

Ballywalter Community Action Group

Northern Ireland · Charity number 104763

Details

Status	Received
Registered	2016-03-07
Register	View on the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland register

Contact

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Activities

Purposes: The Association is established to improve the quality of life of residents living in Ballywalter irrespective of age, sex, race, political, religious or other opinion by associating with statutory authorities, voluntary and community organisations.

What the charity does: The advancement of citizenship or community development

How the charity works: Advice/advocacy/information,Community development,Relief of poverty,Volunteer development

Who the charity helps: General public,Older people,Voluntary and community sector,Volunteers

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2024-12-31	£3,626	£3,187	£0	0

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Heather Savage		
Jamie Nicolls		
Mr William Dunbar		
Mr William Carlile		
Mrs Sandra Henderson		
Mrs Susan Elmes		
Mrs Susannah Tremlett		

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Charity Name

Ballywalter Community Action NIC 104763
Group

Receipts and payments accounts

For the period from	01/01/2024	To	31/12/2024
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Section A Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds to the nearest £	Restricted funds to the nearest £	Total funds to the nearest £	Last year to the nearest £
A1 Receipts				
Grants		2,301	2,301	7,069
Community Group subs	1,075		1,075	134
Donation	250		250	0
			0	0
			0	0
			0	0
A1 Sub total (Gross income for the Annual Return)	1,325	2,301	3,626	7,203
A2 Asset and investment sales (see tables 1 and 2 in section 7 of the guidance).				
Proceeds from sale of fixed asset		0	0	0
Loan repayments received		0	0	0
A2 Sub total	0	0	0	0
Total receipts	1,325	2,301	3,626	7,203
A3 Payments				
Running costs		261	261	452
Specific Project costs		1,946	1,946	7,662
Seniors Group costs	1,064		1,064	100
			0	0
			0	0
			0	0
			0	0
A3 Sub total	1,064	2,207	3,272	8,214
A4 Asset and investment purchases (see tables 1 and 2 in section 7 of the guidance)				
Purchase of investments			0	0
Loans made			0	0
A4 Sub total	0	0	0	0
Total payments	1,064	2,207	3,272	8,214
Net of receipts/(payments)	261	94.41	355	(1,011)
A5 Transfers between funds	829	(829)	0	0
A6 Cash funds last year end	1,229	(34)	1,195	2,207
Cash funds this year end	2,319	(768)	1,550	1,195

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Section B Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the period

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Total funds to nearest £	Last year to nearest £
B1 Cash funds	Current account	2,319	(768)	1,550	1,195
	Cash			0	0
				0	0
	Total cash funds	2,319	(768)	1,550	1,195
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	OK	OK	OK	OK

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Total funds to nearest £	Last year to nearest £
B2 Other monetary assets				-	-
				-	-
				-	-
				-	-

Categories	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Current value (optional)	Last year
B3 Investment assets				-
				-
		Total	-	-

Categories	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Current value (optional)	Last year
B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use				-
				-
				-
		Total	-	-

Categories	Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	Last year
B5 Liabilities				-
				-
				-

Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees

Signature: Sandra Henderson

Print Name:

Sandra Nicolls
SANDRA HENDERSON

Date of approval:

26/9/25
26-9-25

Section C Notes to the Accounts

C1 Nature and purpose of funds *(may be stated on analysis of funds worksheets)*

Unrestricted funds are available for general purposes in accordance with the charity's purposes.

C2 Grants

Type of activity or project supported	Individual / institution	Number of grants made	£
Ards & North Down Borough Council - Christmas Festival	Institution	1	956
Ards & North Down Borough Council - In Bloom Project	Institution	2	803
Running costs	Institution	1	542
		Total	2,301
			0.00

C3 Trustee remuneration - details

Authority under which paid	£
	0
	0
	0

C4 Trustee expenses - details

	Number of trustees	£

C5 Transactions with trustees and connected persons

Nature of relationship	Nature of transaction	Transaction amount (£)	Balance outstanding at period end (£)
			0
			0

C6 Other information

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Additional analysis (1)

Analysis of receipts and payments

1 Receipts

	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Total current period to nearest £
Council Grant - In Bloom Project		803	803
Council Grant - Christmas		956	956
Council Grant - Running Costs		542	542
Community Group subs	1,075		1,075
Donation	250		250
	-		-
Total	1,325	2,301	3,626

Additional analysis (2)

5 Breakdown of restricted funds

	In Bloom project	Community Christmas Festival	Running Costs	Other	Total restricted funds
Receipts					
Grants	803	956	542	-	2,301
<i>Sub total</i>	803	956	542	-	2,301
					OK
Receipts from asset & investment sales					
Proceeds from sale of fixed assets	-	-	-	-	-
Proceeds from sale of investments	-	-	-	-	-
<i>Sub total</i>	-	-	-	-	-
					OK
Total receipts	803	956	542	-	2,301
					OK
Payments					
Insurance			205		205
Bank fees			56		56
Walkers Seeds	195				195
Jackson Garden Services	56				56
Flower Yard Ballywalter	100				100
County Hardware	60				60
Cottown Nurseries	55				55
Walkers Seeds	125				125
J& JR Nurseries	100				100
Walkers Seeds	45				45
Nash's Six Road Ends	67				67
Ballywalter Flute Band Christmas Festival		200			200
Deli-licuos		450			450
1st Peninsula Bouncers Children's Xmas Party		140			140
Village Butchery Selection Boxes & Soft Drinks		233			233
Kids Bee Happy Childrens Christmas party		120			120
					0
					0
					0
					0
					0
					0
					0
					0
<i>Sub total</i>	803	1,143	261	0	2,207
Payments relating to asset and investment movements					
Purchases of fixed assets	0	0	0	0	0
Purchase of investments	0	0	0	0	0
<i>Sub total</i>	0	0	0	0	0
					OK
Total payments	803	1,143	261	0	2,207
					OK
Net receipts / (payments)	0	(187)	281	0	94
					OK
Transfers to / (from) funds	0	0	0	(829)	(829)
					OK
Surplus / (deficit) for year	0	(187)	281	(829)	(734)
					OK

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Charity Name

Ballywalter Community Action Group	NIC 104763	
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Receipts and payments accounts

For the period from	01/01/2023	To	31/12/2023
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Section A Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds to the nearest £	Restricted funds to the nearest £	Total funds to the nearest £	Last year to the nearest £
A1 Receipts				
Grants		7,069	7,069	4,557
Community Group subs	134		134	0
			0	0
			0	0
			0	0
A1 Sub total (Gross income for the Annual Return)	134	7,069	7,203	4,557
A2 Asset and investment sales (see tables 1 and 2 in section 7 of the guidance).				
Proceeds from sale of fixed asset		0	0	0
Loan repayments received		0	0	0
A2 Sub total	0	0	0	0
Total receipts	134	7,069	7,203	4,557
A3 Payments				
Running costs		452	452	430
Specific Project costs		7,662	7,662	3,955
Seniors Group costs	100		100	135
			0	0
			0	0
			0	0
A3 Sub total	100	8,114	8,214	4,520
A4 Asset and investment purchases (see tables 1 and 2 in section 7 of the guidance)				
Purchase of investments			0	0
Loans made			0	0
A4 Sub total	0	0	0	0
Total payments	100	8,114	8,214	4,520
Net of receipts/(payments)	34	(1,045)	(1,011)	37
A5 Transfers between funds	(211)	211	0	0
A6 Cash funds last year end	1,407	800	2,207	2,170
Cash funds this year end	1,229	(34)	1,195	2,207

0

Section B Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the period

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Total funds to nearest £	Last year to nearest £
B1 Cash funds	Current account	1,229	(34)	1,195	2,207
	Cash			0	0
				0	0
	Total cash funds	1,229	(34)	1,195	2,207
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	OK	OK	OK	OK

	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Total funds to nearest £	Last year to nearest £
B2 Other monetary assets				-	-
				-	-
				-	-

	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Current value (optional)	Last year
B3 Investment assets				-
				-
		Total	-	-

	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Current value (optional)	Last year
B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use				-
				-
				-
				-
		Total	-	-

	Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	Last year
B5 Liabilities				-
				-
			-	-

Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees

Signature: _____

Print Name: _____

Date of approval: _____

Section C Notes to the Accounts

C1 Nature and purpose of funds (may be stated on analysis of funds worksheets)

Unrestricted funds are available for general purposes in accordance with the charity's purposes.

C2 Grants

Type of activity or project supported	Individual / institution	Number of grants made	£
Ards & North Down Borough Council - Christmas Festival	Institution	1	190
Ards & North Down Borough Council - In Bloom Project	Institution	2	995
Polytunnel project	Institution	2	5,000
Ards & North Down Borough Council - Kings Coronation	Institution	1	500
Running costs	Institution	1	384
		Total	7,069
			0.00

C3 Trustee remuneration - details

Authority under which paid	£
	0
	0
	0

C4 Trustee expenses - details

	Number of trustees	£

C5 Transactions with trustees and connected persons

Nature of relationship	Nature of transaction	Transaction amount (£)	Balance outstanding at period end (£)
			0
			0

C6 Other information

Additional analysis (1)**Analysis of receipts and payments****1 Receipts**

	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Total current period to nearest £
Council Grant - In Bloom Project		995	995
Council Grant - Christmas		190	190
Council Grant - Running Costs		384	384
Council Grant - Polytunnel Project		5,000	5,000
Council Grant - Kings Coronation		500	500
Community Group subs	134		134
	-		-
Total	134	7,069	7,203

Additional analysis (2)

5 Breakdown of restricted funds

	In Bloom project	Polytunnel Project	Community Christmas Festival	Kings Coronation	Running Costs	Total restricted funds
Receipts						
Grants	995	5,000	190	500	384	7,069
		-				-
Sub total	995	5,000	190	500	384	7,069
						OK
Receipts from asset & investment sales						
Proceeds from sale of fixed assets	-	-	-	-	-	-
Proceeds from sale of investments	-	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-	-
						OK
Total receipts	995	5,000	190	500	384	7,069
						OK
Payments						
Insurance					284	284
Bank fees					68	68
Venue Hire					100	100
Gardening Services	995					995
Medals for King's Coronation Event				255		255
Singing Kettle Bakery Coronation Cake				160		160
1st Peninsula Bouncers Coronation Event Castles				120		120
G & T Entertainments Coronation Event				120		120
Flags Coronation Event				61		61
Village Butcher Selection Boxes Christmas Festival			201			201
Ballywalter Village Hall Venue Hire Christmas Festival			60			60
1st Peninsula Bouncers Children's Christmas Party			200			200
Kids be Happy Sand Art Children's Christmas Party			120			120
Dell-Licious Christmas Festival Refreshments			375			375
Simon Christie - Plant Hire - Polytunnel Project		450				450
Duncan Sheds Polytunnel Project		1,055				1,055
Polytunnel NI - Polytunnel project		1,450				1,450
George Elliot - Wood About Yee - shelving		55				55
Robinson Polytunnels - Staging - Polytunnel Project		217				217
N.G.Bell & Son - fence materials - Polytunnel Project		507				507
County Hardware - Gardening equipment - Polytunnel Project		240				240
Christies Lawns - Bark flooring - Polytunnel Project		515				515
George Elliot - Wood About Yee - guttering		25				25
Robinsons Polytunnel - staging		222				222
Ballywalter Primary School - Polytunnel Project Expenses		121				121
Mandy Jackson Amazon Polytunnel Project Expenses		139				139
Sub total	995	4,996	956	716	452	8,114
						-
Payments relating to asset and investment movements						
Purchases of fixed assets	0	0	0	0	0	0
Purchase of investments	0	0	0	0	0	0
Sub total	0	0	0	0	0	0
						OK
Total payments	995	4,996	956	716	452	8,114
						OK
Net receipts / (payments)	0	4	(766)	(216)	(68)	(1,045)
						OK
Transfers to / (from) funds	0	0	0	0	0	0
Surplus / (deficit) for year	0	4	(766)	(216)	(68)	(1,045)
						OK
Nature and purpose of funds						

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CHAIRPERSON & SECRETARY'S 2023 REPORTS TO THE TRUSTEES

In the past year we met formally as a group 9 times plus the ad hoc meetings connected to consultations, ongoing issues and planning meetings connected to the King's Coronation Event

- December - we organised the Christmas Festival with the turning on of the Christmas Lights, followed by Christmas Bazaar in the Village Hall each child received a gift from Santa. We also organised a Children's Christmas Party and supported the Seniors Christmas Dinner
All the activities were very well attended and positive feedback from the community received via social media.
- January- Made application to the following funding bodies:
Ards & North Down Borough Council- Community Grants to cover our running costs

Ards & North Down In Bloom Funding – to help purchase plants etc for the community planting scheme

Ards & North Down Borough Council -King's Coronation event
- February- We formed a King's Coronation Event working group with the other organisations and businesses villages within the village to plan, organise and deliver the event in May. Some members completed OCN level 1 Ulster Scots course
- March- Regular meetings with the working group to ensure the smooth running of the King's Coronation Event. Ards & North Down Borough Mayor invited us over to the Town Hall in Bangor and presented BCAG with a Making a Difference in Your Community Award
- April – May Regular planning meetings to ensure the smooth running of the King's Coronation Event. Coordinated and managed the tombola and refreshments at the event on Sunday 7th May.
- June – Through the dedication and continued voluntary maintenance of our community planting scheme we were highly commended in the Ards & North Borough Council community planting scheme.
- August – Committee members involved in the planning and coordinating Ards Peninsula Village Kite Festival in Ballywalter with over 9000 attendees at the festival
- September – Following the summer break we resumed monthly meetings. Application was made to NIHE Rural Community Spirit Cleaner & Greener Community Awards 2023

- October -Through BCAG securing funding from Public Health Agency MDT Seeding Funding the gardening club installed a polytunnel, garden shed and gardening equipment which will allow projects to take place with the school children and space for the gardening club to propagate plants for the village planting scheme. Planning meetings with the school to implement an Arts & Crafts project in partnership with Ards Peninsula Villages Partnership to produce a mosaic of the village

Outside Groups we are represented on:

NIHE Housing Community Network

Ards Peninsula Coastal Erosion Group

Ards Peninsula Villages Partnership

Ards & North Down PCSP

At this point I would like to thank the serving committee who give up their free time on a voluntary basis to improve community spirit, enhance the village through our community planting scheme and help and support to the Seniors Club and our social activities within the village. Our big achievement this year was securing funding from Public Health Agency MDT Seeding to install a Polytunnel and garden shed at the Primary School as part of the Intergenerational Gardening Project, many thanks to Mandy for managing the project

BALLYWALTER SENIORS & OVER 50'S GARDENING CLUB

Activities in 2023 included the following:

- Fortnightly seniors' sessions with afternoon tea provided.
- Robbie Burns Celebrations
- Cross Community St Patrick's Day Celebrations
- 6 week Your Life Your Story Course with participants stories printed.
- 2 x10-week Water Colour Course (beginner & Intermediate)
- Summer social Outing
- Christmas Dinner
- Christmas shopping outing
- Arts & Crafts Sessions
- Aromatherapy Sessions
- International Women's Day

Over 50's Gardening Club:

Activities in 2023 included the following:

- Fortnightly sessions with the gardening tutor
- Village Spring/ Summer and Winter planters maintained on a regular basis
- Autumn Wreath
- Christmas Wreath
- Invited to launch the Ards & North Down Borough Council's In Bloom Competition with the Mayor
- Highly commended in the NIHE Cleaner Greener Award and presented with a bird feeder station

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Annual return

Independent examiner's report to the trustees of Ballywalter Community Action Group

I report on the accounts of the Association for the year ended 31.12.2023

Respective responsibilities of 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 accounts to be reached.

Independent examiner's statement

I have completed my examination and have no concerns in respect of the matters (1) to (4) listed above and, in connection with following the Directions of the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland, I have found no matters that require drawing to your attention.

Name: Victoria Mitchell

Relevant professional qualification or body: Chartered Accountant (CAI)

Address: 2a Ballyrawer Avenue, Carrowdore, Co Down BT22 2HJ

Date: 05.04.24

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Receipts and payments accounts

For the period from	01/01/2022	To	31/12/2022
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Section A Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds to the nearest £	Restricted funds to the nearest £	Total funds to the nearest £	Last year to the nearest £
A1 Receipts				
Grants	-	4,557	4,557	4,618
Community Group subs	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-
A1 Sub total (Gross income for the Annual Return)	-	4,557	4,557	4,618
A2 Asset and investment sales (see tables 1 and 2 in section 7 of the guidance).				
Proceeds from sale of fixed asset	-	-	-	-
Loan repayments received	-	-	-	-
A2 Sub total	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	-	4,557	4,557	4,618
A3 Payments				
Running costs	-	430	430	616
Specific Project costs	-	3,955	3,955	3,479
Seniors Group costs	135	-	135	705
Other costs	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-
A3 Sub total	135	4,385	4,520	4,800
A4 Asset and investment purchases (see tables 1 and 2 in section 7 of the guidance)				
Purchase of investments	-	-	-	-
Loans made	-	-	-	-
A4 Sub total	-	-	-	-
Total payments	135	4,385	4,520	4,800
Net of receipts/(payments)	- 135	172	37	- 182
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	1,542	628	2,170	2,352
Cash funds this year end	1,407	800	2,207	2,170

Section B Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the period

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Total funds to nearest £	Last year to nearest £
B1 Cash funds	Current account	1,407	800	2,207	2,170
	Cash			-	-
				-	-
	Total cash funds	1,407	800	2,207	2,170.00
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	OK	OK	OK	OK

B2 Other monetary assets	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Total funds to nearest £	Last year to nearest £
				-	-
				-	-
				-	-

B3 Investment assets	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Current value (optional)	Last year
				-
				-
		Total	-	-

B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Current value (optional)	Last year
				-
				-
		Total	-	-

B5 Liabilities	Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	Last year
				-
				-
				-

Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees

Signature: Sandra Henderson

Print Name: SANDRA HENDERSON

Date of approval: 22/4/23

Section C Notes to the Accounts

C1 Nature and purpose of funds (may be stated on analysis of funds worksheets)

Unrestricted funds are available for general purposes in accordance with the charity's purposes.

	Type of activity or project supported	Individual / institution	Number of grants made	£
C2 Grants	Ards & North Down Borough Council - Christmas Festival	Institution	2	1,592
	Ards & North Down Borough Council - In Bloom Project	Institution	1	995
	Live Here, Love Here Project	Institution	1	1,000
	Council Grant - Jubilee	Institution	2	970
			Total	4,557

	Authority under which paid	£
C3 Trustee remuneration - details		0
		0
		0

		Number of trustees	£
C4 Trustee expenses - details			

	Nature of relationship	Nature of transaction	Transaction amount (£)	Balance outstanding at period end (£)
C5 Transactions with trustees and connected persons				0
				0

C6 Other information

Additional analysis (1)

Analysis of receipts and payments

1 Grants

	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Total current period to nearest £
Council Grant - In Bloom Project		995	995
Council Grant - Christmas		1,592	1,592
Other Grant - Live here, Love Here		1,000	1,000
Council Grant - Jubilee (Res)		970	970
	-		-
Total	-	4,557	4,557

Additional analysis (2)

5 Breakdown of restricted funds

	Running Costs	In Bloom project	Live here, Lower Here project	Community Christmas Festival	Jubilee	Total restricted funds
Receipts						
Grants	-	995	1,000	1,592	970	4,557
						-
Sub total	-	995	1,000	1,592	970	4,557

OK

Receipts from asset & investment sales

Proceeds from sale of fixed assets	-	-	-	-	-	-
Proceeds from sale of investments	-	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-	-

OK

Total receipts - 995 1,000 1,592 970 4,557

OK

Payments

Insurance	284					284
Bank fees	46					46
Venue Hire	100					100
Community Garden supplies						-
Gardening Services		995	-			995
Against the Grain (planter)			1,000			1,000
Ballywalter Butchery Selection Boxes Xmas Festival				140		140
Kids Be Happy Sand Art Xmas Festival				120		120
1st Peninsula Bouncers Children's Xmas Party				195		195
Ballywalter Tea Rooms Xmas Festival Refreshment				375		375
Ballywalter Flute Band Xmas Festival				100		100
Ballywalter Youth & Community Coop				60		60
1st Peninsula Bouncers Jubilee Event					610	610
Village Hall Hire Jubilee Event					50	50
1st Peninsula Bouncers Jubilee Event					310	310
						-
Sub total	430	995	1,000	990	970	4,385

OK

Payments relating to asset and investment movements

Purchases of fixed assets	-	-	-	-	-	-
Purchase of investments	-	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-	-

OK

Total payments 430 995 1,000 990 970 4,385

OK

Net receipts / (payments) (430) - - 602 - 172

OK

Transfers to / (from) funds

	-	-	-	-	-	7
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Surplus / (deficit) for year (430) - - 602 - 179

OK

Nature and purpose of funds

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Annual report

CHAIRPERSON'S & SECRETARY'S REPORT

2022

In the past year we met formally as a group 8 times plus the ad hoc meetings connected to consultations, ongoing issues and planning meetings connected to the Queen's Platinum Jubilee Celebrations

- December - we organised the Christmas Festival with the turning on of the Christmas Lights, which due to ongoing Government Regulations regarding Covid 19, the activities took place outdoors and in lieu of the Children's Party each of the children in Ballywalter Primary and Pre-school received a selection box. Seniors Christmas Dinner was unaffected as we complied with the Government Regulations guidelines All the activities were very well attended and positive feedback from the community
- January- Made application to the following funding bodies:
Ards & North Down Borough Council- Community Grants to cover our running costs plants etc

Ards & North Down In Bloom Funding – to help purchase for the community planting scheme Ards & North Down Borough Council -Queen's Platinum Jubilee Celebration event
- February- We formed a Queen's Platinum Jubilee Celebration Event working group with the other organisations and businesses villages within the village to plan, organise and deliver the event in June
- March- Regular meetings with the working group to ensure the smooth running of the Queen's Platinum Jubilee Celebration Event
Ards & North Down Borough Council Play Park Strategy, members with the group met with Councillors to ensure that the residents of Ballywalter would be included in the consultation process as in when it occurred
- April – May we secured funding from Live Here Love Here to commission a bespoke maritime themed planter to add to the existing feature on the wall at the Health Centre
- June – Through the dedication and continued voluntary maintenance of our community planting scheme we won first prize in the Ards & North Borough Council community planting scheme
- September – Following the summer break we resumed monthly meetings. Application was made to NIHE Rural Community Spirit Cleaner & Greener Community Awards
- October – Enrolled as a group on the Ulster Scots OCN Level One
3 committee members attended County Down Rural Community Network 25yr anniversary celebration event

3 committee members attended the Ards & North Down Borough Council's award ceremony at the Clandeboye Estate on Friday 21st October to receive our award on winning the first prize for the best community planting scheme

Outside Groups we are represented on:

NIHE Housing Community Network

Ards Peninsula Coastal Erosion Group

Ards Peninsula Villages Partnership

At this point I would like to thank Caroline Girvan for coming along tonight to carry out independent chair duties

I would also like to thank the serving committee who give up their free time on a voluntary basis to improve community spirit, enhance the village through our community planting scheme and help and support to the Seniors Club and our social activities within the village

Sandra gave the following report on behalf of:

BALLYWALTER SENIORS & OVER 50'S GARDENING CLUB

Following the easing of the Government Covid 19 Regulations the Seniors Club and Over 50's Gardening Club returned to face-to-face meetings in 2021

Activities in 2021 included the following:

- Fortnightly seniors' sessions with afternoon tea provided
- Robbie Burns Celebrations
- Cross Community St Patrick's Day Celebrations
- 15-week Leading Ladies Programme
- 10-week Water Colour Course
- Summer social Outing
- Christmas Dinner
- Mayor's Over 50's Christmas Tea Dance
- Christmas shopping outing

Over 50's Gardening Club:

Activities in 2021 included the following:

- Fortnightly sessions with the gardening tutor
- Spring planters
- Summer planters

- Autumn Wreath
- Christmas Wreath

Membership of the club has grown significantly with 25 attendees at the sessions

Ballywalter Community Action Group

Northern Ireland - Charity number 104763

Annual return

Independent examiner's report to the trustees of Ballywalter Community Action Group

I report on the accounts of the Association for the year ended 31.12.2022

Respective responsibilities of 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 accounts to be reached.

Independent examiner's statement

I have completed my examination and have no concerns in respect of the matters (1) to (4) listed above and, in connection with following the Directions of the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland, I have found no matters that require drawing to your attention.

Name: VICTORIA MITCHELL
Relevant professional qualification or body: FCA (Chartered Accountants Ireland)
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Date: 22/4/23