

Cave Hill Conservation Campaign

Northern Ireland · Charity number 104466

Details

Status Received

Company number [70176](#)

Registered 2016-05-03

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

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Activities

Purposes: The charity is established to promote the conservation, protection and improvement of the physical and natural environment of the Cave Hill area of Belfast by the advancement of conservation and education to the benefit of the people of Northern Ireland primarily but also people from any part of the world.

What the charity does: The advancement of education, The advancement of environmental protection or improvement

How the charity works: Education/training, Environment/sustainable development/conservation

Who the charity helps: General public

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-12-31	£4,249	£4,453	£0	0

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Adele Swindles		
Bernard McClure		
Eamon O'gorman		
Gerry Lynch		
Jawine Westland		
John McMahon		
Maeve Holly		
Martin Donaldson		
Mr Cormac Eoin Hamill		
Mr Edward Mccamley		
Mr Gerard Brannigan		
Mrs Anna Mcaleavy		
Mrs Bernie Morgan		
Ms Ann Marrion		
Owen Boyd		

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Accounts

Cave Hill Conservation Campaign						
Date	Bank Statements 2025 Transaction details	Cheque No.	Money Out	Money In	Balance	Remarks
01/01/25	Opening balance				2,518.13	Carried over from 2024
02/01/25	HR Semple			5.00	2,523.13	Member subscription
03/01/25	Bank fee		17.70		2,505.43	Bank fee September 2024 to November 2024
07/01/25	Philip McGarry			10.00	2,515.43	Member subscription
03/02/25	TF McCaughey			30.00	2,545.43	Member subscription
03/02/25	Anne Marie Carson			10.00	2,555.43	Member subscription
13/02/25	Cash deposit			60.00	2,615.43	Member subs and donation
17/02/25	Paul Bergin			10.00	2,625.43	Member subscription
20/02/25	James Mallon Works Coffee			70.00	2,695.43	Campaigner advertising
25/02/25	Peter McCloskey	500621	100.00		2,595.43	Accounts preparation
25/02/25	Castle Locksmiths			70.00	2,665.43	Campaigner advertising
03/03/25	Conn Miskelly			10.00	2,675.43	Member subscription
07/3/25	Maire Casement			10.00	2,685.43	Member subscription
10/03/25	Martin Donaldson			5.00	2,690.43	Member subscription
12/03/25	Sumup Payments			0.98	2,691.41	Donation to test Sumup machine
13/03/25	Sumup Payments			29.49	2,720.90	Member subscription x 3 (Eddie, Cormac & Adele)
13/03/25	Anne Marrion			10.00	2,730.90	Member subscription
13/03/25	Cash deposit			119.00	2,849.90	Various - cash deposit at Post Office
14/03/25	G & R Lynch			20.00	2,869.90	Member subscription
14/03/25	Fortwilliam Golf Club			70.00	2,939.90	Advertising in Campaigner
14/03/25	Cheque deposit			430.00	3,369.90	Various - Cheque deposits at Post Office
19/03/25	Publicity leaflets	500623	54.00		3,315.90	Payment for Publicity leaflets
21/03/25	MR & O Vivek Sarawgi			10.00	3,325.90	Member subscription
24/03/25	NI Environment Link Membership	500622	25.00		3,300.90	Payment for annual membership of NIEL
24/03/25	Tim Blake			10.00	3,310.90	Member subscription
25/03/25	The Lab (NI) Limited Martin Macallister			150.00	3,460.90	Advertising in Campaigner
26/03/25	SumUp Payments			4.92	3,465.82	Book Sales
27/03/25	Adele Swindles - Mmembership fees			25.00	3,490.82	Member subscription
27/03/25	Adele Swindles - Volunteer Event			20.00	3,510.82	Book Sales
01/04/25	Ingrid A Blake			10.00	3,520.82	Member subscription
02/04/25	A McCracken			10.00	3,530.82	Member subscription
02/04/25	Belfast Back Clinic			150.00	3,680.82	Advertising in Campaigner
07/04/25	Bank fee		17.20		3,663.62	Bank fee Dec 24 to Feb 2025
07/04/25	Sheila Johnston			10.00	3,673.62	Member subscription
15/04/25	Mary O'Hare/John Gribbon			20.00	3,693.62	Member subscriptions
16/04/25	Simon Johnston			10.00	3,703.62	Member subscriptions
10/04/25	Cash deposit - Member subs			20.00	3,723.62	Member subscriptions
23/04/25	Owen Boyd			15.00	3,738.62	Member subscriptions
23/04/25	Cheque No. 500624 - NI Hospice	500624	100.00		3,638.62	NI Hospice Payment for Talk - donation
20/05/25	Cheque No. 500626 - Aaron Kelly	500626	90.00		3,548.62	Payment for Dawn Chorus walk
28/05/25	Cheque No. 500625 - Kirston Thompson	500625	90.00		3,458.62	Payment for Geology walk
29/05/25	K Murray			20.00	3,478.62	Member subscription K Murray & Ann Murray
02/06/25	Cheque No. 500627	500627	160.00		3,318.62	Payment for Bird ringing
02/06/25	Annette Beatie			10.00	3,328.62	Member subscriptions
02/06/25	Marie Cummings			10.00	3,338.62	Member subscriptions
05/06/25	Belfast City Council			300.00	3,638.62	Belfast City Council subvention in respect of 'Walks'
12/06/25	Cheque No. 500628 - CopyCats		2,400.00		1,238.62	Campaigner printing costs
13/06/25	Cheque No. 500629 - Web hosting		240.00		998.62	Web hosting - Cormac - Annual payment
13/06/25	Maria Kathleen Gau			5.00	1,003.62	Member subscriptions
20/06/25	David Maley			10.00	1,013.62	Member subscriptions
23/06/25	Cash deposit			341.00	1,354.62	Various
27/06/25	Cheque No. 500630		78.50		1,276.12	CopyCats leaflets
24/06/25	Solstice Walk - SumUp donation			9.83	1,285.95	Solstice Walk - SumUp donation
01/07/25	Brendan Fulton			10.00	1,295.95	Member subscriptions
04/07/25	Bank Fee		27.41		1,268.54	AIB Bank Fee from March 2025 to 25 May 25
21/07/25	Adele Swindles			25.00	1,293.54	Bug Walk donations
21/07/25	Cumann Culturthass			100.00	1,393.54	Donation
21/07/25	SumUp Payments			9.83	1,403.37	Donation
07/08/25	Cheque No. 500665		52.00		1,351.37	Data Protection Fee 2025
08/08/25	SumUp Payments			9.84	1,361.21	Donation
19/08/25	Cheque No. 500666		160.00		1,201.21	Forage Walk + Bush Craft
27/08/25	Cheque No. 500661		90.00		1,111.21	Bug Walk
28/08/25	Cheque No. 500662		90.00		1,021.21	Botany Walk
01/09/25	McCollam CT/A Fortwilliam Opticians			70.00	1,091.21	Advertising revenue in Campaigner
11/09/25	Cheque No. 500664		27.00		1,064.21	Items for Herb Garden
22/09/25	Adele Swindles			174.00	1,238.21	Cash received from raffle - recorded as a donation
23/09/25	Sum-up Payments			87.52	1,325.73	Donation from Cavehill Road event £47.52 + £40 members subs
26/09/25	Cheque No. 500663		90.00		1,235.73	Bat Walk
26/09/25	Cheque No. 500667		34.00		1,201.73	Annual Accounts at Companies Hse
03/10/25	Cheque No. 500668		35.00		1,166.73	Flowers for Mark Turner's deputy (Fran)
06/10/25	Bank fee June 2025 to August 2025		21.27		1,145.46	AIB Bank Fee from June 2025 to August 2025
14/10/25	Cheque No. 500669		90.00		1,055.46	Fungus Walk - Debbie Nelson
03/11/25	M. McQueen & Lynne McQueen			10.00	1,065.46	Member subscriptions
06/11/25	Cheque No. 500671		153.97		911.49	Zurich Insurance 2025
06/11/25	Cheque No. 500670		90.00		821.49	Fungus Walk - Cormac McSparron
06/11/25	Belfast City Council			950.00	1,771.49	Belfast City Council Grants for walks
13/11/25	Cash deposit			377.84	2,149.33	Various all 13/11/25
17/11/25	Cheques deposited			165.00	2,314.33	Various all 13/11/25
12/12/25	Cheque No.500672	500672	80.00		2,234.33	Purchases Stock - Cormac
12/12/25	Cheque No. 500673	500673	35.88		2,198.45	Web Hosting fee - 123
15/12/25	Cheque deposit			10.00	2,208.45	Member subscription - A Ashby
31/12/24	End of year Bank Balance				2,208.45	

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01/01/24	Opening balance				2,641.20	Carried over from 2022
03/01/24	Heather Semple			5.00	2,646.20	Member subscription bank transfer in
05/01/24	Bank fees		22.06		2,624.14	September 2023 to November 2023 Bank fee
08/01/24	Philip McGarry			10.00	2,634.14	Member subscription bank transfer in
16/01/24	Belfast City Council			750.00	3,384.14	Subvention bank transfer IRO 'Walks'.
24/01/24	Works Coffee Advertising			60.00	3,444.14	Campaigner Advertising Bank Transfer
25/01/24	Castle Locksmiths			60.00	3,504.14	Campaigner Advertising Bank Transfer
01/02/24	McCaughey TF			25.00	3,529.14	Member subscription bank transfer in
09/02/24	Membership - unknown			10.00	3,539.14	Member subscription bank transfer in
09/02/24	Loughran Keith			10.00	3,549.14	Member subscription bank transfer in
14/02/24	Heather Semple			60.00	3,609.14	Campaigner Advertising Bank Transfer
23/02/24	Cash Deposit			420.00	4,029.14	Various member subs etc
27/02/24	Cheques Deposit			195.00	4,224.14	Various member subs etc
01/03/24	Tax & Payroll Bure Ad			60.00	4,284.14	BER
01/03/24	Conn Miskelly			10.00	4,294.14	Member subscription bank transfer in
04/03/24	Peter McCloskey Cheque	500595	100.00		4,194.14	Peter McCloskey - Accounts preparation
05/03/24	CopyCats Cheque	500596	625.00		3,569.14	Purchase of Belvue Books - 200
07/03/24	Maire Casement			10.00	3,579.14	Member subscription bank transfer in
08/03/24	Martin Donaldson			5.00	3,584.14	Member subscription bank transfer in
14/03/24	G Lynch & R Lynch			20.00	3,604.14	Member subscription bank transfer in
14/03/24	Jawine Westland			10.00	3,614.14	Member subscription bank transfer in
15/03/24	Cash Deposit			35.00	3,649.14	Bank Cash lodgement
19/03/24	Peter McCloskey Cheque deposit	100160		10.00	3,659.14	Member subscription bank cheque
21/03/24	Mr Sarawgi			10.00	3,669.14	Member subscription bank transfer
25/03/24	Tim Blake			10.00	3,679.14	Member subscription bank transfer
02/04/24	Ingrid Blake			10.00	3,689.14	Member subscription bank transfer
02/04/24	Catherine Hamill			10.00	3,699.14	Member subscription bank transfer
02/04/24	A McCracken			10.00	3,709.14	Member subscription bank transfer
08/04/24	Bank Fee Dec 23 to Feb 24		17.75		3,691.39	Bank fee
08/04/24	Sheila Johnston			10.00	3,701.39	Member subscription bank transfer
12/04/24	Cash Deposit			127.50	3,828.89	Bank Cash lodgement
15/04/24	Simon Johnston			10.00	3,838.89	Member subscription bank transfer
15/04/24	Mary O'Hare / John Gribbon			20.00	3,858.89	Member subscription bank transfer
22/04/24	Owen Boyd			10.00	3,868.89	Member subscription bank transfer
23/04/24	Gerard Brannigan	500598	48.30		3,820.59	Cheque - Expenses (meal for Survey of Maze)
23/04/24	Owen Boyd			15.00	3,835.59	Member subscription bank transfer
24/04/24	Kriston Thompson	500599	90.00		3,745.59	Cheque = Geology Walk 20/4/24
29/04/24	Paypal transfer in			99.41	3,845.00	Member subscriptions to Paypal then bank transfer
30/04/24	Copy Cats	500600	23.00		3,822.00	Cheque - 200 information leaflets for walks
30/04/24	Paypal transfer in			25.00	3,847.00	Gerard sold £25 worth of books see Stock sold April 2024
29/05/24	Martine Owens	500597	28.36		3,818.64	Expenses (plants and printing)
29/05/24	K Murray + A Murray			20.00	3,838.64	Member subscription bank transfer
30/05/24	C McIlwee			10.00	3,848.64	Member subscription bank transfer
31/05/24	Marie Cummings			10.00	3,858.64	Member subscription bank transfer
03/06/24	N Beattie			10.00	3,868.64	Member subscription bank transfer
03/06/24	Belfast City Council			300.00	4,168.64	Council subvention
07/06/24	Aidan Crean	500602	160.00		4,008.64	Bird Misting Walk 29/5/24
11/06/24	Aaron Kelly	500601	90.00		3,918.64	Dawn Chorus Walk 18/5/24
13/06/24	Marie Kathleen Gau			5.00	3,923.64	Member subscription bank transfer
19/06/24	Judy Meharg	500603	90.00		3,833.64	Walking host
20/06/24	David Maley			10.00	3,843.64	Member subscription bank transfer
20/06/24	Cash deposit			20.00	3,863.64	Member subscriptions (2 members £10 each) cash deposit
25/06/24	Copy Cats	500605	1,970.00		1,893.64	2024 Campaigner printing
01/07/24	Brendan Fulton			10.00	1,903.64	Member subscription bank transfer
05/07/24	Bank fee Mar 24 to May 24		27.56		1,876.08	Bank fee Mar 24 to May 24
11/07/24	Cash Deposit			144.27	2,020.35	Various donations/member etc
12/07/24	Cheques Deposit			10.00	2,030.35	Member subscription Ann Largey
15/07/24	Paul Bergin			10.00	2,040.35	Member subscription Paul Bergin
19/07/24	Belfast City Council			85.00	2,125.35	Belfast City Council subvention
23/07/24	Cumann Culturthass			100.00	2,225.35	Donation
24/07/24	Information Commissioner	500607	40.00		2,185.35	Information Commissioner
29/07/24	Gerard Brannigan	500608	176.00		2,009.35	Business cards and labels - Gerard Brannigan
01/08/24	Debbie Nelson	500609	90.00		1,919.35	Walk host Saturday 20/7/24
14/08/24	Cash Deposit	100166	0.00	40.00	1,959.35	Donations plus member subscriptions
20/08/24	Cormac Hammill	500614	50.00		1,909.35	Donation to Children's Hospice in memory of Tom Morgan
21/08/24	Peter McCloskey	500613	34.00		1,875.35	Companies House - Filing Accounts
18/09/24	WCP Simpson	500615	70.00		1,805.35	Walk host Saturday 31/8/24
18/09/24	WCP Simpson	500610	90.00		1,715.35	Walk host Saturday 17/8/24
24/09/24	Aidan Crean	500611	90.00		1,625.35	Walk host Saturday 06/09/24
03/10/24	Debbie Nelson	500612	90.00		1,535.35	Walk host
04/10/24	Bank fee June 2024 to August 2024		22.21		1,513.14	Bank fee June 24 to August 24
08/10/24	Joy Entwistle and Cormac Entwistle			20.00	1,533.14	Member subscription Joy & Cormac Entwistle
14/10/24	Cash Deposit			323.90	1,857.04	Various donations/member etc
18/10/24	Bank transfer			100.00	1,957.04	Friends of County Down Museum
21/10/24	Gerard Brannigan	500616	168.28		1,788.76	Gerard Brannigan reimbursement of Expenses
22/10/24	Zurich Insurance	500617	153.97		1,634.79	Annual Insurance Cover
22/11/24	Cormac McSparron	500618	90.00		1,544.79	Walk host
26/11/24	Belfast City Council			950.00	2,494.79	Belfast City Council subvention
16/12/24	Cash Deposit			80.00	2,574.79	Archeology Walk + Downpatrick Talk and Walk
17/12/24	Armagh & District History Group	100168		50.00	2,624.79	Armagh & District History Group - Cheque lodged 16/12/24
17/12/24	Kate Catney	100168		10.00	2,634.79	Member subscription - Kate Catney Cheque lodged 16/12/24
18/12/24	Bank fee		6.00		2,628.79	Bank fee due to unpaid cheque
18/12/24	Unpaid cheque fee		10.00		2,618.79	Unpaid cheque (Kate Catney membership - 100168)
18/12/24	Warren A R Daddystown			80.00	2,698.79	Donation in from AR Warren
23/12/24	Cormac Hamill	500620	180.66		2,518.13	Various items including stock, 123 Reg, Companies House, Hos
31/12/24	End of year Bank Balance				2,518.13	

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Annual report

Chair's report for 2024-25

I was elected chair in 2006 so this AGM marks the beginning of my twentieth year as chair. I am very pleased with all we have achieved in those twenty years following on from the foundations laid by John Gray in his seventeen years as chair previously. But I am becoming increasingly aware that I should prepare for a time when I will no longer be able to meet the demands of the post. To that end, I enlisted the help of two other directors and we worked out a series of roles within the board to which we were able to assign directors and every current director was included. My thanks to the board for agreeing to this reorganisation. I feel we are much more a collegiate organisation and better structured in anticipation of future demands.

Our broad range of activities continued during this last year:

We launched our 27th annual magazine – the Cave Hill Campaigner - again last year. It was, by common consent, our most attractive magazine ever and the 3000 copies printed were a great way of advertising our presence across North Belfast.

We carried out conservation tasks one Saturday a month in the summer months and an extra Saturday in the winter. These activities included regular maintenance of the Maze, cutting down invasive laurel and elimination of invasive plants.

We organised and led ten public walks on a broad range of themes. Our average attendance is about 15 and this is about right; many more than this would be unmanageable.

We organised a walk for Downpatrick Historical Society and three walks for the Carer support unit of Belfast Health and Social Care Trust.

We led litter lifts on Cave Hill for three organisations – Intel, WSP and Belfast Church of Christ.

I went out to historical societies in Armagh and Downpatrick and gave an hour's talk on Cave Hill. I also delivered a talk at Ballynure – an environmental fair in Ballynure. I also briefed the assessors of Belfast's Rose Week on the history of Belfast Castle in the Castle.

We attended seven events around Belfast where we put up a table and engaged the public to tell what we were doing on Cave Hill. These were at Ballynure – an environmental fair in Ballynure, Belfast City Council Spring Fair, Big Lunch at the Castle, Open Heritage Day at the Castle, the CITI environmental fair, a Women's Health Day and later a Men's Health Day in Girdwood.

We also visited Sinclair Seamen's church in Corporation Square and the launch of the new Castle restaurant.


Because of our increased public presence, we have felt it important to distinguish ourselves when we are working or attending events. To that end, we now have eleven items of clothing bearing our logo along with hi-vis gilets for all our directors.

We have a display cabinet in the Castle basement and that was given a revamp this year.

We are also central to a cross-hills initiative taken by the community directors of the Belfast Hills Partnership. This consists of four walks across the hills, one each at Imbolc – 1 February, at Bealtaine – 1 May, Lúnasa – 1 August and Samhain – 1 November, we are calling the Big Walks. You can see that we have linked these to the four ancient Celtic festivals. Our particular commitment is to lead a group each time across to Ligoniel from Belfast Castle to meet with another group walking in Ligoniel and another coming down from Divis. Our intention is to show the public the common natural resources and industrial heritage across the hills and to emphasise that our experiences are so much poorer than those of our ancestors. We also want to highlight the common threats to the environment and what can be done to restore biodiversity and protect it in the future. We also want to promulgate the message that walking in nature is good for our mental and physical health and good for society.

One other initiative we took this year was to organise a Christmas dinner. It was in the newly-reorganised restaurant in the Castle. We had a great turnout and all present appeared to have enjoyed themselves – within the bounds of decency!

I want to thank BCC - Belfast City Council and its staff with whom we come into contact. They are always obliging and helpful; in particular I want to highlight the Outreach Manager (North) Mark Turner and his deputy Fran Dowler. They attend nearly all our meetings and activities and are invaluable in accessing resources and smoothing our interactions with officialdom. We are recognised as a Friends group by BCC and are entitled to a grant of £300 per annum. BCC also allow us to hold our meetings in the Castle. I want to thank the fifteen current directors for their active help and support; in particular they have collectively agreed to carry out most of the organisational work necessary. We also gave a group of volunteers who turn up on the appropriate Saturdays and cheerily carry out their designated tasks. And finally, I want to thank the members who, by their subscriptions, keep us afloat and active.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Cormac E Hamill". The signature is written in a cursive, slightly slanted style.

Cormac E Hamill - chair

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Annual return

CAVE HILL CONSERVATION CAMPAIGN

(a company limited by guarantee)

ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024

Company registration number NI070176

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**Cave Hill Conservation Campaign
Income and Expenditure Account
For the year ended 31 December 2024**

	2024	2023
<u>Income</u>	£	£
Membership subscriptions	855	765
Cave Hill Campaigner advertisements	720	1,210
Talks and walks income	1,228	267
Talks and walks grant from BCC	950	-
Donations	390	360
Belfast City Council Friends Group	300	300
Clothing, books and pamphlets sales	62	489
	<u>4,505</u>	<u>3,392</u>
 <u>Expenditure</u>		
Cave Hill Campaigner	1,970	2,441
Insurance	154	167
Bank fees	106	96
Talks and walks	973	708
Website costs	29	451
Computer costs	-	189
Clothing, books and pamphlets	(45)	497
Subscriptions	218	259
Advertising and promotion	240	372
Accountancy	100	-
Herb garden and Maze	181	375
Depreciation	350	333
	<u>4,275</u>	<u>5,888</u>
 Surplus (deficit) for the year	<u>230</u>	<u>(2,496)</u>

**Cave Hill Conservation Campaign
Balance Sheet as at 31 December 2024**

	2024	2023
<u>Assets</u>	£	£
Laptops at cost	999	999
Less depreciation	(966)	(666)
Walkie Talkies at cost	216	216
Less depreciation	(167)	(116)
Cash at bank	2,533	2,681
Stocks of clothing, books and pamphlets	1,023	285
	<u>3,638</u>	<u>3,399</u>
Accrued expenses	<u>40</u>	<u>31</u>
Net assets	<u><u>3,598</u></u>	<u><u>3,368</u></u>
 <u>Accumulated surplus</u>		
Opening balance	3,368	5,864
(Deficit) / surplus for the year	230	(2,496)
Closing balance	<u><u>3,598</u></u>	<u><u>3,368</u></u>

These accounts have been prepared in accordance with the provisions applicable to companies subject to the small companies' regime of the Companies Act 2006.

For the year ended 31 December 2024, the company was entitled to exemption from audit under section 477 of the Companies Act 2006 and no member has required the company to obtain an audit in accordance with section 476 of the Act.

The directors acknowledge their responsibilities for complying with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 with respect to accounting records and the preparation of accounts.

Approved by the board on 12 March 2025 and signed on its behalf by:

Cormac Hamill
Director

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	Transaction details	No.	Out	In	Balance
01/01/23	Opening balance				5,102.37
03/01/23	Heather Semple			5.00	5,107.37
05/01/23	Bank fees		19.48		5,087.89
06/01/23	Philip McGarry			10.00	5,097.89
09/01/23	Philip McGarry	500550	150.00		4,947.89
09/02/23	Cash deposit			195.00	5,142.89
13/02/23	Gerard Branigan	500556	138.00		5,004.89
17/02/23	Belfast City Council			300.00	5,304.89
17/02/23	Owen Boyd			10.00	5,314.89
02/03/23	Con Miskelly			10.00	5,324.89
02/03/23	Fortwilliam Golf Club			60.00	5,384.89
07/03/23	Maire Casement			10.00	5,394.89
08/03/23	Paypal cash transfer			81.21	5,476.10
08/03/23	Martin Donaldson			5.00	5,481.10
09/03/23	Works Coffee Works			60.00	5,541.10
09/03/23	Isabella Keyes			5.00	5,546.10
09/03/23	Cash deposit			410.00	5,956.10
13/03/23	Peter Scott			10.00	5,966.10
15/03/23	Cheques deposit			160.00	6,126.10
21/03/23	Cheque 500557	500557	25.95		6,100.15
21/03/23	Mr Sarawgi + Mrs O Vivek Sarawgi			10.00	6,110.15
23/03/23	T G Blake			10.00	6,120.15
30/03/23	Cheque 500558	500558	28.00		6,092.15
30/03/23	Cheque 500559	500559	60.00		6,032.15
30/03/23	Cheque 500560	500560	95.00		5,937.15
30/03/23	Cash deposit			100.00	6,037.15
31/03/23	Cheque deposit			10.00	6,047.15
03/04/23	Bank transfer			10.00	6,057.15
03/04/23	Bank transfer			10.00	6,067.15
03/04/23	100142			10.00	6,077.15
04/04/23	Cheque to Copy Cats		48.00		6,029.15
06/04/23	Bank fee Dec 22 to Feb 2023		15.86		6,013.29
06/04/23	Bank transfer			10.00	6,023.29
17/04/23	Bank transfer			10.00	6,033.29
17/04/00	Bank Transfer			20.00	6,053.29
17/04/23	Cash Lodgement			5.00	6,058.29
19/04/23	Cheque 500568		14.48		6,043.81
20/04/23	Cheque Lodgement			20.00	6,063.81
21/04/23	Cheque 500562		44.99		6,018.82
25/04/23	Cheque 500570		57.90		5,960.92
02/05/23	Cheque 500569		75.00		5,885.92
05/05/23	Cheque 500566		234.00		5,651.92
05/05/23	Cheque 500564		77.50		5,574.42
22/05/23	Bank Transfer Kimberly Hamilton			10.00	5,584.42

31/05/23	Bank Transfer Marie Cummigs		10.00	5,594.42
01/06/23	Cheque 500572	75.00		5,519.42
01/06/23	Cheque 500571	314.27		5,205.15
01/06/23	Cheque 500563	20.50		5,184.65
01/06/23	Bank Transfer NC & MA Beattie		10.00	5,194.65
05/06/23	Cheque 500574	150.00		5,044.65
06/06/23	Cheque 500575	136.80		4,907.85
13/06/23	Bank Transfer - M K McGaughan		5.00	4,912.85
15/06/23	Cash Lodgement		264.60	5,177.45
19/06/23	Cheque Lodgement		420.00	5,597.45
19/06/23	Cheque 500577	27.43		5,570.02
20/06/23	Bank Transfer - David Maley		10.00	5,580.02
26/06/23	Cheque 500576	27.00		5,553.02
27/06/23	Cheque 500578	500578	127.26	5,425.76
03/07/23	Bank Transfer - Brendan Fulton		10.00	5,435.76
06/07/23	Bank Fee March to May 2023	32.81		5,402.95
17/07/23	CUMANN CULTURTHASS		100.00	5,502.95
18/07/23	Cheque 500582	500582	247.20	5,255.75
18/07/23	Cheque 500579	500579	2,441.00	2,814.75
26/07/23	CUMANN CULTURTHASS Cormac		75.00	2,889.75
28/07/23	Cheque 500582	500582	40.00	2,849.75
31/07/23	Bank transfer - Joeseph & Pauline Boyle		20.00	2,869.75
07/08/23	Bank transfer - Sean Moyles		5.00	2,874.75
11/08/23	Bank transfer - S Hart		10.00	2,884.75
23/08/23	Cheque 500584	500584	150.00	2,734.75
25/08/23	C McCoe - Northfit Advert		120.00	2,854.75
31/08/23	NI Environment Link	500586	30.00	2,824.75
05/09/23	Cash lodgement	100146	227.85	3,052.60
07/09/23	Bank Transfer - Belfast City Council		240.00	3,292.60
07/09/23	Cheques lodgement	100145	50.00	3,342.60
15/09/23	Cheque 500587	75.00		3,267.60
18/09/23	Cheque 500583	13.00		3,254.60
20/09/23	Cheque 500588	75.00		3,179.60
22/09/23	Bank transfer - John McMahon		5.00	3,184.60
04/10/23	Bank transfer - Paul Bergin		10.00	3,194.60
06/10/23	Bank fee June 23 to August 2023	27.74		3,166.86
16/10/23	Cheque 500589	25.00		3,141.86
18/10/23	Cheque 500591	139.98		3,001.88
18/10/23	Cheque 500590	166.80		2,835.08
02/11/23	Cheque 500580	75.00		2,760.08
10/11/23	Cheque 500593	143.88		2,616.20
13/11/23	Bank transfer - Foras Na Gaeilge		200.00	2,816.20
05/12/23	Cheque 500585	50.00		2,766.20
31/12/23	End of year Bank Balance			2,766.20

Cave Hill Conservation Campaign

Northern Ireland - Charity number 104466

Annual report

Chair's report

2023 was a busy year for us on Cave Hill. We organised 10 guided walks and 12 volunteer work parties on the hill as well as 11 monthly meetings of our board of directors in the Castle. As part of our outreach programme I gave talks on Cave Hill to the congregation of St Peter's church on the Antrim Road and to the public in Chichester library: I also gave the local National Trust a talk in Belfast Castle on the Donegall family. We also participated with Belfast City Council (BCC) on European Heritage Day with our volunteers engaging with visitors, telling them about the Donegalls and showing them our work in the maze and herb garden. We had a table at three public events: two events in Girdwood for senior citizens and Ballynature – an environmental fair held in Ballynure in South Antrim. To help our presentation at public events we created two pop-up banners highlighting our Cave Hill connection. We also continued our butterfly survey work, monitoring weekly the numbers on a particular route on the hill from April to October and reporting these numbers to Butterfly Conservation. Our Facebook page is proving popular; it allows its members – all 4,300 of them – to post pictures and videos taken on Cave Hill. It also acts as an ongoing record of our own activities. Our webpage www.cavehillconservation.org is a repository of what we have produced over the last 34 years. All 26 issues of our magazine – The Cave Hill Campaigner – are there in electronic form as are details of all our 2024 events for the public.

Although maintenance will always be required at the restored maze, we reached a point this year where we felt that it should be opened to the public. Accordingly, BCC organised a formal opening in August by the Lord Mayor Ryan Murphy. In the autumn, we organised a geophysical survey of the maze in an effort to find the rest of the original 2002 maze mosaic which had been lifted and buried some years after its construction. Unearthing those remains is on our 2024 to-do list.

We are very conscious that Cave Hill is part of the wider landscape of the Belfast Hills and we are keen to develop links across that range from Colin mountain in the west to Carnmoney. We do that by working along with, and as part of, the Belfast Hills Partnership (BHP). I am a director of that organisation and as such I can bring Cave Hill matters to that board and hear concerns expressed about other parts of the hills. That concern for linkage has produced a new activity this year from within BHP in partnership with the National Trust. We are calling it The Big Walk. Four times a year, three walks come together at Ligoniel; one down from Divis, one around Ligoniel and one from Cave Hill. Our contribution is to organise and guide the walk from Cave Hill. Our aspiration is that in the near future we will be able to link these walks into a continuous waymarked route across the Belfast Hills.

The Belfast Hills Partnership runs a Ranger scheme across the Hills and we are part of that. That involves reporting monthly on issues and concerns to the land managers, in our case to Belfast City Council. I have to say that issues raised in these reports are acknowledged promptly by officers of the Council and in many instances action is taken to address the concerns.

A growing issue across the hills is environmental crime. This can range from the horrors of badger baiting to breaking fences and riding scramblers. BHP is developing a mechanism for recording these and we will be part of that. Luckily, Cave Hill suffers little, if at all, from wildlife crime but we do have a scrambler problem. We have a prototype recording mechanism in place; anyone who witnesses or hears scramblers or any other form of environmental crime is encouraged to call the PSNI immediately but also to leave the details with us on: ccc.incident.reporting@gmail.com We will then be able to feed our stats to BHP so that a wider picture can be made clear.

There have been personnel changes in 2023. I regret to record the death of one of our founder members Albert Dolan. He had been our treasurer for many years until failing health forced him to step down some years ago. Another long-serving member Eddie McCamley stepped down this year from his role as secretary but continues to serve on the board. And a new member Gerry Lynch has joined the board, bringing our board up to its maximum complement of 18.

I want to acknowledge and place on record our gratitude to all those who helped us in 2023. In particular our thanks are due to Belfast City Council who recognise us as a Friends of Cave Hill group (even though we have our own name!), provide us with a room in the Castle every month for our meetings and give us access to funds for recompensing those we bring in to lead our walks. Individuals within the Council, including the ground staff, the reception staff and staff located in BCC offices downtown have been invariably helpful and cooperative, friendly and proficient. We now have a cadre of regular volunteers who give freely of their time and energy once a month to carry out tasks within the maze, in the herb garden and in other locations throughout the estate and much thanks are due to them. Thanks also to our members who give us their support and whose subscriptions keep us going. And finally, there are our 18 trustee/directors; not only do they meet every month but they are heavily involved in our volunteering activities. They are a great team to have and I consider myself very lucky to be working with them.

Cave Hill Conservation Campaign

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Annual return

CAVE HILL CONSERVATION CAMPAIGN

(a company limited by guarantee)

ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023

Company registration number NI070176

Charity registration number 104466-0

**Cave Hill Conservation Campaign
Income and Expenditure Account
For the year ended 31 December 2023**

	2023	2022
<u>Income</u>	£	£
Membership subscriptions	765	877
Cave Hill Campaigner advertisements	1,210	1,060
Talks and walks income	267	723
Talks and walks grant from BCC	-	825
Donations	360	290
Belfast City Council Friends Group	300	240
Clothing, books and pamphlets sales	489	140
	<u>3,392</u>	<u>4,155</u>
 <u>Expenditure</u>		
Cave Hill Campaigner	2,441	1,650
Insurance	167	136
Bank fees	96	108
Talks and walks	708	825
Website costs	451	216
Computer costs	189	144
Clothing, books and pamphlets	497	275
Subscriptions	259	113
Advertising and promotion	372	-
Herb garden and Maze	375	76
Bat boxes	-	75
Depreciation of laptops	333	333
	<u>5,888</u>	<u>3,950</u>
 (Deficit) / surplus for the year	<u>(2,496)</u>	<u>205</u>

**Cave Hill Conservation Campaign
Balance Sheet as at 31 December 2023**

	2023	2022
<u>Assets</u>	£	£
Laptops at cost	999	999
Less depreciation	(666)	(333)
Walkie Talkies at cost	216	-
Less depreciation	(116)	-
Cash at bank	2,681	5,109
Stocks of clothing, books and pamphlets	285	270
	<u>3,399</u>	<u>6,045</u>
Accrued expenses	<u>31</u>	<u>181</u>
Net assets	<u><u>3,368</u></u>	<u><u>5,864</u></u>
<u>Accumulated surplus</u>		
Opening balance	5,864	5,659
(Deficit) / surplus for the year	<u>(2,496)</u>	<u>205</u>
Closing balance	<u><u>3,368</u></u>	<u><u>5,864</u></u>

These accounts have been prepared in accordance with the provisions applicable to companies subject to the small companies' regime of the Companies Act 2006.

For the year ended 31 December 2023, the company was entitled to exemption from audit under section 477 of the Companies Act 2006 and no member has required the company to obtain an audit in accordance with section 476 of the Act.

The directors acknowledge their responsibilities for complying with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 with respect to accounting records and the preparation of accounts.

Approved by the board on 13 March 2024 and signed on its behalf by:

Cormac Hamill
Director