

# **CHURCH HILL COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT ASSOCIATION**

## **THE TRUSTEES' ANNUAL REPORT**

**Year ended 31 MARCH 2024**

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### **Trustees' Annual Report for the year ended 31 March 2024**

The Trustees present the Annual Report and Statements of Receipts and Payments and Assets and Liabilities for Church Hill Community Development Association for the year ended 31 March 2024.

### **Structure, Governance and Management**

Church Hill Community Development Association is an unincorporated Association. The Association was formed on 25 September 2006 and its governing instrument is its Constitution.

The Charity is administered by its officers. Officers are sought according to the needs of the Charity by an Executive Committee consisting of a minimum of five members.

### **Objectives and Activities**

The objects of the Association are:

- To provide a communal meeting place;
- To promote education, training and employment opportunities;
- To promote the health and wellbeing of the beneficiaries;
- To provide recreational and leisure activities;
- To promote awareness of the cultural heritage (including history, heritage, language, literature, folklore and music) of the area;
- To promote social inclusion;
- To provide a safe, healthy environment for the beneficiaries;
- To promote rural development.

### **Principal Activity**

The principal activity of the Association is the promotion of benefit for the people resident in the designated area of Loughgall and surrounding districts in Co Armagh.

### **Achievements and Performance**

During the year, the Charity held a number of community events, including the Annual Last Saturday RBP demonstration, a music and fun day in Loughgall village. This was one of the largest events in the council area. We attracted the greater majority of people from outside our council area, namely Killyman district, Aughnacloy district, East Tyrone, Enniskillen and the Republic of Ireland. The event brought large numbers (approximately 20,000 to 25,000 people) into a small village - 2,500 members of the Royal Black Institution, 2,500 bandsmen and approximately 15,000 spectators helping us to run a very successful day. Everyone enjoyed the great colourful exhibition of marching bands and floating banners. The event brought people together fostering a sense of community and belonging. It helped to strengthen social ties and encourage community members to engage with one another.

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A successful afternoon and evening of musical entertainment was also held to mark the Coronation of King Charles. This event of music, fellowship, food and fun, was an opportunity for all to come along, enjoy and mark, what was a wonderful occasion that many within the community wanted to celebrate. It was also an opportunity to meet up with many old friends and a chance to meet new faces and build relationships within the community.

### **Charities Commissioner of Northern Ireland – Statement of Compliance**

Church Hill Community Development Association has given careful consideration to the Charity commission for Northern Ireland's guidance on public benefit to ensure that the activities entered into help to achieve the Charity's objectives and activities, as well as providing public benefit.

### **Charities Commissioner of Northern Ireland – Statement of Compliance (cont'd)**

The benefit is defined as:

- Encourage informal working partnerships with different groups within the local community.
- Encourage communication between groups and provide advice and information to our beneficiaries regarding issues which affect our area and people.
- Promotion of community involvement in the area to develop leadership skills with our youth and develop the knowledge and skills of our members.
- Provision of a more stable, safer neighbourhood by developing strong, positive relations between different people within the community.
- Increased education and skills for participants.
- Increase social interaction and inclusion with other members of the local community.
- Access to further training and employment opportunities.
- Promotion of religious events such as missions, carol services and harvest services.

The Charity's beneficiaries are mainly (but not restricted to) inhabitants of the local area of Loughgall, and to those visiting the area.

### **Financial Review**

The Charity's surplus for the year amounted to £336 (2023 – surplus £176).

Cash funds at the year end were £719 consisting of unrestricted funds of £179 and restricted funds of £540. The total restricted funds amounted to £4,628 (of which £5,888 relate to fixed assets, £1,800 to short term loan and £540 to cash funds)

The Trustees have not set a minimum level of reserves to be maintained by the Charity due to the nature of the Charity's activities and minimal day to day running costs.

### **Going Concern**

The Trustees have reviewed the position of the Charity and are of the opinion that the Charity will continue in its activities and the accounts should be prepared on a going concern basis.

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### Statement of Trustees' Responsibilities

The Trustees are responsible for preparing the Trustees' Report, the Statement of Receipts and Payments and the Statement of Assets and Liabilities in accordance with applicable law and regulations.

The law applicable to those charities in Northern Ireland with income of less than £250,000 requires the Trustees to prepare a Statement of Receipts and Payments and a Statement of Assets and Liabilities for each financial year.

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

Charity Registration No: NIC104683

Signed on behalf of the Trustees



**Joel McAteer**  
Chair

Date: 14/4/2025