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# Trustees Report

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## Reference and Administration Details

Name	Regenerate	
Charity Number	104928	
Trustees	Keith Scott John Stevenson David Vennard Graeme Stevenson Keith Thompson Che McNally Alan Hynes Claire Reaney Gareth Chambers Anne Gillespie Darryl McShane	Chairperson Secretary Treasurer
Principal Address	1b Ardress Park Portadown BT62 3TP	
Independent Examiners	Karl Black	
Principal Bankers	Santander UK plc 2 Triton Square Regent's Place London NW1 3AN	

## Trustees Report

The Trustees present the Annual Report and Statements of the Receipts and Payments and Assets and Liabilities for Regenerate for the year ended 31 March 2024.

## Objectives Of the Charity

The Charitable purposes of Regenerate are:

### **The advancement and citizenship or Community Development –**

- Providing support and opportunities to individuals and communities; promoting active citizenship and developing their capacity and skills, in such a way that they are better able to identify and help meet their needs and enable them to participate more fully in society as responsible citizens through participation in decision making processes in any matters which may affect the area.
- Create a collective voice for the community and voluntary sector and work in partnership with statutory agencies and authorities.

### **The advancement of human rights, conflict resolution or reconciliation or the promotion of religious or racial harmony or equality and diversity –**

- Promote social cohesion, religious and racial harmony and equality and diversity.

### **The advancement of education –**

- Assisting and supporting projects which seek to address low educational attainment.
- Acting as a resource for young people by providing advice and assistance organising programmes of educational and other activities.

As a result of activity in the pursuit of the above charitable purposes, Regenerate have engaged with people and communities regardless of background and supported them to build a stronger, safer and more connected community.

## Activities of the Charity

Regenerate continues to build on engagement from our community space opened in March 2016. During the reporting period we engaged with approx. 10,000 people across Portadown, Lurgan, Banbridge and Armagh.

Activities of the charity include practical and strategic support to individuals and community groups and helping to drive and deliver improvements for them through liaises with statutory and voluntary partners, Regenerate aims to reduce social isolation and act as a platform to deliver craft sessions, a Christmas programme and community Health & Safety events.

Other activities include youth summer schemes, Irish History Talks and trips, the continued Christmas Toy Appeal and projects around bonfires and interfaces, as well as highlighting various support groups. The charity also partners with Southern Regional College, Bakers Food and Allied Workers Union to deliver training in Essential Skills in ICT.

## Achievements, Performance & Public Benefit

Regenerate have built a strong operational base and excellent working partnerships with community, other voluntary and statutory partners. A number of strong projects have been developed and maintained both in our community space and also in communities across Portadown and key links with groups in Lurgan, Banbridge and Armagh.

The community hub and outreach initiative recorded an annual footfall of approx. 10,000 people and deliver the following activities:

- **Support to other groups**

The charity has supported a number of other community groups to develop action plans, build capacity and successfully lobby for change and improvement in their areas of operation.

**Carers Unite** Providing a monthly meeting space for the group.

**Rectory Community Action Group (RCAG)** – meet every month.

**RCAG Community Café**

This inter-generational project meets weekly at the Regenerate Building and aims to reduce social isolation and serve as a platform to deliver key community messages and initiatives. Focusing on positive mental health and wellbeing Community Cafe has worked with Council to host cookery demonstrations, Tai Chi and craft sessions. The Café has organised Christmas Fairs, Summer Fun Days and Day trips. Conservation volunteers have promoted gardening and outdoor Community spaces, creating a designated outdoor area for French Boules shared with the Veterans group. The group has connected with similar groups across the Portadown and Lurgan area to come together for Christmas Lunch and events under the umbrella heading **Café Unity**. **The Corcrain Redmanville Community Partnership (CRCP)** - aims to promote good relations and deliver projects within the area to benefit residents.

**BOATA Men's Shed** – Provision of Governance Support by Regenerate.

Weekly use of their facilities in connection with the Veterans.

**War Graves** - The project research and maintains the historical stories of the veterans who served and died during the world wars. The project has published a number of reference books and hosted tours of the local areas of interest.

**Veterans Group** - A support group to Veterans offering social activities such as Breakfasts, BBQs, Model Making, Karting, Fishing, Residential trips and providing information or signposting to other services. The Veterans were shortlisted in the Community Award category and achieved a Silver in the Volunteer of the Year category at the Veterans Awards NI, 2022.

**South Lurgan Community Forum** - Provision of Governance Support by Regenerate.

- **Education**

Regenerate partners with Southern Regional College to provide Essential Skills in ICT. Regenerate also runs Human Rights courses and Irish History talks and field trips, in addition to Governance Support for other groups.

- **School Uniforms Support**

Regenerate provides donated school uniform for children across the Portadown and Lurgan area free of charge.

- **Cost of Living Crisis and Christmas Toy Appeal**

By working in partnership with local groups and food providers, Regenerate collected new and used toys and accepted referrals for delivery of both toys and food hampers over the Christmas period. Regenerate also regularly supports Youth Engagement summer activities and trips.

- **Flags & Bonfires**

Regenerate continues to facilitate a flags protocol in Portadown and are working with a number of bonfires to facilitate improvements.

The activities outlined above demonstrate how Regenerate continues to implement its charitable purposes of:

- The advancement of citizenship or community development
- The advancement of human rights, conflict resolution or reconciliation or the promotion of religious or racial harmony or equality and diversity
- The advancement of education
- and meets the Public Benefit requirements.

Benefit to members include:

- Increased opportunity and capacity to play an active role in Community
- Safer, better connected and welcoming communities
- Increased capacity by individuals to make positive impact on their community
- Improved educational opportunity and employment prospects

We expect the out workings of our activities to develop stronger, safer, united communities, where people matter to each other and life is valued and enjoyed.

Regenerate has mitigated any potential harm from the activities through employer, public liability, trustee indemnity insurance, developing relevant policies and training and observance of good practice.

Regenerate has given careful consideration to the Charity Commission of Northern Ireland's guidance on public benefit (PBR1) to ensure that the activities entered into during the year have helped to achieve Regenerate's objectives and activities, as well as providing public benefit.

## Financial Review

The principal source of income of Regenerate continues to be from Donations and Grants

The principal expense of Regenerate is in respect of payments regarding community activities and transport.

Regenerate continues to be in a healthy financial state as of 31 March 2024 with a total cash funds of **£13,695.94.**

Regenerate aims to retain sufficient reserves to meet its unexpected future expenditure requirements as well as potential future capital projects.

## Structure, Governance and Management

### Going Concern

The Trustees have reviewed its planned expenditure for the year ahead and are satisfied that there are adequate funds in place to ensure that the Charity can continue its activities and the financial statements for the year ended 31 March 2024 can be signed off as a going concern.

### Governing Document

The Charity is regulated by the Charities Act 2008 and the Constitution and Rules of the Charity adopted on 22<sup>nd</sup> September 2014.

### Recruitment and Appointment of Trustees

Membership of Regenerate is open to individuals aged 18 or over, who live or work in, or have some other established connection with the area of benefit and are interested in furthering the work of the Charity. Or any corporate body or unincorporated association that is based or operates within the area of benefit and is interested in furthering the Charity's work.

The Charity in general meeting shall elect the Trustees for a period of one year. The election of a Trustee will require at least three-quarters majority of those voting to vote in favour. The Officers shall be elected annually by and from the members of the Committee at their first meeting following the AGM. The Trustees may appoint any person who is willing to act as a Trustee. Such a resolution to appoint a Trustee shall require the approval of at least three-quarters of those voting. A retiring Trustee shall be eligible for re-election.

## Organisational Structure

The Management Committee is the governing body of Regenerate and consists of all the appointed Trustees of the Charity. Under the rules of the Charity, the Trustees must number at least six. The majority of the Trustees offer themselves up for re-election each year at the Annual General Meeting under the terms of the Constitution of the association. At the Annual General Meeting on 20<sup>th</sup> March 2023 all existing Trustees stood for election and were elected unopposed.

Regular Committee meetings were held between April 2023 and March 2024. Further informal meetings were held during the year to deal with routine business as necessary.

The Committee reviewed financial matters at each full committee meeting. The Treasurer presented a financial forecast for the members of the year to the Trustees at each of those meetings and its implications were considered and discussed. Budget forecasts are made on a conservative estimate of potential funding and costs to ensure financial viability.

The accounts are presented annually to the membership for discussion and approval, following independent inspection.

## Compliance with Public Benefit

The Charity has given careful consideration to the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland's guidance on public benefit to ensure that the activities entered into during the year have helped to achieve the Charity's objectives as well as providing public benefit.

## Statement of Trustees' Responsibilities

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

The law applicable to 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 for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

Signed on Behalf of the Trustees

S. David Vennel.

Trustee 1

John Severson

Trustee 2

05.03.2025

Date



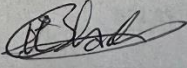
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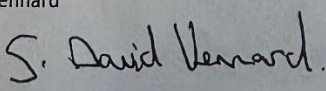
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Income & Expenditure Account

For The Year Ended 5 April 2024

	£	£
<b>Starting Balance</b>	<b>Danske 131</b>	<b>5156.80</b>
<b>Income</b>		
Venue Hire		2232.00
PayPal		115.82
M/Hill Boxing Club		100.00
NI Justice		936.00
PIP		1584.77
ACT Initiative		204.00
ACB&CB Council		25.00
SRC		2475.00
NI Alternatives		990.00
War Graves		410.00
Bank Lodgements		836.77
Refunds		566.70
<b>Expenditure</b>		
Banking	30.83	
NIHE	535.00	
C. Stevenson Expenses	481.06	
K. Scott Expenses	29.94	
J. Martin Expenses	153.99	
Heating	985.00	
NI Water	396.69	
Electricity	780.62	
Group Projects	3877.84	
Stationary & Equip	777.57	
Cleaning & Maintenance	951.75	
Training	50.00	
IFI Payment	163.12	
Donation	800.00	
Post Office	150.00	
Bad Debt	487.40	
	<u>10650.81</u>	<u>15632.86</u>
<b>Closing Balance</b>		<b>4982.05</b>

Audited By: Karl Black  Date: 01/03/2025

Treasurer: David Vennard  Date: 01/03/2025

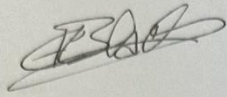
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For The Year Ended 5 April 2024

Starting Balance	Danske 123	302.49
<b>Income</b>		
IFI		141916.29
Regenerate		487.40
John Stewart		4000.00
<b>Expenditure</b>		
Wages	60114.74	
HMRC	13495.81	
Pensions	5026.38	
Broadband/ Telephone	595.20	
Office Equipment	600.00	
IT Support	2355.60	
Insurance	626.47	
Heating	985.00	
C. Stevenson Expenses	1244.02	
D. Martin Expenses	128.80	
K. Grady Expenses	351.54	
David Taylor	120.00	
Colin McCusker	200.00	
Sarah Graham	240.00	
Artie Annie Ltd	197.50	
AGNC	150.00	
WLHA	8000.00	
Fane Valley Stores	17.71	
Poptents	942.00	
Printing	1017.20	
Banking Fees	45.20	
Prog 1	9119.89	
Prog 2	3942.50	
Prog 3	8258.82	
Prog 4	6877.17	
DIV Prog	5994.40	
Regenerate	760.77	
Alternatives RJ	750.00	
RCAG Projects	45.96	
Venue Hire	1308.00	
Travel	1160.00	
Sperrin Cultural	662.85	
	135333.53	146706.18
Closing Balance		11372.65

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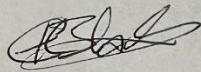
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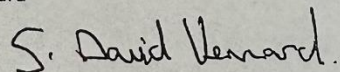
Starting Balance	Santander	7020.79	
<b>Income</b>			
Competitions		600.00	
Armed Forces Coven		980.00	
Vets Coffee Morn		876.32	
Donations		1077.27	
Sales		809.50	
<b>Expenditure</b>			
Office Equipment	366.05		
Stationary & Printing	178.00		
Competition	88.75		
Venue Hire	1800.00		
Transport	706.00		
Group Clothing	2086.80		
Group Events	3525.80		
Projects	164.19		
Badges	125.00		
	9040.59		
		11363.88	
Closing Balance		2323.29	

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On behalf of the Trustees

S. David Vennart.

John Severson

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Trustee 2 \_\_\_\_\_