

Richview Congregation of the Presbyterian Church in Ireland

Northern Ireland · Charity number 104264

Details

Status Received

Registered 2016-08-04

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

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Activities

Purposes: THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN IRELAND, as a Reformed Church within the wider body of Christ is grounded in the Scriptures, and exists to love and honour God through faith in His Son and by the power of His Spirit, and to enable her members to play their part in fulfilling God's mission to our world

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
2025-12-31	£43,758	£62,437	£0	2

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
David Mccarthy		
Frederick Halliday		
James Paul Mcilwaine		
Norman Scott Harrison		
Victor John Garland		

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Accounts

Richview Presbyterian Church - a Congregation of The Presbyterian Church in Ireland
Statement of Financial Activity (Receipts and Payments Account)
for the year ended 31st Dec 2025

	Notes	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Endowment Funds £	Total 2025 £	Total 2024 £
Receipts						
Donations and legacies	2	28074	6683	0	34757	32479
Charitable activities	3	0	0	0	0	0
Other trading activities	4	0	0	0	0	0
Investment Income	5	0	0	0	0	0
Other	6	5292	3666	0	8958	2880
Organisations		0	43	0	43	36
					0	
Sale of Investments		0	0	0	0	0
Loans Received		0	0	0	0	0
Total Receipts		33366	10392	0	43758	35395
Payments						
Raising funds	7	138	0	0	138	151
Charitable activities	8	45141	15490	0	60631	67433
Investment costs		0	0	0	0	0
Other	9	0	0	0	0	0
Organisations		0	1668	0	1668	367
Purchase of Investments		0	0	0	0	0
Purchase of fixed assets		0	0	0	0	0
Loan Repayments		0	0	0	0	0
Total Payments		45279	17158	0	62437	67951
Net receipts / (payments)		-11913	-6766	0	-18679	-32556
Transfers between funds		836	-836	0	0	0
Net movement in funds		-11077	-7602	0	-18679	-32556
Funds brought forward		48736	20183	0	68919	101475
Funds carried forward	12	37659	12581	0	50240	68919

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Statements and Liabilities as at 31st December 2025

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Endowment Funds £	Total 2025 £	Total 2024
Funds Reconciliation					
Bank and Cash at start of year	48736	20183	0	68919	101475
Net movement in funds	-11,077	-7602	0	-18679	-32556
Bank and Cash at end of year	37659	12581	0	50240	68919

Bank & Cash Balances

Bank Current Account	No 1			37659	48736
Bank Current Account	No 2			12310	16277
Bank Current Account	No 3			0	2010
Bank Current Accounts			Sub total	49969	67023
Cash in hand - Organisations				7	175
Bank Current Accounts - Organisations				264	1721
			Total	50240	68919

Other Assets

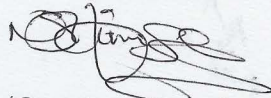
Fixed Assets - Note 10					
Church Premises / Contents - Insurance valuation				4773210	4773210
Church Hall Building / Contents - Insurance valuation				1307013	1307013
Investments - Note 11					
Gift Aid receivable on donations				0	0
Gift Aid receivable on donations				3444	3482
Other assets	Fixed Term Acct			370281	465714

Liabilities

Loans				0	0
Other liabilities				0	0

Approved by the Kirk Session at a meeting on

and signed on its behalf by

Name 
Date 13-04-2026

Name Victor J. Garland
Date 13/4/2026

Richview Presbyterian Church - a Congregation of The Presbyterian Church in Ireland

Notes to the accounts - 3: 31st December 2025

1 Accounting Policies

Basis of Financial Statements

As the total income of the congregation is less than £250,000 the congregation have elected in accordance with the provisions in The Charities (Accounts and Reports Regulations) (Northern Ireland) 2015 to prepare its accounts on a receipts and payments basis.

Fund Accounting

Endowment funds are funds, the capital of which must be retained either permanently or at the congregation's discretion; the income derived from the endowment is to be used either as restricted or unrestricted income funds depending upon the purpose for which the endowment was established in the first place.

Restricted funds comprise (a) income from endowments which is to be expended only on the restricted purposes intended by the donor and (b) revenue donations or grants for a specific congregational activity intended by the donor. Where these funds have unspent balances, interest on their pooled investment is apportioned to the individual funds on an average balance basis.

Unrestricted funds are income funds which are to be spent on the congregation's general purposes. Designated funds are general funds set aside by the congregation for use in the future.

2 Donations and Legacies

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Endowment Funds £	Total 2025 £	Total 2024
Recorded givings	23947	4725		28672	27533
Loose collections	1171	0		1171	641
Donations and gifts	50	1420		1470	823
Gift Aid	2906	538		3444	3482
Legacies and bequests	0	0		0	0
	28074	6683		34757	32479

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Notes to the accounts (cont'd) - 31st December 2025

3 Charitable Activities

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Endowment Funds	Total 2025	Total 2024
	£	£	£	£	£
Income from charitable activities	0	0	0	0	0
Fees from weddings and funerals	0	0	0	0	0
Fundraising events	0	0	0	0	0
	0	0	0	0	0

4 Other Trading Activities

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Endowment Funds	Total 2025	Total 2024
	£	£	£	£	£
Letting of premises	0	0	0	0	0
Trading income	0	0	0	0	0
	0	0	0	0	0

5 Investment Income

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Endowment Funds	Total 2025	Total 2024
	£	£	£	£	£
Deposit interest	0	0	0	0	0
General Investment Fund	0	0	0	0	0
Rents investment properties	0	0	0	0	0
Other investment income	0	0	0	0	0
	0	0	0	0	0

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Notes to the accounts (cont'd) - 31st December 2025

6 Other Income

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Endowment Funds	Total 2025	Total 2024
	£	£	£	£	£
BT Refund Church	6	0	0	6	0
Light & Life Project	5286	446	0	5732	0
Insurance Claim	0	3220	0	3220	2880
	5292	3666	0	8958	2880

7 Raising Funds

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Endowment Funds	Total 2025	Total 2024
	£	£	£	£	£
FWO envelopes	138	0	0	138	151
Fundraising events	0	0	0	0	0
	138	0	0	138	151

8 Charitable Activities

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Endowment Funds	Total 2025	Total 2024
	£	£	£	£	£
General Assembly Assessments	1458	0	0	1458	2024
Presbytery fees	295	0	0	295	284
Ministry and support staff costs	28146	0	0	28146	30123
Congregational running expenses	10660	11924	0	22584	32112
Donations to Missions and Charities	0	3120	0	3120	2770
Governance costs	120	0	0	120	120
Light & Life Project	4462	446	0	4908	0
	45141	15490	0	60631	67433

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Notes to the accounts (cont'd) - 31st December 2025

9 Other Expenditure

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Endowment Funds	Total 2025	Total 2024
	£	£	£	£	£
Investment properties expenses	0	0	0	0	0
	0	0	0	0	0

10 Fixed Assets

The congregation owns the Church premises at 272 Donegall Road Belfast BT12 6 FW as well as Church Halls at 2 Pembroke St BT12 6 NY together with the associated fixtures, fittings, plant and machinery. They have a combined insurance value of £6.080 million at last renewal date.

11 Investments

The congregation has the following investments. Amounts are shown at market valuation

	2025	2024
	£	£
General Investment Fund	0	0
Property		
Other investments		
	0	0

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Notes to the accounts (cont'd) - 31st December 2025

12 Fund Balances

	Balance at start	Receipts	Payment	Surplus / (Deficit)	Transfers	Balance at end
	£	£	£	£	£	£
Unrestricted Funds						
General Fund	48736	33366	45279	-11913	836	37659
	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total Unrestricted Funds	48736	33366	45279	-11913	836	37659
Restricted Funds						
Repairs and Renovations Acct	16277	8472	12370	-3898	-69	12310
Rev D Porter Acct	2010	0	0	0	-2010	0
Missions	0	1657	2000	-343	343	0
Royal British Legion	0	190	190	0	0	0
Presbyterian Children's Soc	0	0	200	-200	200	0
World Development Appeal	0	0	200	-200	200	0
Belfast City Mission	0	0	200	-200	200	0
Good News for Everyone	0	30	30	0	0	0
LIFT		0	300	-300	300	0
	18287	10349	15490	-5141	-836	12310
Organisations' Accounts						
13th BB Old Boys Gen Acct	1896	43	1668	-1625	0	271
Total Restricted Funds	20183	10392	17158	-6766	-836	12581
Endowment Funds	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total Funds	68919	43758	62437	-18679	0	50240
Fixed Term Deposit Acct	465714	4567	100000	0	0	370281

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Notes to the accounts (cont'd) - 31st December 2025

Related Party Transactions

One of the Trustees acting as the Pastoral Assistant of the congregation received remuneration of £9,828 and expenses of £1,353 for acting in that capacity. The Trustee acting as Organist for the congregation received remuneration of £4,500 in that capacity. The Trustee acting as Convener of the congregation received remuneration of £10,015 in that capacity. None of the other Trustees received any remuneration.

During the year 2025 the congregation contributed the following amounts to funds of the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in Ireland.

£1,458 towards Congregational Assessments

£200 towards the World Development Appeal

£2,000 towards the annual United Appeal (Missions)

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Accounts

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for the year ended 31 December 2024

	Notes	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Endowment Funds £	Total 2024 £	Total 2023 £
Receipts						
Donations and legacies	2	27760	4719	0	32479	35282
Charitable activities	3	0	0	0	0	0
Other trading activities	4	0	0	0	0	2000
Investment Income	5	0	0	0	0	0
Other	6	0	2880	0	2880	739
Organisations		0	36	0	36	9
					0	
Sale of Investments		0	0	0	0	0
Loans Received		0	0	0	0	0
					0	
Total Receipts		27760	7635	0	35395	38030
Payments						
Raising funds	7	151	0	0	151	164
Charitable activities	8	45199	22234	0	67433	59923
Investment costs		0	0	0	0	0
Other	9	0	0	0	0	0
Organisations		0	367	0	367	227
Purchase of Investments		0	0	0	0	0
Purchase of fixed assets		0	0	0	0	0
Loan Repayments		0	0	0	0	0
					0	
Total Payments		45350	22601	0	67951	60314
Net receipts / (payments)		-17590	-14966	0	-32556	-22284
Transfers between funds		-442	442		0	0
Net movement in funds		-18032	-14524	0	-32556	-22284
Funds brought forward		66768	34707	0	101475	123759
Funds carried forward	12	48736	20183	0	68919	101475

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Statements of Assets and Liabilities as at 31 December 2024

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Endowment Funds £	Total 2024 £	Total 2023
Funds Reconciliation					
Bank and Cash at start of year	66768	34707	0	101475	123759
Net movement in funds	-18032	-14524	0	-32556	-22284
Bank and Cash at end of year	48736	20183	0	68919	101475
Bank & Cash Balances					
Bank Current Account		No 1		48736	66768
		No 2		16277	30431
		No 3		2010	2049
Bank Current Accounts			Sub total	67023	99248
Cash in hand - Organisations				175	19
Bank Current Accounts - Organisations				1721	2208
			Total	68919	101475
Other Assets					
Fixed Assets - Note 10					
Church Premises / Contents				4773210	4545914
Church Hall Building / Contents				1307013	1244774
Investments - Note 11				0	0
Gift Aid receivable on donations				3482	3359
Other assets - Manse sale proceeds		Fixed Term Dept Acct.		465714	438102
Liabilities					
Loans				0	0
Other liabilities				0	0

Approved by the Kirk Session at a meeting on 31-3-25 and signed on its behalf by

Name 

Name Victor J. Garland

Date 31-03-25

Date 31-3-2025

Richview Presbyterian Church - a Congregation of The Presbyterian Church in Ireland

Notes to the accounts - 31st December 2024

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Note 2 Donations and Legacies

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Endowment Funds	Total 2024	Total 2023
	£	£	£	£	
Recorded givings	23976	3557		27533	29869
Loose collections	641	0		641	849
Donations and gifts	203	620		823	1205
Gift Aid	2940	542		3482	3359
Legacies and bequests	0	0		0	0
	27760	4719		32479	35282

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Notes to the accounts (cont'd) - 31 December 2024

Note 3 Charitable Activities

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Endowment Funds	Total 2024	Total 2023
	£	£	£	£	£
Income from charitable activities	0	0	0	0	0
Fees from weddings and funerals	0	0	0	0	0
Fundraising events	0	0	0	0	0
	0	0	0	0	0

Note 4 Other Trading Activities

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Endowment Funds	Total 2024	Total 2023
	£	£	£	£	£
Letting of premises	0	0	0	0	2000
Trading income	0	0	0	0	0
	0	0	0	0	2000

Note 5 Investment Income

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Endowment Funds	Total 2024	Total 2023
	£	£	£	£	£
Deposit interest	0	0	0	0	0
General Investment Fund	0	0	0	0	0
Rents investment properties	0	0	0	0	0
Other investment income	0	0	0	0	0
	0	0	0	0	0

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Notes to the accounts (cont'd) - 31 December 2024

Note 6 Other Income

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Endowment Funds	Total 2024	Total 2023
	£	£	£	£	£
Manse insurance refund	0	0	0	0	139
Cost of living - Power NI	0	0	0	0	600
Insurance Claim	0	2880	0	2880	0
	0	2880	0	2880	739

Note 7 Raising Funds

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Endowment Funds	Total 2024	Total 2023
	£	£	£	£	£
FWO envelopes	151	0	0	151	164
Fundraising events	0	0	0	0	0
	151	0	0	151	164

Note 8 Charitable Activities

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Endowment Funds	Total 2024	Total 2023
	£	£	£	£	£
General Assembly Assessments	2024	0	0	2024	2473
Presbytery fees	284	0	0	284	299
Ministry and support staff costs	30123	0	0	30123	28950
Congregational running expenses	12648	19464	0	32112	23787
Donations to Missions and Charities	0	2770	0	2770	4314
Governance costs	120	0	0	120	100
	45199	22234	0	67433	59923

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Notes to the accounts (cont'd) - 31 December 2024

9 Other Expenditure

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Endowment Funds	Total 2024	Total 2023
	£	£	£	£	£
Investment properties expenses	0	0	0	0	0
	0	0	0	0	0

10 Fixed Assets

The congregation owns the Church premises at 272 Donegall Road Belfast BT12 6NY together with the associated fixtures, fittings, plant and machinery. They have a combined insurance value of £ 6.080 million at last renewal date.

11 Investments

The congregation has the following investments. Amounts are shown at market valuation

	2024	2023
	£	£
General Investment Fund	0	0
Property		
Other investments	0	0

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Notes to the accounts (cont'd) - 31 December 2024

12 Fund Balances

	Balance at start	Receipts	Payment	Surplus / (Deficit)	Transfers	Balance at end
	£	£	£	£	£	£
Unrestricted Funds						
General Fund	66768	27760	45350	-17590	-442	48736
	0	0	0	0	0	0
	66768	27760	45350	-17590	-442	48736
Restricted Funds						
Repairs and Renovations Acct	30431	5402	19464	-14062	-92	16277
Rev D Porter Acct	2049	0	0	0	-39	2010
Missions	0	1977	2000	-23	23	0
Royal British Legion	0	190	190	0	0	0
Presbyterian Children's Soc	0	0	200	-200	200	0
World Development Appeal	0	0	150	-150	150	0
Belfast City Mission	0	0	200	-200	200	0
Good News for Everyone	0	30	30	0	0	0
	32480	7599	22234	-14635	442	18287
Organisations' Accounts						
13th BB Old Boys Gen Acct	2025	35	164	-129	0	1896
13th BB Old Boys Bible Class	202	1	203	-202	0	0
	2227	36	367	-331	0	1896
Endowment Funds	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total Funds	101475	35395	67951	-32556	0	68919
Fixed Term Deposit Acct	438102	27612	0			465714

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Notes to the accounts (cont'd) - 31 December 2024

Related Party Transactions

One of the Trustees acting as the Pastoral Assistant of the congregation received remuneration of £9,539.40 and expenses of £1,393.15 for acting in that capacity. The Trustee acting as Organist for the congregation received remuneration of £4,500 in that capacity. The Trustee acting as Convener of the congregation received remuneration of £10,010 in that capacity. None of the other Trustees received any remuneration.

During the year 2024 the congregation contributed the following amounts to Funds of the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in Ireland.

£2,024 for congregational assessments

£2,000 for United Appeal

£150 towards the World Development Appeal

£200 towards the Presbyterian Children's Society

£284 towards Presbytery Fees

Richview Congregation of the Presbyterian Church in Ireland

Northern Ireland - Charity number 104264

Annual report

**RICHVIEW CONGREGATION OF THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
IN IRELAND**

**Trustees Annual Report and Financial Statements
for the year ended 31 December 2024**

Registered Charity in Northern Ireland (NIC104264)

RICHVIEW CONGREGATION OF THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN IRELAND TRUSTEES ANNUAL REPORT

The Trustees present their Annual Report and Financial Statements for the year ended 31 December 2024 including a Statement of Assets and Liabilities as at that date.

REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS

Richview congregation of the Presbyterian Church in Ireland
272 Donegall Road
Belfast BT12 6FW
Registered Charity in Northern Ireland (NIC104264)

CHARITY TRUSTEES

The Charity Trustees who served during the year or who were trustees at the date of this report were:

Victor John Garland
Frederick Halliday
Norman Scott Harrison
David McCarthy
James Paul McIlwaine

PRINCIPAL OFFICE BEARERS

Minister	Vacant
Clerk of Session	Mr. V. J. Garland
Treasurer	Mrs. S. E. Smyth

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER

Mr. Roy Eakin	18 Farm Lodge Road, Greenisland, BT38 8XH
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BANKERS

First Trust Bank	35 University Road, Belfast, BT7 1ND
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SOLICITORS

Holmes and Moffitt	218 Knock Road, Belfast, BT5 6QD
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**RICHVIEW CONGREGATION OF THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN IRELAND
TRUSTEES ANNUAL REPORT (cont'd)**

STRUCTURE AND MANAGEMENT

The Kirk Session

The charity trustees of the congregation are the members of its Kirk Session. Under the congregation's governing document, The Code, the book of the constitution and government of the Presbyterian Church in Ireland, the Kirk Session seeks to watch over and promote the spiritual interest of the congregation and of persons not connected with any congregation who are within its bounds. It ensures pastoral care is in place in the congregation and seeks to further the contribution of the Church to Christian witness and service in the local community. The Kirk Session has delegated to its Congregational Committee the temporal affairs of the congregation including administering all funds and property belonging to the congregation. Members of the Kirk Session are ex-officio members of the Congregational Committee.

The Kirk Session consists of the ordained minister and the ruling elders of the congregation. All members are entitled to propose, speak, and exercise equal votes at meetings, except that the Moderator, the minister in active duty in the congregation, has no deliberative but only a casting vote.

Stated meetings of the Kirk Session are held at least twice a year, or as appropriate.

To be chosen for the office of the eldership in the congregation a person must be a voting member and a regular attendant at its ordinances. The selection of those proposed to be called to the office can be either by the congregation or by the Kirk Session. Members are elected if they obtain two-thirds of those who vote.

Presbytery

Under the Presbyterian Church in Ireland form of governance the corporate oversight of a congregation is the responsibility of a Presbytery which superintends generally the spiritual and temporal affairs of the congregations assigned to it by the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in Ireland. Richview Presbyterian Church has been assigned to the South Belfast Presbytery of the Presbyterian Church in Ireland. The membership of the Presbytery consists mainly of the active ministers of congregations assigned to it by the General Assembly, ministers who have retired from active duty and an elder appointed by the Kirk Session of each congregation.

RICHVIEW CONGREGATION OF THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN IRELAND TRUSTEES ANNUAL REPORT (cont'd)

The General Assembly

The General Assembly is the supreme court of the Church, representing in one body the whole Church and acting as its supreme legislative, administration and judicial authority, in dealing with all matters brought before it. The General Assembly is normally constituted during the second week in June for worship and to conduct its business. At the end of business it is dissolved. The membership of the General Assembly consists mainly of the active ministers of each congregation, retired ministers and a representative elder appointed by the Kirk Session of each congregation.

DESCRIPTION AND PURPOSE

The charitable purpose of the congregation is the advancement of religion.

Richview Presbyterian Church is a congregation of the Presbyterian Church in Ireland. The Presbyterian Church in Ireland, as a Reformed Church within the wider body of Christ, is grounded in the Scriptures and exists to love and honour God through faith in His Son and by the power of His Spirit, and to enable her members to play their part in fulfilling God's mission to our world.

The congregation's mission purpose is by the grace of God, to help people of all ages become fully devoted followers of Jesus Christ. Our vision is, by the grace of God, to be an inclusive, welcoming community of Christ's people of all ages, which:

- is increasingly characterised by love for God, and love and concern for others;
- is committed to the historic Christian gospel as revealed in the Bible;
- is relevant to people of this time and place.

The congregation aims to live out its Mission and Vision as a family of God's people by being:

- A Covenant Community: where our relationships are rooted in the promises of God by living faithfully toward him and toward one another
- An Intergenerational Community: where adults intentionally take the lead to engage with, encourage, and nurture younger members to maturity in Christ.
- An Outward-Looking Community: where we want the blessings of God that belong to us in the gospel to become blessings for others beyond the bounds of our community.
- As a congregation of the Presbyterian Church in Ireland, we believe that the Bible is the supreme authority over all we do, and that the Westminster Confession of Faith, along with the Larger and Shorter Catechisms set out what we understand the Bible teaches on key matters of Christian faith and practice.

RICHVIEW CONGREGATION OF THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN IRELAND TRUSTEES ANNUAL REPORT (cont'd)

ACTIVITIES AND OBJECTIVES

The congregation meets for worship every Sunday and visitors are welcome to join. The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper (Holy Communion) is observed on four occasions during the year and all those who have been baptised and who have made a profession of faith in the Lord Jesus Christ are admitted to the Lord's Table.

ACHIEVEMENTS AND PERFORMANCE

Worship and prayer

The congregation meets for worship each Sunday at 11.30am.

There were four funerals during the year where we gave thanks for faithful service and sought to comfort those who had been bereaved. There were no weddings or baptisms.

At 31 December 2024 there were 19 communicant members and 48 families connected with the congregation. Average attendance at morning worship was 20.

Pastoral care

Members of the congregation, particularly those who are unable to attend church due to sickness or age, are visited on a regular basis and provided with spiritual help and support.

Mission and outreach

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RICHVIEW CONGREGATION OF THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN IRELAND TRUSTEES ANNUAL REPORT (cont'd)

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The Trustees wish to acknowledge their deep appreciation of those who give freely of their time by serving on committees and helping with organizations and other church activities.

RICHVIEW CONGREGATION OF THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN IRELAND TRUSTEES ANNUAL REPORT (cont'd)

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The Kirk Session has had regard to the Charity Commissions Public benefit requirement statutory guidance.

**RICHVIEW CONGREGATION OF THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN IRELAND
TRUSTEES ANNUAL REPORT (cont'd)**

FINANCIAL REVIEW

The congregation's main source of income is members' contributions through the Weekly Freewill Offering. There were 44 contributors during the year [55 in previous year, 2023] donating a total of £21,596 [£23,250 in previous year, 2023].

Total Income of the congregation during the year 2024 was £35,395 compared to £38,030 in the previous year.

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GOING CONCERN

The activities of the congregation are dependent on ongoing contributions from its members. The Trustees are of the opinion that the congregation has sufficient resources at the date of approval of the financial statements to meet commitments which will arise in the year from the date of signing this report and subject to the continuing support from members to fund on an ongoing basis the congregation's current activities and other financial commitments.

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**RICHVIEW CONGREGATION OF THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN IRELAND
TRUSTEES ANNUAL REPORT (cont'd)**

STATEMENT OF TRUSTEE RESPONSIBILITIES

The Trustees are responsible for preparing the Annual Report and the financial statements of the congregation in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom generally accepted accounting practice.

As the congregation's total income does not exceed £250,000, the Trustees have elected under Section 64(3) of the Charities Act (Northern Ireland) 208 to prepare a receipts and payment account and a statement of assets and liabilities.

The Trustees are responsible for keeping adequate accounting records that are sufficient to show and explain the congregation's transactions and disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time its financial position. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the congregation and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

Approved by the Kirk Session at a meeting on 31st March 2025 and signed on its behalf by



Rev. Norman S. Harrison

Interim Moderator



Mr. Victor J. Garland

Clerk of Session

Richview Congregation of the Presbyterian Church in Ireland

Northern Ireland - Charity number 104264

Annual return

Independent examiner's report to the charity trustees of Richview Presbyterian Church

I report on the accounts of the Church for the year ended 31st December 2024 which are set out on pages 1 to 7.

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 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 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 account 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.

Name:  ... Roy Eakin
Occupation ... Retired Bank Official
Address: ... 18 Farm Lodge Road, Greenisland
... Carrickfergus, Co Antrim BT38 8XH
Date: ... 15th February 2025

Richview Congregation of the Presbyterian Church in Ireland

Northern Ireland - Charity number 104264

Accounts

Richview Presbyterian Church - a Congregation of The Presbyterian Church in Ireland
Statement of Financial Activity (Receipts and Payments Account)
for the year ended 31 December 2023

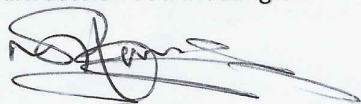
	Notes	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Endowment Funds £	Total 2023 £	Total 2022 £
Receipts						
Donations and legacies	2	30525	4757	0	35282	55558
Charitable activities	3	0	0	0	0	0
Other trading activities	4	0	2000	0	2000	12000
Investment Income	5	0	0	0	0	19
Other	6	739	0	0	739	0
Organisations		0	9	0	9	10
					0	
Sale of Investments		0	0	0	0	0
Sale of fixed assets		0	438102	0	438102	0
Loans Received		0	0	0	0	0
					0	
Total Receipts		31264	444868	0	476132	67587
Payments						
Raising funds	7	164	0	0	164	222
Charitable activities	8	43845	16078	0	59923	55819
Investment costs		0	0	0	0	0
Other	9	0	0	0	0	0
Organisations		0	227	0	227	90
Purchase of Investments		0	0	0	0	0
Purchase of fixed assets		0	0	0	0	0
Loan Repayments		0	0	0	0	0
Total Payments		44009	16305	0	60314	56131
Net receipts / (payments)		-12745	428563	0	415818	11456
Transfers between funds		30258	-30258			
Net movement in funds		17513	398305	0	415818	11457
Funds brought forward		49255	74504	0	123759	112302
Funds carried forward	12	66768	472809	0	539577	123759

Richview Presbyterian Church - a Congregation of The Presbyterian Church in Ireland

Statement of Assets and Liabilities as at 31 December 2023

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Endowment Funds £	Total 2023 £	Total 2022
Funds Reconciliation					
Bank and Cash at start of year	49255	74504	0	123759	112302
Net movement in funds	17513	398305	0	415818	11457
Bank and Cash at end of year	66768	472809	0	539577	123759
Bank & Cash Balances					
Bank Deposit Account				438102	
Bank Current Account	No 1			66768	
	No 2			30431	
Bank Current Account	No 3			2049	
Bank Current Accounts			Sub total	537350	121291
Cash in hand - Organisations				19	0
Bank Current Accounts - Organisations				2208	2468
			Total	539577	123759
Other Assets					
Fixed Assets - Note 10					
Church Premises / Contents				4545914	4228758
Church Hall Building / Contents				1244774	1157930
Manse for Minister				0	455184
Investments - Note 11				0	0
Gift Aid receivable on donations				0	0
Other assets				0	0
Liabilities					
Loans					
Other liabilities				0	0

Approved by the Kirk Session at a meeting on

Name 
Date 11-04-2024

and signed on its behalf by

Name Victor J. Garland
Date 11/4/2024

Richview Presbyterian Church - a Congregation of The Presbyterian Church in Ireland

Notes to the accounts - 31 December 2023

1 Accounting Policies

Basis of Financial Statements

As the total income of the congregation is less than £250,000 the congregation have elected in accordance with the provisions in The Charities (Accounts and Reports Regulations) (Northern Ireland) 2015 to prepare its accounts on a receipts and payments basis.

Fund Accounting

Endowment funds are funds, the capital of which must be retained either permanently or at the congregation's discretion; the income derived from the endowment is to be used either as restricted or unrestricted income funds depending upon the purpose for which the endowment was established in the first place.

Restricted funds comprise (a) income from endowments which is to be expended only on the restricted purposes intended by the donor and (b) revenue donations or grants for a specific congregational activity intended by the donor. Where these funds have unspent balances, interest on their pooled investment is apportioned to the individual funds on an average balance basis.

Unrestricted funds are income funds which are to be spent on the congregation's general purposes. Designated funds are general funds set aside by the congregation for use in the future.

2 Donations and Legacies

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Endowment Funds £	Total 2023 £	Total 2022
Recorded givings	25905	3964		29869	30691
Loose collections	849	0		849	1010
Donations and gifts	940	265		1205	0
Gift Aid	2831	528		3359	3852
Legacies and bequest	0	0		0	20005
	30525	4757		35282	55558

Richview Presbyterian Church - a Congregation of The Presbyterian Church in Ireland

Notes to the accounts (cont'd) - 31 December 2023

3 Charitable Activities

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Endowment Funds	Total 2023	Total 2022
	£	£	£	£	£
Income from charitable activities	0	0	0	0	0
Fees from weddings and funerals	0	0	0	0	0
Fundraising events	0	0	0	0	0
	0	0	0	0	0

4 Other Trading Activities

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Endowment Funds	Total 2023	Total 2022
	£	£	£	£	£
Letting of premises	0	2000	0	2000	12000
Trading income	0	0	0	0	0
	0	2000	0	2000	12000

5 Investment Income

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Endowment Funds	Total 2023	Total 2022
	£	£	£	£	£
Deposit interest	0	0	0	0	19
General Investment Fund	0	0	0	0	0
Rents investment properties	0	0	0	0	0
Other investment income	0	0	0	0	0
	0	0	0	0	19

Richview Presbyterian Church - a Congregation of The Presbyterian Church in Ireland

Notes to the accounts (cont'd) - 31 December 2023

6 Other Income

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Endowment Funds	Total 2023	Total 2022
	£	£	£	£	£
Manse insurance refund	139	0	0	139	0
Cost of living - Power NI	600	0	0	600	0
	739	0	0	739	0

7 Raising Funds

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Endowment Funds	Total 2023	Total 2022
	£	£	£	£	£
FWO envelopes	164	0	0	164	0
Fundraising events	0	0	0	0	0
	164	0	0	164	0

8 Charitable Activities

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Endowment Funds	Total 2023	Total 2022
	£	£	£	£	£
General Assembly Assessments	2473	0	0	2473	2849
Presbytery fees	299	0	0	299	0
Ministry and support staff costs	28950	0	0	28950	0
Congregational running expenses	12023	11764	0	23787	47878
Donations to Missions and Charities	0	4314	0	4314	5032
Governance costs	100	0	0	100	60
Rounding difference	0	0	0	0	0
	43845	16078	0	59923	55819

Richview Presbyterian Church - a Congregation of The Presbyterian Church in Ireland

Notes to the accounts (cont'd) - 31 December 2023

9 Other Expenditure

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Endowment Funds	Total 2023	Total 2022
	£	£	£	£	£
Investment properties expenses	0	0	0	0	0
	0	0	0	0	0

10 Fixed Assets

The congregation owns the Church premises at 272 Donegall Road Belfast BT12 6FW and the Church Halls at 2 Pembroke Street, Belfast BT12 6NY together with the associated fixtures, fittings, plant and machinery. These have a combined insurance value of £5.790 million at last renewal date.

11 Investments

The congregation has the following investments. Amounts are shown at market valuation

	2023	2022
	£	£
General Investment Fund	0	0
Property		
Other investments	0	0

Richview Presbyterian Church - a Congregation of The Presbyterian Church in Ireland

Notes to the accounts (cont'd) - 31 December 2023

12 Fund Balances

	Balance at start	Receipts	Payment	Surplus / (Deficit)	Transfers	Balance at end
	£	£	£	£	£	£
Unrestricted Funds						
General Fund	49255	31264	44009	-12745	32764	69274
	0	0	0	0	-2506	-2506
	49255	31264	44009	-12745	30258	66768
Restricted Funds						
Repairs and Renovations Acct	38184	2950	10619	-7669	-84	30431
Manse Account	31464	2000	846	1154	-32618	0
Manse sale proceeds	0	438102	0	438102		438102
Rev D Porter Acct	2388	0	300	-300	-39	2049
Missions	0	1543	3599	-2056	2056	0
Royal British Legion	0	235	235	0		0
Presbyterian Children's Soc	0	0	200	-200	200	0
World Development Appeal	0	0	150	-150	150	0
Belfast City Mission	0	0	100	-100	100	0
Good News for Everyone	0	30	30	0		0
Organisations' Accounts						
13th BB Old Boys Gen Acct	2018	7	0	7	0	2025
13th BB Old Boys Bible Class	200	2	0	2	0	202
GB Former Members	187	0	187	-187	0	0
Midweek Bible Class	40	0	40	-40	0	0
Summer Fellowship	23	0	0	0	-23	0
	74504	444869	16306	428563	-30258	472809
Endowment Funds	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total Funds	123759	476133	60315	415818	0	539577

Richview Presbyterian Church - a Congregation of the Presbyterian Church in Ireland.

Notes to the accounts (cont'd) - 31 December 2023

Related Party Transactions

One of the Trustees acting as the Pastoral Assistant of the congregation received remuneration of £8,736 and expenses of £1,416.40 for acting in that capacity. The trustee acting as Organist for the congregation received remuneration of £4,500 in that capacity. The Trustee acting as Convener of the congregation received remuneration of £10,010 in that capacity. None of the other Trustees received any remuneration.

During the year 2023 the congregation contributed the following amounts to Funds of the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in Ireland.

£2,473 for congregational assessments

£3,599 towards the United Appeal

£150 towards the World Development Appeal

£200 towards the Presbyterian Children's Society

£299 towards Presbytery Fees

Richview Congregation of the Presbyterian Church in Ireland

Northern Ireland - Charity number 104264

Annual report

**RICHVIEW CONGREGATION OF THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
IN IRELAND**

**Trustees Annual Report and Financial Statements
for the year ended 31 December 2023**

Registered Charity in Northern Ireland (NIC104264)

**RICHVIEW CONGREGATION OF THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN IRELAND
TRUSTEES ANNUAL REPORT**

The Trustees present their Annual Report and Financial Statements for the year ended 31 December 2023 including a Statement of Assets and Liabilities as at that date.

REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS

Richview congregation of the Presbyterian Church in Ireland
272 Donegall Road
Belfast
BT12 6FW
Registered Charity in Northern Ireland (NIC104264)

CHARITY TRUSTEES

The Charity Trustees who served during the year or who were trustees at the date of this report were:

Victor John Garland
Frederick Halliday
Norman Scott Harrison
David McCarthy
James Paul McIlwaine

PRINCIPAL OFFICE BEARERS

Minister	Vacant
Clerk of Session	Mr. V. J. Garland
Treasurer	Mrs. S. E. Smyth

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER

Mr. Roy Eakin	18 Farm Lodge Road, Greenisland, BT38 8XH
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BANKERS

First Trust Bank	35 University Road, Belfast, BT7 1ND
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SOLICITORS

Holmes and Moffitt	218 Knock Road, Belfast, BT5 6QD
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**RICHVIEW CONGREGATION OF THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN IRELAND
TRUSTEES ANNUAL REPORT (cont'd)**

STRUCTURE AND MANAGEMENT

The Kirk Session

The charity trustees of the congregation are the members of its Kirk Session. Under the congregation's governing document, The Code, the book of the constitution and government of the Presbyterian Church in Ireland, the Kirk Session seeks to watch over and promote the spiritual interest of the congregation and of persons not connected with any congregation who are within its bounds. It ensures pastoral care is in place in the congregation and seeks to further the contribution of the Church to Christian witness and service in the local community. The Kirk Session has delegated to its Congregational Committee the temporal affairs of the congregation including administering all funds and property belonging to the congregation. Members of the Kirk Session are ex-officio members of the Congregational Committee.

The Kirk Session consists of the ordained minister and the ruling elders of the congregation. All members are entitled to propose, speak, and exercise equal votes at meetings, except that the Moderator, the minister in active duty in the congregation, has no deliberative but only a casting vote.

Stated meetings of the Kirk Session are held at least twice a year, or as appropriate.

To be chosen for the office of the eldership in the congregation a person must be a voting member and a regular attendant at its ordinances. The selection of those proposed to be called to the office can be either by the congregation or by the Kirk Session. Members are elected if they obtain two-thirds of those who vote.

Presbytery

Under the Presbyterian Church in Ireland form of governance the corporate oversight of a congregation is the responsibility of a Presbytery which superintends generally the spiritual and temporal affairs of the congregations assigned to it by the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in Ireland. Richview Presbyterian Church has been assigned to the South Belfast Presbytery of the Presbyterian Church in Ireland. The membership of the Presbytery consists mainly of the active ministers of congregations assigned to it by the General Assembly, ministers who have retired from active duty and an elder appointed by the Kirk Session of each congregation.

RICHVIEW CONGREGATION OF THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN IRELAND TRUSTEES ANNUAL REPORT (cont'd)

The General Assembly

The General Assembly is the supreme court of the Church, representing in one body the whole Church and acting as its supreme legislative, administration and judicial authority, in dealing with all matters brought before it. The General Assembly is normally constituted during the last week of June for worship and the conduct of business. At the end of business it is dissolved. The membership of the General Assembly consists mainly of the active ministers of each congregation, retired ministers and a representative elder appointed by the Kirk Session of each congregation.

DESCRIPTION AND PURPOSE

The charitable purpose of the congregation is the advancement of religion.

Richview Presbyterian Church is a congregation of the Presbyterian Church in Ireland. The Presbyterian Church in Ireland, as a Reformed Church within the wider body of Christ, is grounded in the Scriptures and exists to love and honour God through faith in His Son and by the power of His Spirit, and to enable her members to play their part in fulfilling God's mission to our world.

The congregation's mission purpose is by the grace of God, to help people of all ages become fully devoted followers of Jesus Christ. Our vision is, by the grace of God, to be an inclusive, welcoming community of Christ's people of all ages, which:

- is increasingly characterised by love for God, and love and concern for others;
- is committed to the historic Christian gospel as revealed in the Bible;
- is relevant to people of this time and place.

The congregation aims to live out its Mission and Vision as a family of God's people by being:

- A Covenant Community: where our relationships are rooted in the promises of God by living faithfully toward him and toward one another
- An Intergenerational Community: where adults intentionally take the lead to engage with, encourage, and nurture younger members to maturity in Christ.
- An Outward-Looking Community: where we want the blessings of God that belong to us in the gospel to become blessings for others beyond the bounds of our community.
- As a congregation of the Presbyterian Church in Ireland, we believe that the Bible is the supreme authority over all we do, and that the Westminster Confession of Faith, along with the Larger and Shorter Catechisms set out what we understand the Bible teaches on key matters of Christian faith and practice.

RICHVIEW CONGREGATION OF THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN IRELAND TRUSTEES ANNUAL REPORT (cont'd)

ACTIVITIES AND OBJECTIVES

The congregation meets for worship every Sunday and visitors are welcome to join. The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper (Holy Communion) is observed on four occasions during the year and all those who have been baptised and who have made a profession of faith in the Lord Jesus Christ are admitted to the Lord's Table.

ACHIEVEMENTS AND PERFORMANCE

Worship and prayer

The congregation meets for worship each Sunday at 11.30am.

There were nine funerals during the year where we gave thanks for faithful service and sought to comfort those who had been bereaved. There were no weddings or baptisms.

At 31 December 2022 there were 20 communicant members and 55 families connected with the congregation. Average attendance at morning worship was 22.

Pastoral care

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General Assembly

One of the elders attended the annual meeting of the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in Ireland which met in Church House, Belfast in June 2023.

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The Church Committee continues to provide oversight and maintenance of our suite of buildings to ensure they remain fit for purpose. The manse was sold in June 2023 for £443,600 and after solicitors and estate agents fees were subtracted the congregation received the sum of £438,102. This has been invested in a one-year fixed term deposit account in AIB. A small sub-committee manages day-to-day property issues as and when required.

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The Trustees wish to acknowledge their deep appreciation of those who give freely of their time by serving on committees and helping with organizations and other church activities.

**RICHVIEW CONGREGATION OF THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN IRELAND
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**RICHVIEW CONGREGATION OF THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN IRELAND
TRUSTEES ANNUAL REPORT (cont'd)**

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Total expenditure during the year was £60,314 compared to £72,334 in 2022.

GOING CONCERN

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STATEMENT OF TRUSTEE RESPONSIBILITIES

The Trustees are responsible for preparing the Annual Report and the financial statements of the congregation in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom generally accepted accounting practice.

As the congregation's total income does not exceed £250,000, the Trustees have elected under Section 64(3) of the Charities Act (Northern Ireland) 208 to prepare a receipts and payment account and a statement of assets and liabilities.

The Trustees are responsible for keeping adequate accounting records that are sufficient to show and explain the congregation's transactions and disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time its financial position. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the congregation and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

Approved by the Kirk Session at its meeting on 11th April 2024 and signed on its behalf by



Rev. Norman S. Harrison

Interim Moderator



Mr. Victor J. Garland

Clerk of Session

Richview Congregation of the Presbyterian Church in Ireland

Northern Ireland - Charity number 104264

Annual return

Independent examiner's report to the charity trustees of Richview Presbyterian Church

I report on the accounts of the Church for the year ended 31 December 2023 which are set out on pages 1 to 7.

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 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 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 account 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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