

# Anahilt Playgroup

Northern Ireland · Charity number 104666

## Details

Status	Received
Registered	2016-03-01
Register	<a href="#">View on the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland register</a>

## Contact

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## Activities

**Purposes:** The Group is established to promote play based learning environments for all children in their pre-school year ( hereinafter referred to as the beneficiaries ) of the Anahilt area and its surrounding environs in County Down ( hereinafter called the 'area of benefit' ) without distinction of age, gender, marital status, disability, sexual orientation, nationality, ethnic identity, political or religious opinion by associating the statutory authorities, community and voluntary organisations and the inhabitants in a common effort to advance education and in particular; a) to advance the education of the beneficiaries by the provision of safe and satisfying group play, with the right of parents/carers to take responsibility for and to become involved in the activities of the Group; and to promote the preservation of health of the beneficiaries; and b) to support the values and principles of Early Years.

**What the charity does:** The advancement of education

**How the charity works:** Playgroup/after schools

**Who the charity helps:** Preschool (0-5 year olds)

## Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2026-03-31	£115,374	£96,684	£0	4
2025-03-31	£89,194	£73,286	£0	4

## Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Christopher Kernaghan		
Ciara Mckinstry		
Dr Lisa Hall		
Jade Elliott		
Jodie Griffin		
Laura Coburn		
Louise Cahoon		

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# Accounts

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**ANAHILT PLAYGROUP**

**INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT OF ANAHILT PLAYGROUP  
YEAR ENDED 31<sup>ST</sup> MARCH 2026**

<b>Carried forward from 2024</b>	£			£
No 1 A/c	36,192.97	Salaries		61,796.50
Grant A/c	8,080.48	HMRC		7,465.55
		Workplace Pension		2,524.81
<b>FEES RECEIVED</b>		Professional Fees		615.00
Grants - EA	70,176.00	Early Years		1,846.68
Fees & Snacks	12,361.00	Insurance		1,013.34
Milk/BSO	344.96	Electricity		3,049.00
Sweatshirts	0.00	Telephones		1,698.01
Trips/Visits	0.00	N I Water		234.00
Insurance Contribution	1,084.00	Housing Executive		200.00
		Sweatshirts		0.00
		Repairs/Maintenance		452.60
Fundraising	5,450.30	Trips/Visits		1,218.00
<b>GRANTS RECEIVED</b>		Petty Cash		200.00
Pathway Fund Yr 1	16,308.85	Milk/Food		3,920.23
GRTL/BBR	330.00	Training & Dev		644.80
EA Inclusion	3,200.00	Equipment – Office		2,757.72
EA Standardisation	4,600.00	Equipment – Children		6,964.57
Bank Interest	117.28	Bank Fees		83.54
Refunds	1,401.85	<b>Surplus for Year c/f to next Year</b>		
		No 1 A/c		62,888.39
		Grant A/c		74.95
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>£159,647.69</b>	<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>£159,647.69</b>

**Reserved Funds:** These Financial Accounts show that our Bank Account balances as at year end 31<sup>st</sup> March 2026 were £62,963.34. This includes ' Reserved Funds ' of £4,600.00 in respect grant funds received from The Education Authority Standardisation Fund.

**Assets and Liabilities:** Apart from the above, Anahilt Playgroups only other assets are 2 portacabins, some office equipment and some children's play equipment – none of which would hold any significant value. There are no liabilities as all bills are paid upon receipt of invoices

### AUDITORS REPORT

I have examined the above accounts with the books and vouchers supplied to me. To the best of my information and belief, the said accounts show a true and fair view of the surplus for the year end state of affairs, as at 31 March 2026.

Signed:



Dated: 11/05/26

Ivor Kirk  
36 Lakeland Road  
Hillsborough  
BT26 6PN

Signed:



Dated: 18/05/26

Louise Cahoon  
Treasurer  
Anahilt Playgroup

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YEAR ENDED 31<sup>ST</sup> MARCH 2025**

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No 1 A/c	18,245.19		Salaries	51,039.71
Grant A/c	10,120.10		HMRC	3,250.00
			Workplace Pension	907.74
<b>FEES RECEIVED</b>			Professional Fees	727.99
Grants - EA	59,196.20		Early Years	2,280.00
Fees & Snacks	20,024.50		Insurance	270.84
Milk/BSO	231.28		Electricity	2,167.00
Sweatshirts	32.00		Telephones	2,054.04
Trips/Visits			N I Water	520.50
Insurance Contribution	1,117.00		Housing Executive	200.00
			Sweatshirts	220.20
			Repairs/Maintenance	617.92
Fundraising	3,862.31		Trips/Visits	
<b>GRANTS RECEIVED</b>			Petty Cash	205.00
GRTL	200.00		Milk/Food	3,021.01
EA Standardisation	2,500.00		Training & Dev	108.00
EA Outdoor Prog	2,000.00		Equipment – Office	1,093.71
			Equipment – Children	4,517.60
Bank Interest	30.06		Bank Fees	84.72
			<b>Surplus for Year c/f to next Year</b>	
Refunds	0.79		No 1 A/c	36,192.97
			Grant A/c	8,080.48
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>£117,559.43</b>		<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>£117,559.43</b>

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Signed:



Dated: 30<sup>th</sup> May 2025

Ivor Kirk  
36 Lakeland Road  
Hillsborough  
BT26 6PN

Signed:



Dated: 30<sup>th</sup> April 2025

Louise Cahoon  
Treasurer  
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**ANAHILT PLAYGROUP**

**INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT OF ANAHILT PLAYGROUP  
YEAR ENDED 31<sup>ST</sup> MARCH 2024**

<b>Carried forward from 2023</b>	£			£
No 1 A/c	31,395.73		Salaries	55,064.27
Grant A/c	14,270.10		HMRC	2,790.46
			Workplace Pension	720.89
<b>FEES RECEIVED</b>			Professional Fees	35.00
Grants/EA	44,753.86		Early Years	2,471.60
Fees & Snacks	9,926.50		Insurance	805.67
Milk/BSO	522.04		Electricity	1,905.00
Sweatshirts	128.00		Telephones	1,737.81
Trips/Visits	0.00		N I Water	429.00
Insurance Contribution	880.00		Housing Executive	200.00
			Sweatshirts	0.00
<b>FUNDRAISING EVENTS</b>	3,815.53		Repairs/Maintenance	4,592.50
			Trips/Visits	648.60
			Petty Cash	200.00
			Milk/Food	2,491.56
<b>GRANTS RECEIVED</b>				
GRTL	200.00		Equipment – Office	1,080.81
LCCC	2,000.00		Equipment – Children	4,321.24
			Bank Fees	79.99
Refunds	14.52			
			<b>Surplus for Year c/f to next Year</b>	
Bank Interest	33.41		No 1 A/c	18,245.19
			Grant A/c	10,120.10
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>107,939.69</b>		<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>107,939.69</b>

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Signed:



Dated: 18th April 2024

Ivor Kirk  
36 Lakeland Road  
Hillsborough  
BT26 6PN

Signed:



Dated: 22nd April 2024

Louise Cahoon  
Treasurer  
Anahilt Playgroup

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# Annual report

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## **Trustees Report for Financial Accounts for Year Ending 31/03/2024**

Anahilt Playgroup, 29A West Wind Terrace, Anahilt, Hillsborough BT26 6BS  
NIC 104666 Charity Registration Date 01/03/2016

Anahilt Playgroup's purposes and how it is administered are included in its Constitution which was originally adopted on 08/06/1999 and most recently updated/adopted by its members at an Annual General Meeting on 03/11/2015.

Anahilt Playgroup is a voluntary organisation managed by a group of parents elected annually (The Management Committee/Trustees) and who meet on a regular basis throughout the year to discuss issues concerning the group. At an AGM held in October 2022 the following were elected as Trustees for the 2022/23 academic year and all remained in place up to October 2023; Chris Kernaghan (Chair), Louise Cahoon (Treasurer), Leanne Spencer (Secretary), Stuart McAllister, Vicky McGuinness, James McKnight, Emma Bready and Emma Kelly. At the most recent AGM in October 2023 the following were elected as Trustees for the 2023/24 academic year with all remaining in place as at the 31<sup>st</sup> March 2024: Chris Kernaghan (Chair), Louise Cahoon (Treasurer), Jamie McKnight, Ciaran McKinstry, Shannon Lynn, Aaron Jamison and Richard McLoughlin.

In November 2023 our Playgroup Leader, Jill Hyndman, tendered her resignation to take up a new challenge elsewhere. Jill was replaced by Dara Graham and we would like to wish both of them every success in the future.

The Playgroups main purpose is to promote play based learning environments for all children in their pre-school year in Anahilt and surrounding areas without distinction of age, gender, marital status, disability, sexual orientation, nationality, ethnic identity, political or religious opinion by associating the statutory authorities, community and voluntary organisations and the inhabitants in a common effort to advance education and in particular a) to advance the education of the children by the provision of safe and satisfying group play with the right of parents/carers to take responsibility for and to become involved in the activities of the group and b) to support the values and principles of the Early Years organisation.

Our Public Benefit statement is as documented on the Charity Commissions register and has remained unchanged since our application was accepted in 03/2016. The Committee members/Trustees have had regard to the Charity Commissions public benefit for this Financial Year Ending 31/03/2024.

We currently have permission to have a maximum of 26 children attend Playgroup on a daily basis. For the academic year ending 06/2023 we had 24 full time Preschool children

whose places were funded by the Education Authority and 5 part time Pre-Preschool children who are self-funded by their parents. In the academic year commencing 09/2023, whilst the overall maximum number of 26 remained the same, the breakdown changed to 18 full time Preschool children and 5 part time Pre-Preschool children. As at 31/03/2024 the number of Preschool children had increased to 19 and the number of Pre-Preschool children had increased to 9. All these children were provided with a variety of challenging age appropriate play based activities and other experiences in a stimulating environment. The focus is to allow children to learn at their own pace, be able to cope with uncertainty and to learn through trial and error. All planned activities were designed to address the 6 areas of the curriculum as follows; a) The Arts b) Language Development c) Early Mathematical Experiences d) Personal, Social and Emotional Development e) Physical Development and Movement and f) The World Around Us.

Some of our main activities/achievements this year designed to address the above and to further our purposes for the public benefit would include the following;

- A varied weekly plan for age-appropriate play-based activities for all children to address the 6 areas of the curriculum.

- Trips to the local Primary School at Halloween and Christmas and visits from the Primary School Principal and Primary 1 teacher throughout the year to develop relationships with staff and introduce themselves to the children to ease their transition to primary school at the end of the year.

- Encourage parents to become involved/share in their children's learning by taking on roles within the Management Committee, participating in fundraising events and by accompanying their children to special events/outings arranged throughout the year.

- Opportunities for parents/carers to attend activities along with their children including a Stay and Play morning and a Big Bedtime Read evening event.

- Regular formal parent/teacher feedback sessions throughout the year.

- Staff making themselves available when children arrive/leave for parents to talk about any specific issues/concerns either party may have.

- A variety of fundraising events which can involve the children, parents/carers, staff, committee members and members of the local community.

- Visits to/from external businesses including a local Adventure Playground, Yoga and of course ' Santa '.

-A number of successful grant applications to a) Getting Ready to Learn – The Big Bedtime Read and b) The LCCC Hardship Grant

Throughout the year we regularly review and adhere to the full range of Policies we have in place including Safe Guarding, Equal Opportunities, Health & Safety, Anti-Bullying, Intimate Care and many more.

Our last Social Services inspection was in October 2023. An extremely positive report was received with no comments or concerns highlighted.

Our most recent E.T.I. Inspection took place in November 2014 and concluded that 'the quality of education provided by Anahilt Playgroup is very good. The playgroup is meeting very effectively the educational and pastoral needs of the children and has demonstrated its capacity for sustained self-improvement'. All of the parents who responded to the confidential questionnaire were 'wholly positive about all aspects of the life and work of the playgroup. They praised the child-centred, caring and friendly approach of the staff and the learning experiences provided for their children'.

The above would show that we have satisfied all our purposes as set out in our Public Benefit statement.

A review of the Financial Accounts for year ending 31/03/2024 would show an Income of £62,273 and an Expenditure of £79,574. The main source of income is from fees ( both from the Education Authority and parents ) and accounted for c £54,680/ 87.81% of total income. The remaining income was generated from our own Fundraising events c£3,815/ 6.13% , a good year in terms of successful grant applications from a) GRTL £200.00 and b) LCCC Hardship Fund £2,000 ( Total £2,200/3.53 ) and miscellaneous contributions from parents/other sources £ 1,578/2.53%

The main cost associated with running Playgroup is Salary/HMRC/Pension related and accounted for £58,575/ 73.61% of total expenditure. General operating expenses accounted for the remaining £20,999/ 26.39%.

It should be noted that the amounts/percentages in respect of both Income/Expenditure are somewhat distorted this year as they include grant funds that were received in the previous financial year but spent during this financial year.

As at 31/03/2024 we had a balance of £28,365 available in our Bank accounts. There are no funds that are 'materially in deficit '.

Staff employed by the Playgroup do receive Private Benefits in the form of a) training and development opportunities, both internal and external, which could be transferrable to another setting and b) the payment of a monthly wage. Both of these private benefits are deemed necessary and incidental.



Chris Kernaghan  
( Chairperson )

Louise Cahoon  
( Treasurer )

Dara Graham  
( Leader )

Report dated: 26<sup>th</sup> April 2024

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Northern Ireland - Charity number 104666

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# Annual return

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## **Independent Examiners Report To The Trustees of Anahilt Playgroup**

I report on the Accounts of Anahilt Playgroup for the year ending 31/03/24 which are set out on pages 1 and 2.

### **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 these 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 examiners statement**

I have completed my examination and have no concerns in respect of the matters 1 – 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: Ivor Kirk

Signature:

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Ivor Kirk', written in a cursive style.

Relevant professional qualification or body: Institute of Cost & Management Accountants ( ICMA )

Address: 36 Lakeland Road, Hillsborough, BT26 6PN

Date: 22nd April 2024

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# Accounts

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## ANAHILT PLAYGROUP

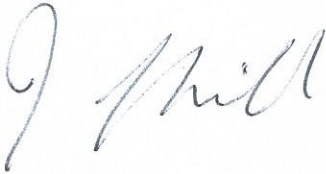
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<b>Carried forward from 2021</b>	£		£
No 1 A/c	26246.51	Salaries	52675.69
Grant A/c	14300.10	HMRC	4290.49
		Workplace Pension	424.17
<b>FEES RECEIVED</b>		Professional Fees	325.00
Grants/EA	50694.50	Early Years	1888.74
Fees + NIPPA + Snacks	7724.50	Insurance	741.00
Milk/BSO	251.80	Electricity	2104.00
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Sweatshirts	590.00	Housing Executive	200.00
		Sweatshirts	693.21
		Repairs/Maintenance	133.80
		Trips/Visits	1152.10
<b>FUNDRAISING EVENTS</b>	3691.10	Petty Cash	265.96
		Milk/Food	3086.21
<b>GRANTS RECEIVED</b>			
Nat Lottery Comm Fund	7700.00	Equipment – Office	1166.15
EA Engage 2	5168.00	Equipment – Children	3252.77
DAERA	1223.03		
GRTL	200.00	Bank Fees	84.64
Fibrus Comm Fund	1000.00		
		<b>Surplus for Year c/f to next Year</b>	
Bank Interest	82.09	No 1 A/c	31395.73
		Grant A/c	14270.10
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>119951.63</b>	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>119951.63</b>

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Signed:

Dated: 17<sup>th</sup> April 2023

Ivor Kirk  
36 Lakeland Road  
Hillsborough  
BT26 6PN

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Signed:



Dated: 24<sup>th</sup> April 2023

Louise Cahoon  
Treasurer  
Anahilt Playgroup

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Pre-Preschool children who are self funded by their parents. As at 31/03/2023 the numbers remained unchanged. All these children were provided with a variety of challenging age appropriate play based activities and other experiences in a stimulating environment. The focus is to allow children to learn at their own pace, be able to cope with uncertainty and to learn through trial and error. All planned activities were designed to address the 6 areas of the curriculum as follows; a) The Arts b) Language Development c) Early Mathematical Experiences d) Personal, Social and Emotional Development e) Physical Development and Movement and f) The World Around Us.

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- Trips to the local Primary School at Halloween, Christmas and Christmas and visits from the Primary School Principal and Primary 1 teacher throughout the year to develop relationships with staff and introduce themselves to the children to ease their transition to primary school at the end of the year.

- Regular trips to a local Gym/Activity centre to promote physical play/development along with other personal skills.

- Encourage parents to become involved/share in their children's learning by taking on roles within the Management Committee, participating in fundraising events and by accompanying their children to special events/outings arranged throughout the year.

- Opportunities for parents/carers to attend activities along with their children including a Stay and Play morning and a Big Bedtime Read evening event.

- Regular formal parent/teacher feedback sessions throughout the year.

- Staff making themselves available when children arrive/leave for parents to talk about any specific issues/concerns either party may have.

- A variety of fundraising events which can involve the children, parents/carers, staff, committee members and members of the local community.

- Visits to/from external businesses including Blackberry Farm, Colours Pottery, Yoga, Jo Jingles music sessions, Photographer and the Children's Paramedic/Ambulance Service.

-A number of successful grant applications to a) The National Lottery Community Fund  
b) Education Authority Engage 2 Fund c) Daera d) Getting Ready to Learn – The Big Bedtime  
Read and e) The Fibrus Community Fund

Throughout the year we regularly review and adhere to the full range of Policies we have in place including Safe Guarding, Equal Opportunities, Health & Safety, Anti-Bullying, Intimate Care and many more.

Our last Social Services inspection was in October 2022. A very positive report was received with no concerns highlighted.

Our most recent E.T.I. Inspection took place in November 2014 and concluded that 'the quality of education provided by Anahilt Playgroup is very good. The playgroup is meeting very effectively the educational and pastoral needs of the children and has demonstrated its capacity for sustained self-improvement'. All of the parents who responded to the confidential questionnaire were 'wholly positive about all aspects of the life and work of the playgroup. They praised the child-centred, caring and friendly approach of the staff and the learning experiences provided for their children'.

The above would show that we have satisfied all our purposes as set out in our Public Benefit statement.


A review of the Financial Accounts for year ending 31/03/2023 would show an Income of £79,405 and an Expenditure of £74,285. The main source of income is from fees ( both from the Education Authority and parents ) and accounted for c £58,419/ 73.6% of total income. The remaining income was generated from our own Fundraising events c£3,691/ 4.6% , contributions from parents in respect of specific outgoings including trips/uniforms c£2,004/ 2.5% and a particularly strong year in terms of successful grant applications from a) National Lottery Community Fund £7,700 b) Education Authority Engage 2 £5,168 c) DAERA £1,223 d) GRTL £200.00 and e) The Fibrus Community Grant £1,000. (Total £15,291/ 19.3% ).

The main cost associated with running Playgroup is Salary/HMRC/Pension related and accounted for £57,390/ 77.3% of total expenditure. General operating expenses accounted for the remaining £16,895/ 22.7%.

It should be noted that the amounts/percentages in respect of both Income/Expenditure are somewhat distorted this year as they include receipt of £15,291 grant funds with some spent on Childrens Equipment and general welfare including a number of visits/trips to and from Playgroup. Some of these funds still have to be spent in the next financial year.

As at 31/03/2023 we had a balance of £45,665.83 available in our Bank accounts. There are no funds that are 'materially in deficit'.

Staff employed by the Playgroup do receive Private Benefits in the form of a) training and development opportunities, both internal and external, which could be transferrable to another setting and b) the payment of a monthly wage. Both of these private benefits are deemed necessary and incidental.



Chris Kernaghan  
( Chairperson )



Louise Cahoon  
( Treasurer )



Jill Hyndman  
( Leader )

Report dated: 24<sup>th</sup> April 2023

**Anahilt Playgroup**

Northern Ireland - Charity number 104666

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# Annual return

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## **Independent Examiners Report To The Trustees of Anahilt Playgroup**

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### **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 these 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 examiners statement**

I have completed my examination and have no concerns in respect of the matters 1 – 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: Ivor Kirk

Signature:

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Ivork', written in a cursive style.

Relevant professional qualification or body: Institute of Cost & Management Accountants ( ICMA )

Address: 36 Lakeland Road, Hillsborough, BT26 6PN

Date: 17<sup>th</sup> April 2023