

Belfast Canoe Club

Northern Ireland · Charity number 104803

Details

Known as	BCC
Status	Received
Registered	2016-04-26
Register	View on the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland register

Contact

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Activities

Purposes: The objects of The Club are to promote the sport and recreation of Canoeing, particularly competitive canoeing, and the involvement of young people in the sport.

What the charity does: The advancement of amateur sport,Other charitable purposes

How the charity works: General charitable purposes,Sport/recreation,Volunteer development,Youth development

Who the charity helps: Children (5-13 year olds),General public,Men,Voluntary and community sector,Women,Youth (14-25 year olds)

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2024-12-31	£3,306	£3,269	£0	0

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Damien Stafford		
Mr Andrew Smylie		
Mr Malcolm Kerry B.Sc., C.Eng., M.I.C.E		
Mr Rory Doherty		
Mrs Jill Doherty		
Ms Anne Galway		

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Accounts



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Receipts and payments accounts

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For the period from	Period start date 01-Jan-24	To	Period end date 31-Dec-24
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Section A Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds to the nearest £	Restricted funds to the nearest £	Endowment funds to the nearest £	Total funds to the nearest £	Last year to the nearest £
A1 Receipts					
Membership fees	2160	-	-	2224	2055
Course fees	111	-	-	60	182
Pool Sessions		-	-	559	559
Donations & Grants		-	-	38	53
Merchandise Sales	532	-	-		
Equipment Sales	108	-	-	5	5
Events	395	-	-	20	20
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	3,306	-	-	2,906	2,874
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
	-	-	-	-	
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	3,306	-	-	2,906	2,874
A3 Payments					
Rent of facilities	1600	-	-	1600	1600
CANI Club membership and affiliation	301	-	-	301	301
Stationery, paypal fees and Web-site registration	110	-	-	110	92
Room rental (Ergo sessions)		-	-	0	
Pool Rental		-	-	0	508
Merchandise purchase	540	-	-	540	
Course Fees		-	-	0	12
Facility & Equipment repairs	285	-	-	285	80
Event expenses	433	-	-	433	40
Sub total	3,269	-	-	3,269	2,633
A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)					
Equipment purchase		-	-		113
		-	-		
Sub total	-	-	-	-	113
Total payments	3,269	-	-	3,269	2,746
Net of receipts/(payments)	37	-	-	37	128
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	2,427	-	-	2,427	2,299
Cash funds this year end	2,464	-	-	2,464	2,427

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

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B1 Cash funds	Bank	2,432	-	
	Cash	22	-	-
	Paypal	10	-	-
	Total cash funds	2,464	-	1 -
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))			

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	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
B3 Investment assets			-	-
			-	-
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			-	-
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B5 Liabilities		Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
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Signed by one or two trustees on
behalf of all the trustees

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Signature

Print Name

Date of approval

Malcolm Kerry

31/10/25

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Receipts and payments accounts

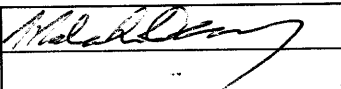
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Membership fees	2055	-	-	2224	2339
Course fees	182	-	-	60	50
Pool Sessions	559	-	-	559	718
Donations & Grants	53	-	-	38	37
Merchandise Sales		-	-		42
Equipment Sales	5	-	-	5	
Events	20	-	-	20	280
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	2,874	-	-	2,906	3,466
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	2,874	-	-	2,906	3,466
A3 Payments					
Rent of facilities	1600	-	-	1600	1610
CANI Club membership and affiliation	301	-	-	301	545
Stationery, paypal fees and Web-site registration	92	-	-	92	71
Room rental (Ergo sessions)		-	-	0	
Pool Rental	508	-	-	508	496
Merchandise purchase		-	-	0	
Course Fees	12	-	-	12	762
Facility & Equipment repairs	80	-	-	80	
Event expenses	40	-	-	40	211
Sub total	2,633	-	-	2,633	3,695
A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)					
Equipment purchase	113	-	-		-
Sub total	113	-	-	-	-
Total payments	2,746	-	-	2,633	3,695
Net of receipts/(payments)	128	-	-	128	229
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	2,299	-	-	2,299	2,528
Cash funds this year end	2,427	-	-	2,427	2,299

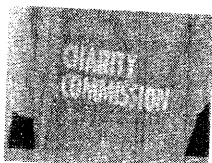
Section B Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the period

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B1 Cash funds	Bank	2,297	-	-
	Cash	120	-	-
	Paypal	10	-	-
	Total cash funds	2,427	-	-
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))			
		Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B2 Other monetary assets		-	-	-
		-	-	-
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		-	-	-
		-	-	-
B3 Investment assets		Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use		Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
	Kayaks		2,670	1,400
	Paddles		520	200
	Kayakfirst Ergo purchased Dec 2019		1,239	500
B5 Liabilities		Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
			-	
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Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees	Signature	Print Name	Date of approval	
		Malcolm Kerry	28/10/24	

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Annual report



Trustees' Annual Report for the period

Period start date			Period end date				
From	1st	Jan	2023	To	31st	Dec	2023

Section A

Reference and administration details

Charity name

Belfast Canoe Club

Other names charity is known by

Registered charity number (if any)

NIC104803

Charity's principal address

c/o 75 Shandon Park

Belfast

Postcode

BT5 6NY

Names of the charity trustees who manage the charity

	Trustee name	Office (if any)	Dates acted if not for whole year	Name of person (or body) entitled to appoint trustee (if any)
1	Andrew Smylie	Chairman		
2	Malcolm Kerry	Treasurer		
3	Joe McGivern	Secretary		
4	Anne Galway	Child Protection		
5	Damien Stafford	Committee member		
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Names of the trustees for the charity, if any, (for example, any custodian trustees)

Name	Dates acted if not for whole year

Names and addresses of advisers (Optional information)

Type of adviser	Name	Address

Name of chief executive or names of senior staff members (Optional information)

None

Section B Structure, governance and management

Description of the charity's trusts

Type of governing document
(eg. trust deed, constitution)

Constitution

How the charity is constituted
(eg. trust, association, company)

Club

Trustee selection methods
(eg. appointed by, elected by)

Elected by members at AGM

Additional governance issues (Optional information)

You **may choose** to include additional information, where relevant, about:

- policies and procedures adopted for the induction and training of trustees;
- the charity's organisational structure and any wider network with which the charity works;
- relationship with any related parties;
- trustees' consideration of major risks and the system and procedures to manage them.

The Club is affiliated to the Canoe Association of Northern Ireland which provides appropriate insurance cover for canoeing activities. All members are either individual members of CANI or Affiliated members of CANI.

Our base for water activities is at Meteor Waterski Club, Bresagh Road Lisburn

Section C Objectives and activities

Summary of the objects of the charity set out in its governing document

The objects of The Club are to promote the sport and recreation of Canoeing, particularly competitive canoeing, and the involvement of young people in the sport.

Summary of the main activities undertaken for the public benefit in relation to these objects (include within this section the statutory declaration that trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit)

The public benefits of the Club activities are opportunities for members of the public to participate in the sport and recreation of Canoeing, particularly competitive canoeing, and the involvement of young people in the sport. The benefits of this participation include improved skills, strength and conditioning, fitness, personal achievement and development and volunteering opportunities.

These benefits can be demonstrated by achievement of recognised awards of British Canoeing, by participation in canoeing events in the United Kingdom and abroad, by improvements in fitness and skills of individuals demonstrated by performance of individuals including medal winning performances in competitions and progression through divisional systems towards elite level. These are recorded in our annual report, as well as in publicly available competition results, etc.

The purposes of our charity may lead to the following harm:

As with any sport there is a small risk of injury. This is minimised by use of experienced and qualified coaches and appropriate risk assessment and mitigation. The residual risk is outweighed by the benefits of participation in sport through improved skills and fitness levels and the proven health benefits of regular exercise.

The charity's beneficiaries are those members of the public who choose to make use of the opportunities we offer to come canoeing with us, and those who join as members for longer term opportunities.

The only private benefit flowing from the purpose is to those who supply the equipment we have to buy and any facilities we have to pay to use, and this is incidental and necessary because without equipment and facilities we could not offer our activities.

Additional details of objectives and activities (Optional information)

The club's canoeing activities are wholly dependent on volunteer coaches and other volunteers who fulfil other roles and responsibilities

You **may choose** to include further statements, where relevant, about:

- policy on grantmaking;
- policy programme related investment;
- contribution made by volunteers.

Summary of the main achievements of the charity during the year

Regular twice weekly Club sessions at Lough Henney over the summer season were well attended with up to 25 paddlers on the water. We also ran sessions on Lough Henney most weekends in winter, together with swimming pool sessions in Newtownards and paddling machine sessions on winter evenings.

We added 10 new members and by the end of 2023 our membership had reached 44 members, slightly down on 2022 (mainly due to former Lagan Dragons leaving to join the new Dragonboat team at Stranmillis). Membership is now 23 males and 21 females with all ages from 11-70+. Junior numbers are lower than we would like with 6 boys and 3 girls. We now have 15 members with some formal certification.

We have partial use of Meteor Waterski Club's container store allowing all the equipment needed for club paddling to be stored on site. Our 2021 investments in the canoe rack and movable jetty were fully utilised. We have renewed our agreement with the ski club for 2024.

Most of our activities have been at Lough Henney, but we did have successful club trips to the Blackwater and Lagan and paddlers also took part in several CANI Recreational paddles. We also provided safety cover for the Cancer Focus New Years Day swim at Crawfordsburn and the Mourne Triathlon at Castlewellan.

We wish to thank CANI for the continuing loan of development racing boats and paddles for use by the Club in introducing people to the sport, and for loan of paddling machines for the juniors to use for winter training at home: this is in addition to the Club machine which has been widely used for coaching both club members and other CANI members.

A total of 7 club members paddled competitively in Canoeing Ireland Events in 2023 and BCC members entered races at Belturbet, Carrick on Shannon, Salmon Leap, Blessington, Lower Liffey and Galway races. Nathan Harbinson won bronze medals in U-14 class in both 200m and 500m Irish Sprint Champs and in the Irish Schools event. Nathan, Charlie Doherty, and Euan Hughes all won Canoeing Ireland Division 7 (Under 15) events with Charlie winning the Division overall for the season.

12 BCC paddlers competed in our NI Championship event which had both 5km and Sprint Race Events with Euan winning overall and Euan, Charlie and Nathan all obtaining qualifying times to compete in British Championship sprint events.

Afton Fitzhenry continues to train full-time with the British Team and compete Internationally: she was 1st in 500m C1 and 2nd 200m C1 at the 2023 British Championships.

Section E

Financial review

Brief statement of the charity's policy on reserves

The Club policy is to retain enough cash reserve to meet the next year's projected outgoings. We again comply with this policy at the end of 2023

Details of any funds materially in deficit

Further financial review details (Optional information)

You **may choose** to include additional information, where relevant about:

- the charity's principal sources of funds (including any fundraising);
- how expenditure has supported the key objectives of the charity;
- investment policy and objectives including any ethical investment policy adopted.

In 2023, income was membership, event and pool session fees, and donations. Principal expenditure was on rental of facilities at Lough Henney, CANI affiliation fees (for liability insurance), equipment purchase, merchandise purchase, and room and pool rental.

Section F

Other optional information

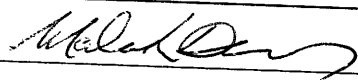
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Declaration

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report above.

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)



Full name(s)

Malcolm Donald Kerry

Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)

Treasurer

Date

30/10/24

Belfast Canoe Club

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Annual return

Independent examiner's report to the trustees of Belfast Canoe Club

I report on the accounts of the Trust for the year ended 31 December 2023.

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 65(2) of the Charities Act (Northern Ireland) 2008 (the Charities Act) or under Regulation 10(1)(d) of The Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006 (the 2006 Accounts Regulations) and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under section 65 of the Charities Act (Northern Ireland) 2008
- to follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland under section 65(9)(b) of the Charities Act
- to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of independent examiner's report

My examination was carried out in accordance with the general Directions given by the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland and is in accordance with Regulation 11 of the Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from you as trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a 'true and fair view' and the report is limited to those matters set out in the next statement.

Independent examiner's statement

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention:

1. which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements:

- to keep accounting records in accordance with section 63 of the Charities Act and section 44(1)(a) of the 2005 Act and Regulation 4 of the 2006 Accounts Regulations and
- to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the Charities Act 2008 and section 44(1)(b) of the 2005 Act and Regulation 9 of the 2006 Regulations have not been met or

2. to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Signed:



Date: 28th October 2024

Name: MICHAEL HUGHES (FCA)

Relevant professional qualification or membership of professional bodies (if any):
Fellow of the Institute of Chartered Accountants in Ireland
(membership # 95A0331)

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Accounts



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Receipts and payments accounts

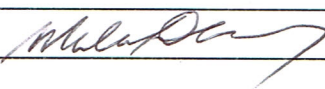
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For the period from	Period start date 01-Jan-22	To	Period end date 31-Dec-22
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Section A Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds to the nearest £	Restricted funds to the nearest £	Endowment funds to the nearest £	Total funds to the nearest £	Last year to the nearest £
A1 Receipts					
Membership fees	2339	-	-	2339	1860
Course fees	50	-	-	50	549
Pool Sessions	718	-	-	718	276
Donations & Grants	37	-	-	37	2396
Merchandise Sales	42	-	-	42	348
Equipment Sales	-	-	-	0	88
Events	280	-	-	280	255
	-	-	-	0	-
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	3,466	-	-	3,466	5,772
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	3,466	-	-	3,466	5,772
A3 Payments					
Rent of facilities	1610	-	-	1610	1450
CANI Club membership and affiliation	545	-	-	545	401
Stationery, paypal fees and Web-site registration	71	-	-	71	57
Room rental (Ergo sessions)	-	-	-	0	-
Pool Rental	496	-	-	496	184
Merchandise purchase	-	-	-	0	354
Course Fees	762	-	-	762	443
Paddles purchased for members	-	-	-	0	-
Event expenses	211	-	-	211	240
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	3,695	-	-	3,695	3,129
A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)					
Equipment purchase	0	-	-	-	1,048
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	1,048
Total payments	3,695	-	-	3,695	4,177
Net of receipts/(payments)	- 229	-	-	- 229	1,595
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	2,528	-	-	2,528	933
Cash funds this year end	2,299	-	-	2,299	2,528

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

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B1 Cash funds	Bank	2,289	-	-
	Cash		-	-
	Paypal	10	-	-
	Total cash funds	2,299	-	-
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	OK	OK	OK
B2 Other monetary assets	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
B3 Investment assets	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
			-	-
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			-	-
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			-	
			-	
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			Malcolm Kerry	30/10/2022

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Annual report

Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From Period start date 1st Jan 2022 To Period end date 31st Dec 2022

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6	Damien Stafford	Committee member		
7	Kate Hegarty	Committee member	27 Feb-31 Dec	Appointed at AGM
8	Lisa Harbinson	Committee member	27 Feb-31 Dec	Appointed at AGM
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Names of the trustees for the charity, if any, (for example, any custodian trustees)

Name	Dates acted if not for whole year

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Type of adviser	Name	Address

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We added 18 'new' members (some had paddled with BCC in the past) and by the end of 2022 our membership had reached what is probably an all time high of 49 members. A high proportion of our recruitment has been female, and membership is now 24 males and 25 females with all ages from 9-70+. Juniors numbers are lower than we would like with 5 boys and 4 girls.

The priority for 2022 was training to improve safety and the number of qualified volunteers. 11 members completed Foundation safety and Rescue Training courses and 4 members qualified as instructors, so we now have 15 members with some formal certification.

Meteor Waterski Club have given us partial use of their container store allowing all the equipment needed for club paddling to be stored on site. Our 2021 investments in the canoe rack and movable jetty were fully utilised. We have renewed our agreement with the ski club for 2023.

Most of our activities have been at Lough Henney, but we did have one successful club trip to the Blackwater and paddlers also took part in several CANI Recreational paddles. We provided safety cover for 2 Cancer Focus swims and the Mourne Triathlon.

We wish to thank CANI for the loan of competitive sprint racing boats for our junior sprinters, and development racing boats and paddles for use by the Club in introducing people to the sport.

A total of 20 club members paddled competitively in 2022. Gino Baban won the 200m k1 Irish Sprint Championships and was 2nd in the 500m. BCC was the only CANI club to organise a competitive racing event, and BCC members entered races at Belturbet, Malahide, Salmon

Leap, Blessington and Lower Liffey races. Over the summer we welcomed guest racing paddlers from England and South Africa

Afton Fitzhenry continues to train full-time with the British Team: her 2022 team GB results included 6th in C1 500m at Poznan World Cup event, 4th in C2 500m semi-final at World Championships in Canada, and 6th in c2 500m final at the European Championships in Germany

Lucian Baban represented Ireland in the Junior Sprint squad in Italy, and also reached K1 finals in the Romanian championships. Lucian's performance has been recognised by a Mary Peters Award.

Section E

Financial review

Brief statement of the charity's policy on reserves

The Club policy is to retain enough cash reserve to meet the next year's projected outgoings. We again comply with this policy at the end of 2022

Details of any funds materially in deficit

Further financial review details (Optional information)

You **may choose** to include additional information, where relevant about:

- the charity's principal sources of funds (including any fundraising);
- how expenditure has supported the key objectives of the charity;
- investment policy and objectives including any ethical investment policy adopted.

In 2022, income was membership, event and pool session fees, and donations. Principal expenditure was on rental of facilities at Lough Henney, CANI affiliation fees (for liability insurance), equipment purchase, merchandise purchase, and room and pool rental.

Section F

Other optional information

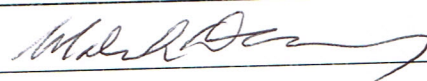
Section G

Declaration

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report above.

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)



Full name(s)

Malcolm Donald Kerry

Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)

Treasurer

Date

30/10/23

Belfast Canoe Club

Northern Ireland - Charity number 104803

Annual return

Independent examiner's report to the trustees of Belfast Canoe Club

I report on the accounts of the Trust for the year ended 31 December 2022.

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 65(2) of the Charities Act (Northern Ireland) 2008 (the Charities Act) or under Regulation 10(1)(d) of The Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006 (the 2006 Accounts Regulations) and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under section 65 of the Charities Act (Northern Ireland) 2008
- to follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland under section 65(9)(b) of the Charities Act
- to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of independent examiner's report

My examination was carried out in accordance with the general Directions given by the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland and is in accordance with Regulation 11 of the Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from you as trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a 'true and fair view' and the report is limited to those matters set out in the next statement.

Independent examiner's statement

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention:

1. which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements:

- to keep accounting records in accordance with section 63 of the Charities Act and section 44(1)(a) of the 2005 Act and Regulation 4 of the 2006 Accounts Regulations and
- to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the Charities Act 2008 and section 44(1)(b) of the 2005 Act and Regulation 9 of the 2006 Regulations have not been met or

2. to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Signed:



Date: 30th October 2023

Name: MICHAEL HUGHES (FCA)

Relevant professional qualification or membership of professional bodies (if any):

Fellow of the Institute of Chartered Accounts in Ireland (membership # 95A0331)

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