3. Donations and Plate Collections

	Unrestricted Funds 2024 £	Restricted Funds 2024 £	Endowment Funds 2024 £	Total 2024 £	Total 2023 £
Subscriptions	30,412	-	-	30,412	30,026
Graveyard Fees	-	-	-	-	800
Ash Wednesday	-	-	-	-	15
Turkey Earthquake Appeal	-	-	-	-	159
Gift Day	600	-	-	600	925
Donation from WLOL No. 98	-	-	-	-	50
Donations in Lieu of Flowers	-	-	-	-	375
Hospice Sunday Collection	105	-	-	105	70
Sunday School Boxes	-	-	-	-	200
Bus for Church Outing	-	-	-	-	70
Adverts for Coffee Morning and Quiz	323	-	-	323	140
Harvest Service Collection	451	-	-	451	110
Total Donations	33,324			33,324	35,356

4. Grants

	Unrestricted Funds 2024 £	Restricted Funds 2024 £	Endowment Funds 2024 £	Total 2024 £	Total 2023 £
Government Energy Support Grant	-	-	-	-	1,200
Newry Council Grant		550		550	-
Total Grants	-	550	-	550	1,200

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5. Fundraising

	Unrestricted Funds 2024 £	Restricted Funds 2024 £	Endowment Funds 2024 £	Total 2024 £	Total 2023 £
Flower Festival	11,578	-	-	11,578	-
Total Fundraising	11,578	-	-	11,578	-

6. Investments

	Unrestricted Funds 2024 £	Restricted Funds 2024 £	Endowment Funds 2024 £	Total 2024 £	Total 2023 £
Bank Interest	1,595	-	-	1,595	101
RCB Trust Income	1,106	-	-	1,106	1,115
Total Investment Income	2,701	-	-	2,701	1,216

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7. Charitable Activities

	Unrestricted Funds 2024 £	Restricted Funds 2024 £	Endowment Funds 2024 £	Total 2024 £	Total 2023 £
Diocesan Charges	12,651	-	-	12,651	15,969
Church Running Costs					
Heat and Light	3,095	-	-	3,095	4,008
Water Rates	318	-	-	318	372
Insurance	1,826	-	-	1,826	1,700
Grass Cutting	500	-	-	500	450
Glebe					
Share of Rectory Costs	1,923	-	-	1,923	2,282
Administration Costs					
Bus for Church	-	-	-	-	210
Bank Fees	154	-	-	154	113
Envelopes for 2025	152	-	-	152	140
Adverts for Coffee Morning and Quiz	180	-	-	180	140
Sunday School Expenses	31	-	-	31	34
Ambassador Magazines	121	-	-	121	143
Poppy Wreath	-	-	-	-	50
Organist	-	-	-	-	200
Christmas Cards	134	-	-	134	139
Turkey Earthquake Appeal	-	-	-	-	159
S Hawthorne - St Marks Bible	-	-	-	-	23
Harvest Preacher Expenses	-	-	-	-	34
Flower Festival Expenses	943	550	-	1,498	-
Accountancy	350	-	-	350	-
Donations	1,484	-	-	1,395	-
Total Expenses	23,867	550		24,417	26,166

8. Transactions with Trustees

£500 was paid to a trustee during the year for maintaining the grounds around the church and cutting the grass in the graveyard.

8. Governance Costs

Governance Costs of £350 were incurred during the year, of which £350 related to fees paid to the Independent Examiner.

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Receipts and Payments Account for the year ended 31 December 2023

	Unrestricted Funds 2023 £	Restricted Funds 2023 £	Endowment Funds 2023 £	Total 2023 £	Total 2022 £
Receipts					
Donations and Plate Collections	34,140			34,140	26,839
Investment Income	1,216			1,216	550
Total Receipts	<u>35,346</u>	<u></u>	<u></u>	<u>35,346</u>	<u>27,389</u>
Payments					
Charitable Activities	26,166			26,166	21,398
Other Costs					
Total Expenses	<u>26,166</u>	<u></u>	<u></u>	<u>26,166</u>	<u>21,398</u>
Surplus of Receipts over Payments for the year before transfers	<u>9,180</u>	<u></u>	<u></u>	<u>9,180</u>	<u>5,991</u>

Statement of Assets and Liabilities as at 31 December 2023

	Unrestricted Funds 2023 £	Restricted Funds 2023 £	Endowment Funds 2023 £	Total 2023 £	Total 2022 £
Cash Funds					
Current Account	10,092			10,092	11,569
Deposit Account	75,756			75,756	65,089
Total Cash Funds	<u>85,848</u>	<u></u>	<u></u>	<u>85,848</u>	<u>76,658</u>
Investment Funds					
Investments in RCB / CIT unit Trusts	1,216			1,216	550
Total Investment Assets	<u>1,216</u>	<u></u>	<u></u>	<u>1,216</u>	<u>550</u>

Assets retained for the Parish's own use

The Church Building and grounds and Fixtures and Fittings are all held at heritage book value.

Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 December 2023

1. Accounting Policies

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2. Reconciliation of Cash Funds

	£
Total Cash Funds at the Beginning of the Year	76,658
Receipts for the Year	35,356
Payments for the Year	<u>(26,166)</u>
Total Cash Funds at the end of the Year	<u>85,848</u>

3. Donations

	Unrestricted Funds 2023 £	Restricted Funds 2023 £	Endowment Funds 2023 £	Total 2023 £	Total 2022 £
Subscriptions	30,026			30,026	25,261
Graveyard Fees	800			800	50
Ash Wednesday	15			15	-
Turkey Earthquake appeal	159			159	-
Gift Day	925			925	865
Donation from WLOL No. 98	50			50	-
Donations in Lieu of Flowers	375			375	100
Hospice Sunday Collection	70			70	150
Government Energy Support Grant	1,200			1,200	-
Sunday School Boxes	200			200	-
Bus for Church Outing	70			70	-
Adverts for Coffee Morning and Quiz	140			140	-
RCB	1,115			1,115	537
Bank Interest	101			101	13
Harvest Service Collection	110			110	98
Confirmation Service Collection					235
Rector in a tractor collection					80
Total Donations	<u>35,356</u>	<u></u>	<u></u>	<u>35,356</u>	<u>27,389</u>

4. Investments

	Unrestricted Funds 2023 £	Restricted Funds 2023 £	Endowment Funds 2023 £	Total 2023 £	Total 2022 £
Bank Interest	101			101	13
RCB Trust Income	1,115			1,115	537
Total Investment Income	<u>1,216</u>	<u></u>	<u></u>	<u>1,216</u>	<u>550</u>

5. Charitable Activities

	Unrestricted Funds 2023 £	Restricted Funds 2023 £	Endowment Funds 2023 £	Total 2023 £	Total 2022 £
Diocesan Charges	15,969			15,969	13,201
Church Running Costs					
Heat and Light	4,008			4,008	2,739
Water Rates	372			372	179
Insurance	1,700			1,700	1,570
Grass Cutting	450			450	450
Glebe					
Share of Rectory Costs	2,282			2,282	1,712
Administration Costs					
Bus for Church Outing	210			210	-
Bank Fees	113			113	94
Envelopes for 2024	140			140	136
Adverts for Coffee Morning & Quiz	140			140	-
Sunday School Expenses	143			143	146
Ambassador Magazines	34			34	68
Poppy Wreath	50			50	
Organist	200			200	175
Christmas Cards	139			139	
Turkey Earthquake Appeal	159			159	
S Hawthorne – St Marks – Bible	23			23	
Harvest Preacher Expenses	34			34	30
Printing					102
Confirmation Service expenses					500
Rector in a tractor					80
Microphone					216
Total Expenses	<u>26,166</u>	<u></u>	<u></u>	<u>26,166</u>	<u>21,398</u>

6. Transactions with Trustees

£450 was paid to a trustee during the year for maintaining the grounds around the church and cutting the grass in the graveyard.

7. Governance Costs

Governance Costs of £0 were incurred during the year, of which £0 relates to fees paid to the independent examiner.

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Receipts and Payments Account for the year ended 31 December 2020

	Unrestricted Funds 2020 £	Restricted Funds 2020 £	Endowment Funds 2020 £	Total 2020 £	Total 2019 £
Receipts					
Donations and Plate Collections	16,316	-	-	16,316	19,221
Investment Income	957	-	-	957	1,449
Total Receipts	17,273	-	-	17,273	20,670
Payments					
Charitable Activities	16,247	-	-	16,247	18,357
Other Costs	-	-	-	-	413
Total Expenses	16,247	-	-	16,247	18,770
Excess of Receipts over Payments for the year before transfers	1,026	-	-	1,026	1,900

Signed on Behalf of the trustees

Trustee 1 Gillian M^o Coube.

Trustee 2 William J M Coube

Date 1/9/2021.

Statement of Assets and Liabilities as at 31 December 2020

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For more information on the principles underlying the figures which have been included in the preparation of the

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Endowment Funds	Total	Total
(a) Receipts and Payments	2020	2020	2020	2020	2019
	€	€	€	€	€

Cash Funds

Current Account	21,697	-	-	21,697	-
Deposit Account	53,582	-	-	53,582	-
Total Cash Funds	75,279	-	-	75,279	74,253

Investment Funds

Equity Investments	-	-	-	-	-
Other Listed Investments	-	-	-	-	-
Investments in RCB / CIT unit Trusts	9,119	-	-	-	9,119
Other Unlisted Investments	-	-	-	-	-
Investment Properties	-	-	-	-	-
Total Investment Assets	9,119	-	-	-	9,119

Assets retained for the Parish's own use

Parish Centre	Heritage	-	-	Heritage	Heritage
Glebe House	Heritage	-	-	Heritage	Heritage
Fixtures and Fittings	Heritage	-	-	Heritage	Heritage
Total Assets retained for the Parish's own use	Heritage	-	-	Heritage	Heritage

2. Reconciliation of Cash Funds

Total Cash Funds at the Beginning of the Year	74,253
Receipts for the Year	93,273
Payments for the Year	(1,527)
Total Cash Funds at the end of the Year	75,279

Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 December 2020

1. Accounting Policies

Set out below are the principle accounting policies which have been adopted in the compilation of the Receipts and Payments Account and the Statement of Assets and Liabilities.

(a) Receipts and Payments Account

All items of income and expenditure included within the Receipts and Payments Account have been accounted for on a cash receipts basis.

Voluntary income is received by way of donation's and gift's, and is included in full in the Statement of Financial Activities when receivable. The value of services provided by volunteers' has not been included.

The Parish generally meets its day to day working capital requirements from its annual income. The Trustees have obtained and reviewed cash flow forecasts for the coming year and based on these are satisfied that the Parish has resources to provide a reasonable expectation that it can continue to meet its financial obligations as they fall due for the foreseeable future. Therefore, these financial statements have been prepared on a going concern basis.

(b) Assets retained for the Parish's own use

The Assets of the Parish, retained for its own use:

- i Church Building and Graveyard
- ii Fixtures and Fittings
- iii Shared Rectory

The Church Building and Graveyard are deemed to be Heritage Assets as defined by the Charities SORP (FRS 102).

These Heritage assets are not included in the statement of assets and liabilities as information on the cost or valuation is not available and such information cannot be obtained at a cost commensurate with the benefit to the users of the accounts and to the Parish.

Fixtures and fittings are deemed to be Heritage assets as defined by the Charities SORP (FRS 102).

These fixtures and fittings are artefacts contained within the Church Building and their Preservation and contribution to culture are ancillary to faith and other purposes. Heritage assets are not included in the Statement of Assets and Liabilities as information on the cost or valuation is not available and such information cannot be obtained at a cost commensurate with the benefit to the users of the accounts and to the parish.

The Rectory usage is shared between the Parishes of Keady, Derrynoose, Armaghbreague and Newtownhamilton. Keady Parish maintain ownership of this property and as a result this building is not recognised in the Parish Statement of Assets and Liabilities.

2. Reconciliation of Cash Funds

	£
Total Cash Funds at the Beginning of the Year	74,253
Receipts for the Year	17,273
Payments for the Year	(16,247)
Total Cash Funds at the end of the Year	<u>75,279</u>

3. Donations

	Unrestricted Funds 2020 £	Restricted Funds 2020 £	Endowment Funds 2020 £	Total 2020 £	Total 2019 £
Subscriptions	13,671			13,671	16,936
Graveyard Fees	75			75	370
Ash Wednesday	78			78	36
Maudy Thursday Collection	-			-	36
Gift Day	100			100	1,205
Harvest Services	-			-	90
Donations towards Grass Cutting	-			-	20
Remembrance Sunday	40			40	84
Bishops Appeal	-			-	155
Christmas Day Collection	57			57	36
Ambassador Magazines	5			5	108
Sunday School Boxes	-			-	145
Hospice Sunday Collection	95			95	-
Retirement collection for Organist	1,195			1,195	-
Bequest from the Late Mrs V					
Bottom	1,000			1,000	-
	<u>16,316</u>			<u>16,316</u>	<u>19,221</u>

4. Investments

a. Transactions with Trustees

	Unrestricted Funds 2020 £	Restricted Funds 2020 £	Endowment Funds 2020 £	Total 2020 £	Total 2019 £
Bank Interest	19			19	416
RCB Trust Income	938			938	1,034
	<u>957</u>			<u>957</u>	<u>1,450</u>

b. Governance Costs

Governance Costs of £11 were incurred during the year of which £0 relates to fees paid to the independent auditors.

5. Charitable Activities

	Unrestricted Funds 2020 £	Restricted Funds 2020 £	Endowment Funds 2020 £	Total 2020 £	Total 2019 £
Diocesan Charges	10,578	-	-	10,578	11,311
Church Running Costs					
Heat & Light	761	-	-	761	1,661
Water Rates	206	-	-	206	200
Insurance	1,450	-	-	1,450	1,460
Repairs	-	-	-	-	1,088
Grass Cutting	500	-	-	500	530
Organist	-	-	-	-	520
Sunday School Expenses	-	-	-	-	267
Communion Wine	-	-	-	-	48
Glebe					
Share of Rectory Costs	1,131	-	-	1,131	968
Administration Costs					
Retirement collection for Organist	1,195	-	-	1,195	-
Bank Fees	61	-	-	61	95
Envelopes for 2021	116	-	-	116	210
Gifts for Christmas	250	-	-	250	-
	<u>16,247</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>16,247</u>	<u>18,358</u>

6. Transactions with Trustees

The following Transactions were made during the year:

£500 was paid to a trustee during the year for maintaining the grounds around the church and cutting the grass in the graveyard.

£100 was given to a trustee by way of Christmas Gift.

7. Governance Costs

Governance Costs of £0 were incurred during the year of which £0 relates to fees paid to the independent examiner.

Newtownhamilton/StJohns/Armagh/ChurchofIreland

Northern Ireland - Charity number 104087

Annual report

St John's Church of Ireland,

Newtownhamilton

Trustees' Annual Report, Statement of Receipts and Payments

and Assets and Liabilities

for the year ended 31 December 2020

Charity Number: 104087

St John's Church of Ireland, Newtownhamilton

Annual Report and Financial Statements for the year ended 31 December 2020

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St John's Church of Ireland, Newtownhamilton

References and administrative details

Charity Name: Newtownhamilton/StJohns/Armagh/ChurchofIreland

(Commonly known as St John's, Newtownhamilton)

Charity Registration Number: NI 104087

Contact Office:

38 Kidds Road,
Newry
County Down
BT35 6PY

Trustees:

Richard McBride	Ruth Copeland	William McCombe
Norman Cooke	Gillian McCombe	Valerie Watt
Allen Jones	Judith McCombe	Valerie Taylor
Jim McCombe	Wayne Hawthorne	Dorothy McConnell
Mark Watt	Herbert Armstrong	

Principal Office – Bearers

Clergy: Vacant

Church Warden – Clergy: Mr Wayne Hawthorne

Church Warden – People: Mr Mark Watt

Bankers:

Ulster Bank
86 Hill Street
Newry
County Down
BT34 1BT

Trustees' Annual Report for the year ended 31 December 2020

The Trustees present the Annual Report and Statement of Receipts and Payments and Assets and Liabilities for St John's Church of Ireland, Newtownhamilton.

Objectives and Activities

The charitable purpose of the Church of Ireland is the advancement of religion.

The principal function of St John's Church of Ireland, Newtownhamilton is to support the advancement of the Christian religion by promoting, through the work of St John's the whole mission of the Church, pastoral, evangelistic, social and ecumenical. Being open to and engaging with society as a whole and offering support for those needing help are fundamental to the practical delivery of the benefits of Christianity.

As a result of activity in the pursuit of the advancement of the Christian religion, St John's has custody of property and of records, materials and artefacts of significance to the cultural and religious heritage and maintenance of which is undertaken by the Select Vestry of St John's Church of Ireland, Newtownhamilton.

Achievements, Performance and Public Benefit

The usual programme of activities listed in previous years was not possible for the majority of the year due to public health restrictions which came into force in March 2020 due to the Covid-19 worldwide pandemic.

There were periods during the year from March to December where the public health restrictions allowed for public worship. During these times Morning worship was held at 10.15am on Sunday's.

In the course of 2020 the following took place:

Christian Baptism: 1

Christian Burial: 1

During this extraordinary year, when physically meeting was unavailable, a special effort was made to maintain contact with parishioners and the wider community in a variety of ways. Meetings for prayer were held via 'Zoom' and services broadcast online. For those parishioners who were unable to avail of live online communication methods, services were recorded and posted out to parishioners.

These activities fulfil our objectives and charitable purpose and provided public benefit. Through our activities we aim to contribute not only to the spiritual well – being of people but their physical, practical, social and emotional needs also. Our activities are open to all and are free at the point of use. There are no fees charged. Our charity is funded by voluntary donations and contributions.

Financial Review

The charity had a Surplus of £1,026 for the year ended 31 December 2020. The Charity continues to be in a reasonably healthy financial state as at 31 December 2020 with total cash funds of £75,279. The charity aims to retain sufficient reserves to meet its expected future expenditure requirements as well as potential future capital projects.

Going Concern

The trustees have reviewed the budgets for the year ahead and are satisfied that there are adequate funds in place to ensure that the Parish can continue its activities and the financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2020 can be signed off as a going concern.

Reserves Policy

The Select Vestry's policy is to retain a level of free reserves or general reserves which matches its needs at the current time and in the foreseeable future. The main reason for holding reserves is to ensure that the charity has enough resources to fund its programme and to hold sufficient resources to meet its commitments. The Trustees believe that this reserves policy is both responsible and prudent.

Structure, Governance and Management

Governing Document and Constitution of the Charity

The Parish is administered in accordance with The Constitution of The Church of Ireland published by The General Synod of the Church of Ireland.

Chapter III of the Constitution of the Church of Ireland governs Parishes and Parochial Organisations. The Select Vestry members are the Charity Trustees.

Recruitment and Appointment of Select Vestry (Trustees)

All members of the Church of Ireland who are over the age of 18 and are either resident within the parish or live elsewhere but have been accustomed members of the congregation for at least three months, and have been identifiable contributors, may register as members of the general vestry of the parish, allowing them to attend and vote at meetings of the general vestry and to stand for election to the select vestry. Meetings of the general vestry are held at least once a year, known as the Easter Vestry. This is held not earlier than twenty seven days before, and not later than 20 days after Easter. The General Vestry meeting may not be held within the period from the Sunday next before Easter (Palm Sunday) to Easter Day. The Select Vestry is elected as part of this General Vestry meeting. The Select Vestry will hold their positions for a period of one year. Select Vestry members may be re-elected annually and there is no limit on the number of terms which may be served.

Organisational Structure

The Select Vestry is responsible for the day to day management of the Parish. The Select Vestry consists of the member of the clergy serving in the parish (or Rural Dean), any curate assistant ('the curate'), the churchwardens, the glebe wardens and generally not more than twelve other members of the general vestry elected at the General Vestry.

The Select Vestry is chaired by the incumbent or Rural Dean or other member of the clergy officiating in the parish. Select Vestry members are responsible for making decisions on matters of general concern and importance to the parish including deciding how parish funds are to be applied.

The Select Vestry meets at times fixed by the members. Special meetings may be convened at any time by the chairperson or the church wardens.

Trustees do not receive remuneration, reward or other private benefit for carrying out their Trustee responsibility.

Compliance with Public Benefit

The Parish has given careful consideration to the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland's guidance on public benefit to ensure that the activities entered into during the year have helped to achieve the Parish's objectives and activities, as well as providing public benefit.

Statement of Trustee' Responsibilities

The trustees are responsible for preparing the Trustees' 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 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 Parish's transactions and disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the assets and liabilities of the Parish. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the Parish and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

Signed on Behalf of the Trustees

Gillian McCausland

William J McErube

Date *1/9/2021*

Newtownhamilton/StJohns/Armagh/ChurchofIreland

Northern Ireland - Charity number 104087

Annual return

Independent Examiner's report to the trustees of St John's Parish Church, Newtownhamilton

I report on the accounts of St John's Parish Church for the year ended 31 December 2020 which are set out on pages 7 to 11.

Respective responsibilities of charity trustees and examiner

As St John's Parish Church 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 Commission under section 65 (9)(b) of the Charities Act.
- 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.

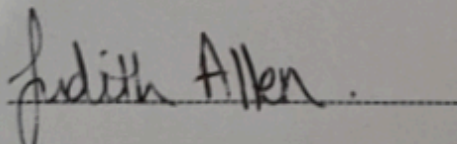
My examination included a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of accounts presented with those records. It also included consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from you as charity trustees concerning any such matters.

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.



Mrs J Allen ACA

Newtownhamilton/StJohns/Armagh/ChurchofIreland

Northern Ireland - Charity number 104087

Accounts

St John's Parish Church, Newtownhamilton

Receipts and Payments Account for the year ended 31 December 2019

	Note	Unrestricted Funds 2019 £	Restricted Funds 2019 £	Total Funds 2019	Total Funds 2018 £
Receipts					
Donations and Plate Collections	2	19221		19221	18284
Investment income	3	1449		1449	3563
Total Receipts		20670	0	20670	21847
Payments					
Charitable activities	4	18357		18357	21413
Other Costs	5	413		413	319
Total Expenditure		18770	0	18770	21732
Surplus / (Deficit) for the year		1900	0	1900	114
Funds brought forward		72353	-	72353	72238
Total Funds carried forward		74253	-	74253	72353

Statement of Assets and Liabilities for the Year Ended 31 December 2019

	Unrestricted Funds 2019 £	Restricted Funds 2019 £	Total 2019 £
Funds Reconciliation			
Cash at bank and in hand 31.12.18	72,353		72,353
Surplus / (Deficit) this year end	1,900		1,900
Cash at bank and in hand 31.12.19	74,253		74,253

Bank and Cash Balances

Bank Current Accounts			<u>74,253</u>
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Fixed Assets

Assets retained for the Church's own use comprise the following properties and are stated at insured values:

Church Buildings and Contents			960,394
Church Hall			<u>84,274</u>
			<u>1,044,668</u>

Approved by the Trustees on Monday 21 September 2020 and signed on their behalf by:


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Mark Watt


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Valerie Taylor

Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 December 2019

1 Accounting Policies

Set out below are the principal accounting policies which have been adopted in the compilation of the Receipts and Payments Account and the Statement of Assets and Liabilities.

(i) Receipts and Payments

All items of income and expenditure included within the Receipts and Payments Account have been accounted for on a cash receipts basis.

Voluntary income is received by way of donations and gifts and is included in full in the Statement of Financial Activities when receivable. The value of services provided by volunteers has not been included.

The Parish generally meets its day to day working capital requirements from its annual income. The Trustees have obtained and reviewed cash flow forecasts for the coming year and based on these are satisfied that the Parish has resources to provide a reasonable expectation that it can continue to meet its financial obligations as they fall due for the foreseeable future. Therefore these Financial Statements have been prepared on a going concern basis.

(ii) Statement of Assets and Liabilities

The assets of the Parish, retained for its own use comprise of the Church Building and Graveyard. These are deemed to be Heritage Assets as defined by the Charities SORP (FRS 102).

These Heritage assets are not included in the statement of assets and liabilities as information on the cost or valuation is not available and such information cannot be obtained at a cost commensurate with the benefit to the users of the accounts and to the Church.

(iii) Investments

Fixed Asset investments comprising investment properties, investments in equities (ordinary shares) and investment in RCB / CIT Unit Trusts are initially recorded at cost and are then subsequently stated at fair value at each year end date. Investments in unquoted investments are recorded at cost and are assessed annually for impairment.

2 Donations	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Endowment Funds £	Total 2018 £
Subscriptions	16,936			16,936
Graveyard Fees	370			370
Ash Wednesday	36			36
Maudy Thursday Collection	36			36
Gift Day	1,205			1,205
Harvest Services	90			90
Donations towards Grass Cutting	20			20
Remembrance Sunday	84			84
Bishops Appeal	155			155
Christmas Day collection	36			36
Ambassador Magazines	108			108
Sunday School boxes	145			145
				-
	<u>19,221</u>	-		<u>19,221</u>

Notes to the Financial Statements Continued

3 Investments

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Endowment Funds £	Total 2019 £
Bank Interest	416			416
RCB Trust Income	1034			1034
	<u>1449</u>			<u>1449</u>

4 Charitable Activities

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Endowment Funds £	Total 2019 £
Diocesan Charges	11311			11311
Church Running Costs				
Heat & Light	1661			1661
Water Rates	200			200
Insurance	1460			1460
Repairs	1088			1088
Grass Cutting	530			530
Organist	520			520
Sunday School Expenses	267			267
Communion Wine	48			48
Glebe				
Share of Rectory Costs	968			968
Administration Costs				
Stationery and Printing	210			210
Bank Fees	95			95
	<u>18357</u>	<u>0</u>		<u>18357</u>

5 Other Costs

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Endowment Funds £	Total 2018 £
Church Hall Trustee - legal cost	185			185
Wayne Hawthorne - Course Fees	228			228
	<u>413</u>	<u>0</u>		<u>413</u>

6 Transactions with the Trustees

The following transactions were made during the year:

£530 was paid to a trustee during the year for maintaining the grounds around the church and cutting the grass in the graveyard.

£228 was paid for course fees on behalf of a trustee.

7 Governance Costs

Governance costs of £0 were incurred during the year of which £0 relates to fees paid to the independent examiner.

Newtownhamilton/StJohns/Armagh/ChurchofIreland

Northern Ireland - Charity number 104087

Annual report

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Trustees' Annual Report, Statement of Receipts and Payments

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for the year ended 31 December 2019

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Trustees:

Mr R McBride
Mr N Cooke
Mr A Jones
Mrs A Jones
Mr J McCombe

Mr M Watt
Mrs R Copeland
Mrs G McCombe
Miss J McCombe
Mr W Hawthorne

Mr H Armstrong
Mr W McCombe
Mrs V Watt
Mrs V Taylor
Mr A Anderson

Principal Office – Bearers

Clergy: Vacant
Church Warden – Clergy: Mr M Watt
Church Warden – People: Mr R McBride

Bankers:

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86 Hill Street
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Trustees' Annual Report for the year ended 31 December 2019

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As a result of activity in the pursuit of the advancement of the Christian religion, St John's has custody of property and of records, materials and artefacts of significance to the cultural and religious heritage and maintenance of which is undertaken by the Select Vestry of St John's Church of Ireland, Newtownhamilton.

Achievements, Performance and Public Benefit

St John's Church of Ireland exists primarily, and above all else, as a place of Christian worship. Services of Public worship are held on Sundays throughout the year as following:

10.15 am – Morning worship

10.15am - Holy Communion (1st Sunday of every month)

Holy Communion is also held on holy days such as Christmas Day and Evening Worship is held to celebrate other Christian Festivals such as Harvest.

During the week we provide pastoral care and support to people of all ages and at all seasons of life in the Newtownhamilton area of County Armagh, particularly through home and hospital visits, especially in times of illness, bereavement, challenge or distress. We support mission and outreach work in this country and overseas through providing financial assistance.

Each Sunday from September to June Sunday School is open to all children in the parish between the ages of 4 and 14.

The Church Choir, of both men and women, all volunteers, play a key part in the worship of St John's Newtownhamilton.

We have mitigated any potential harm from the activities by upholding the standards of the Church of Ireland's Child protection policy – 'Safeguarding Trust' which includes a risk assessment of rooms, buildings, supervisors and events.

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Financial Review

The charity had a surplus of £1,900 for the year ended 31 December 2019. The Charity continues to be in a reasonably healthy financial state as at 31 December 2019 with total cash funds of £74,253. The charity aims to retain sufficient reserves to meet its expected future expenditure requirements as well as potential future capital projects.

Going Concern

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Signed on Behalf of the Trustees

V. Taylor

Mark Watt

Date *21/09/2020*

Newtownhamilton/StJohns/Armagh/ChurchofIreland

Northern Ireland - Charity number 104087

Annual return

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Respective responsibilities of charity trustees and examiner

As St John's Parish Church 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 Commission under section 65 (9)(b) of the Charities Act.
- 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.

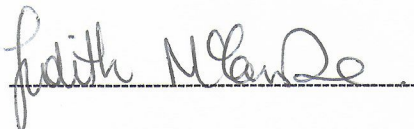
My examination included a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of accounts presented with those records. It also included consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from you as charity trustees concerning any such matters.

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.
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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.



Judith McCombe