

Augher/St Mark/Clogher/Church of Ireland

Northern Ireland · Charity number 105366

Details

Status Received

Registered 2016-06-23

Register [View on the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland register](#)

Contact

Address The Rectory
10 Augher Road
Clogher
Co. Tyrone
BT77 0ad
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Phone 07792728495

Activities

Purposes: The principal function is to support the advancement of the Christian religion by promoting through the work of the Parish the whole mission of the Church, pastoral, evangelistic, social and ecumenical. Being open to and engaging with society as a whole and offering support for those needing help is fundamental to the practical delivery of the tenets of Christianity. As a result of activity in pursuit of the advancement of the Christian religion, the Parish has custody of a large body of records, materials and artefacts of significance to the cultural heritage, the maintenance of which is undertaken by the Parish as a secondary charitable purpose.

What the charity does: The advancement of religion

How the charity works: Religious activities

Who the charity helps: General public

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2024-12-31	£33,587	£32,073	£0	0

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Carolyn Egerton		
Danielle Morgan		
Daphne Higginbotham		
David Morgan		
Jacqueline Rankin		
Mildred Crawford		
Mr Clive Montgomery		
Mr Desmond Millar		
Mrs Ann Graham		
Mrs Lisa Wright		
Mrs Ruth Mckeown		
Rev Olivia Downey		
Roy Wright		
Traci Higginbotham		
William Crawford		

Augher/St Mark/Clogher/Church of Ireland

Northern Ireland - Charity number 105366

Accounts

St. Marks Church of Ireland - Parish of Augher

Receipts and Payments Account

Year Ended 31 December 2024

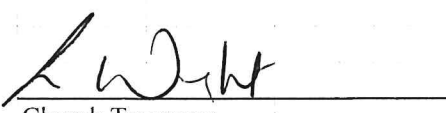
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Receipts					
Plate Collections	1748	-	-	-	1748
Freewill Offerings	14212	-	-	-	14212
Gift Aid Tax	2761	-	-	-	2761
Harvest/Easter Donations	875	-	-	-	875
Investment Income	-	-	-	295	295
Bank Interest	850	-	-	-	850
Rental Income	125	7531	-	-	7656
Donations	459	-	-	-	459
Fundraising	-	-	-	-	0
Grave Yard	-	-	100	-	100
Grants	2300	-	-	-	2300
Other Receipts	143	2188	-	-	2331
Total Receipts	23473	9719	100	295	33587
Payments					
Diocesan Assessment	12138	-	-	-	12138
Church & Hall Costs	4266	-	-	295	4561
Rectory Costs	-	-	-	-	0
Rental Property Costs	-	9234	-	-	9234
Administration Costs	4975	-	-	-	4975
Charitable Donations	400	-	-	-	400
Grave Yard	-	-	765	-	765
Total Payments	21779	9234	765	295	32073
Transfers	-	-	-	-	-
Excess of Receipts Over Payments for The Year	1694	485	-665	-	1514

Signed on Behalf of the Trustees

Trustee 1


Rector

Trustee 2


Church Treasurer

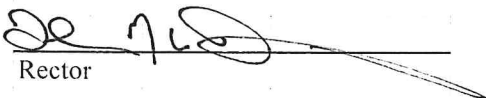
St. Marks Church of Ireland - Parish of Augher

Statement of Assets and Liabilities as at 31 December 2024

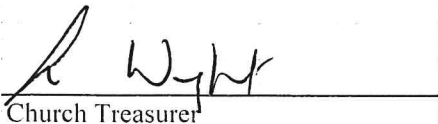
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Cash Funds					
General Purpose Account	40907	14188	5903	-	60998
Savings Account	-	-	-	-	-
Total Cash Funds	40907	14188	5903	-	60998
Investment Assets					
Fixed Term Deposit	-	-	-	-	-
RCB Investment	-	-	-	6663	6663
Total Investment Assets	-	-	-	6663	6663
Assets Retained for the Parish Own Use					
Church (Heritage Asset)	-	-	-	-	-
Rectory	250000	-	-	-	250000
Church Hall	200000	-	-	-	200000
Fixtures and Fittings	25000	-	-	-	25000
Total Assets Retained for the Parish Own Use	475000	-	-	-	475000
Total Assets	515907	14188	5903	6663	542661
Total Liabilities	-	-	-	-	-

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	<u>Funds</u>	<u>Funds</u>	<u>Funds</u>	<u>Funds</u>	<u>Funds</u>
	<u>2023</u>	<u>2023</u>	<u>2023</u>	<u>2023</u>	<u>2023</u>
Receipts					
Plate Collections	1249	-	-	-	1249
Freewill Offerings	14474	-	-	-	14474
Gift Aid Tax	2526	-	-	-	2526
Harvest/Easter Donations	505	-	-	-	505
Investment Income	-	-	-	272	272
Bank Interest	647	-	-	-	647
Rental Income	-	6165	-	-	6165
Donations	910	-	-	-	910
Fundraising	617	-	-	-	617
GraveYard	-	-	350	-	350
Grants	600	-	-	-	600
Other Receipts	157	-	-	-	157
Total Receipts	21685	6165	350	272	28472
Payments					
Diocesan Assessment	11642	-	-	-	11642
Church & Hall Costs	4957	-	-	272	5229
Rectory Costs	-	-	-	-	0
Rental Property Costs	-	5048	-	-	5048
Administration Costs	3397	-	-	-	3397
Charitable Donations	735	-	-	-	735
GraveYard	-	-	765	-	765
Total Payments	20731	5048	765	272	26816
Transfers	-	-	-	-	-
Excess of Receipts					
Over Payments for	954	1117	-415	-	1656
The Year					

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St. Marks Church of Ireland - Parish of Augher

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Cash Funds					
General Purpose Account	39213	13703	6568	-	59484
Savings Account	-	-	-	-	-
Total Cash Funds	39213	13703	6568	-	59484
Investment Assets					
Fixed Term Deposit	-	-	-	-	-
RCB Investment	-	-	-	6663	6663
Total Investment Assets	-	-	-	6663	6663
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Church Hall	200000	-	-	-	200000
Fixtures and Fittings	25000	-	-	-	25000
Total Assets Retained for the Parish Own Use	475000	-	-	-	475000
Total Assets	514213	13703	6568	6663	541147
Total Liabilities	-	-	-	-	-

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Church Treasurer

Augher/St Mark/Clogher/Church of Ireland

Northern Ireland - Charity number 105366

Annual report

St Marks Church of Ireland, Augher

Trustee's Annual Report

For the year ended 31 December 2023

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Reference and Administration Details

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Charity Registration Number: NIC105366
Contact Address: The Rectory
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BT76 0AD

Trustees:

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Mrs M Crawford	Mrs D Morgan	Mr C Montgomery
Mr W Crawford	Mr D Morgan	Mrs J Rankin
Mrs C Egerton	Mr N McFarland	Mrs L Wright
The Late Mr J Egerton	Mrs R McKeown	Mr R Wright
Mrs A Graham	Mrs Judith McLaren	

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People's Churchwarden:	Mrs Carolyn Egerton
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Church Secretary:	Mr Norman McFarland
Church Treasurer:	Mrs Lisa Wright

Independent Examiner

Allan Montgomery & Company
Chartered Certified Accountants
100 Main Street, Fivemiletown, BT75 0PW

Principal Bankers

Ulster Bank Ltd
55 Main Street
Clogher, BT76 0AA

Trustees' Annual Report for the year ended 31 December 2023

The Trustees present this Annual Report and Statement of Receipts and Payments and Assets and Liabilities for St Marks Church of Ireland Augher for the year ended 31 December 2023.

Objectives and Activities

The charitable purpose of the Church of Ireland is the advancement of religion.

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As a result of activity in the pursuit of the advancement of the Christian religion, St Marks Parish Church has custody of property and of records, materials and artefacts of significance to the cultural and religious heritage and maintenance of which is undertaken by the Select Vestry of St Marks Parish Church.

Achievements, Performance & Public Benefit

St Marks Parish Church of Ireland herein called 'St Marks COI' seeks to fulfil its purpose in support of weekly services on Sunday morning's comprising of a mix of Holy Communion, Morning Prayer, Family Service and Baptism together with various other special services during the year e.g. Lenten, Harvest Thanksgiving, Advent and Christmas. Pastoral care is provided for all parishioners and those in the wider community.

During 2023, there was one Baptism, one Wedding and one Funeral.

3 Candidates from St Marks Parish were Confirmed at a Confirmation Service held at St Macartan's Cathedral Clogher on 19 November 2023. To prepare for Confirmation these former Sunday school candidates attended a six-week Confirmation class facilitated by the Rector.

Having come through the COVID-19 pandemic it has to be noted that some are not rushing to return to how things were. Several parishioners have gotten used to the convenience of online worship or have simply checked out altogether and the immediate challenge is to get people to see the church as a community requiring their involvement.

St Marks continues to identify a vital role to play in the post pandemic recovery, expanding their contribution as an important community hub that is a key place of comfort and refuge in times of crisis.

A range of other activities are usually provided by St Marks COI either by the church directly or through various church organisations e.g. Annual Harvest weekend with supper, Sunday school, Knit Stitch & Natter, Mothers Union and Choir.

Arrangements are always made to ensure that all Sunday school youth received a pastoral gift at Christmas time which include a social gathering.

The Annual Carol service was held slightly different in that it was held in the afternoon, on the 17 December with Sunday school playing an active role, afterwards parishioners enjoyed refreshments and fellowship.

Reverend Olivia Downey holds the position of Chairperson to the Board of Governors of the local primary school and a number of members of the Parish serve on Board of Governors as well as PTFA (Parents, Teachers, Friends, Association) which supports and encourages the work of the local school, helping to maintain good standards and practices. In addition, Reverend Olivia continued to partake in regular assemblies in our local schools.

St Marks COI supports the work of other charities and missionary work by either making donations or holding special collections in respect of the same. Christian Aid, UCB (United Christian Broadcasters) Ltd, The Poppy Appeal and other charities receive financial and prayerful support from the Parish.

The activities outlined above demonstrate how St Marks COI continues to implement its charitable purposes (i.e. the advancement of religion) and meets the public benefit requirement. Benefits to members of the public include contributing to spiritual well-being of participants and the reinforcement of Christian values.

St Marks COI outreach extends widely and is particularly effective through Rites of Passage ceremonies such as baptism, marriage and burial which often extend into wide areas of the local community. All are opportunities to reinforce Christian values and aspects of good citizenship. The Rector has a sensitive involvement in the local community.

The Trustees' (who have a responsibility for the upkeep of Church, Church property, Graveyard, Rectory and Church Hall), continue to exercise their stewardship by ensuring the necessary remedial repairs to the surrounds of the Parish Church and rectory are regularly maintained. As part of that stewardship, the Trustees' address any necessary repairs as required to the hall, to ensure that all facilities are welcoming, safe and usable by members and the wider public.

St Marks COI has mitigated any potential harm from the activities through the implementation of the Church of Ireland Safeguarding Trust Policy. The parish has undertaken, with guidance from the Church of Ireland, to implement GDPR in accordance with current legislative requirements.

The Parish has given careful consideration to the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland's guidelines on public benefit to ensure that the aforementioned activities, as described, prove evidence of how St Marks COI continues to implement its charitable purposes, the advancement of religion, and meets the Public Benefit requirement.

Financial Review

- The principal source of income of St Marks COI continues to be from Donations and Plate Collections.
- The principal expense of St Marks COI is in respect of payments regarding Diocesan Costs/Assessment.
- St Marks Parish excess of receipts over payments for the year ended December 2023 was £1,656.
- St Marks Parish Church continues to be in a satisfactory financial state as at 31 December 2023 with total cash funds of £59,484.
- St Marks Parish Church aim to retain sufficient reserves to meet its expected future expenditure requirements as well as potential future capital projects.

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 Parish can continue its activities and the financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2023 can be signed off as a going concern.

Structure, Governance and Management

- Governing Document and Constitution of the Charity

As outlined in Chapter III of the Church of Ireland Constitution which governs 'Parishes and Parochial Organisation'. The Select Vestry members are the Charity Trustees.

- Recruitment and Appointment of Select Vestry (Trustees)

All members of the Church of Ireland who are over the age of 18 and are either resident within the Parish or live elsewhere but have accustomed members of the congregation for at least three months, may register as members of the General Vestry of the Parish, allowing them to attend and vote at meetings of the General Vestry and to stand for election to the Select Vestry. Meetings of the General Vestry are held at least once a year. The Select Vestry is elected as part of this General Vestry Meeting. The Select Vestry will hold their positions for a period of one year. Select Vestry members may be re-elected annually and there is no limit on the number of terms, which may be served.

- Organisational Structure

The responsibilities of the select vestry include that day to day management of activities and decision-making within the Parish.

The Select Vestry consists of a member of the clergy serving the Parish, Churchwardens (known as the Rector's Churchwarden and the People's Churchwarden), the Glebewardens and up to 12 additional

parishioners who are registered members of the general Vestry for the Parish and elected to the Select Vestry at the General / Easter Vestry.

The Select Vestry is chaired by Clergy within the Parish. Select Vestry members are responsible for making decisions on matters of general concern and importance to the Church / Parish including how funds are to be applied.

The Select Vestry meet at times fixed by Clergy / Members. Special meetings may be convened at any time by the Chairperson of the Churchwardens. In 2023 the Select Vestry met many times during the year and the average attendance was excellent.

- Compliance with Public Benefit

The Parish 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 achieve the Parish's objectives and activities, 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 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 Parish's transactions and disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the assets and liabilities of the Parish. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the Parish and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

Signed on Behalf of the Trustees

Trustee 1 *O Downey*
Rector

Trustee 2 *L Wright*
Church Treasurer

Date **10 September 2024**

Augher/St Mark/Clogher/Church of Ireland

Northern Ireland - Charity number 105366

Annual return

Independent Examiners Report for
St. Mark's Church of Ireland – Parish of Augher

I report on the Accounts on behalf of the Select Vestry for Year Ended 31 December 2023 which are set out on Pages 1 and 2.

Respective responsibility of Committee and Examiner

As a Charity you are responsible for the preparation of Accounts in accordance with the NI Charities Act 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 examiners 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 of 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) and (4) listed above and, in connection with following the Directions of the Charity Commissions for Northern Ireland, I have found no matters that require drawing to your attention.

Name: Mr Paul Eakin FIATI

Company: Allan Montgomery & Co

Address: 100 Main Street
Fivemiletown
Co Tyrone BT75 0PW

Date: 15 MAY 2024

Signed: 

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Accounts

St. Marks Church of Ireland - Parish of Augher

Receipts and Payments Account

Year Ended 31 December 2022

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Receipts					
Plate Collections	644	-	-	-	644
Freewill Offerings	13975	-	-	-	13975
Gift Aid Tax	2311	-	-	-	2311
Harvest/Easter Donations	520	-	-	-	520
Investment Income	-	-	-	260	260
Bank Interest	83	-	-	-	83
Rental Income	25	5135	-	-	5160
Donations	210	-	-	-	210
Fundraising	-	-	-	-	0
GraveYard	-	-	1500	-	1500
Grants	-	-	-	-	0
Other Receipts	107	-	-	-	107
Total Receipts	17875	5135	1500	260	24770
Payments					
Diocesan Assessment	9500	-	-	-	9500
Church & Hall Costs	3814	-	-	260	4074
Rectory Costs	-	-	-	-	0
Rental Property Costs	-	3201	-	-	3201
Administration Costs	3872	-	-	-	3872
Charitable Donations	300	-	-	-	300
GraveYard	-	-	956	-	956
Total Payments	17486	3201	956	260	21903
Transfers	-	-	-	-	-
Excess of Receipts Over Payments for The Year	389	1934	544	-	2867

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Trustee 2

Church Treasurer

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Savings Account	-	-	-	-	-
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Investment Assets					
Fixed Term Deposit	-	-	-	-	-
RCB Investment	-	-	-	6663	6663
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Assets Retained for the Parish Own Use					
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Total Liabilities	-	-	-	-	-

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A service of Thanksgiving to mark Queen Elizabeth II Platinum Jubilee was held on Sunday 5 June 2022 followed by a special tea and cake to mark the occasion.

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The Trustees' (who have a responsibility for the upkeep of Church, Church property, Graveyard, Rectory and Church Hall), continue to exercise their stewardship by ensuring the necessary remedial repairs to the surrounds of the Parish Church and rectory are regularly maintained. As part of that stewardship, the Trustees' address any necessary repairs as required to the hall, to ensure that all facilities are welcoming, safe and usable by members and the wider public.

St Marks COI has mitigated any potential harm from the activities through the implementation of the Church of Ireland Safeguarding Trust Policy. The parish has undertaken, with guidance from the Church of Ireland, to implement GDPR in accordance with current legislative requirements.

The Parish has given careful consideration to the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland's guidelines on public benefit to ensure that the aforementioned activities, as described, prove evidence of how St Marks COI continues to implement its charitable purposes, the advancement of religion, and meets the Public Benefit requirement.

Financial Review

- The principal source of income of St Marks COI continues to be from Donations and Plate Collections.
- The principal expense of St Marks COI is in respect of payments regarding Diocesan Costs/Assessment.
- St Marks Parish excess of receipts over payments for the year ended December 2022 was £2,867.
- St Marks Parish Church continues to be in a satisfactory financial state as at 31 December 2022 with total cash funds of £57,828.
- St Marks Parish Church aim to retain sufficient reserves to meet its expected future expenditure requirements as well as potential future capital projects.

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 Parish can continue its activities and the financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2022 can be signed off as a going concern.

Structure, Governance and Management

- **Governing Document and Constitution of the Charity**

As outlined in Chapter III of the Church of Ireland Constitution which governs 'Parishes and Parochial Organisation'. The Select Vestry members are the Charity Trustees.

- **Recruitment and Appointment of Select Vestry (Trustees)**

All members of the Church of Ireland who are over the age of 18 and are either resident within the Parish or live elsewhere but have accustomed members of the congregation for at least three months, may register as members of the General Vestry of the Parish, allowing them to attend and vote at meetings of the General Vestry and to stand for election to the Select Vestry. Meetings of the General Vestry are held at least once a year. The Select Vestry is elected as part of this General Vestry Meeting. The Select Vestry will hold their positions for a period of one year. Select Vestry members may be re-elected annually and there is no limit on the number of terms, which may be served.

- **Organisational Structure**

The responsibilities of the select vestry include that day to day management of activities and decision-making within the Parish.

The Select Vestry consists of a member of the clergy serving the Parish, Churchwardens (known as the Rector's Churchwarden and the People's Churchwarden), the Glebewardens and up to 12 additional

parishioners who are registered members of the general Vestry for the Parish and elected to the Select Vestry at the General / Easter Vestry.

The Select Vestry is chaired by Clergy within the Parish. Select Vestry members are responsible for making decisions on matters of general concern and importance to the Church / Parish including how funds are to be applied.

The Select Vestry meet at times fixed by Clergy / Members. Special meetings may be convened at any time by the Chairperson of the Churchwardens. In 2022 the Select Vestry met many times during the year and the average attendance was excellent. Additionally, minor select vestry business / notification was carried out via WhatsApp.

- Compliance with Public Benefit

The Parish 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 achieve the Parish's objectives and activities, 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 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 Parish's transactions and disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the assets and liabilities of the Parish. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the Parish and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

Signed on Behalf of the Trustees

Trustee 1 *O Dooney*
Rector

Trustee 2 *L Wright*
Church Treasurer

Date **19 August 2023**

Augher/St Mark/Clogher/Church of Ireland

Northern Ireland - Charity number 105366

Annual return

Independent Examiners Report for
St. Mark's Church of Ireland – Parish of Augher

I report on the Accounts on behalf of the Select Vestry for Year Ended 31 December 2022 which are set out on Pages 1 and 2.

Respective responsibility of Committee and Examiner

As a Charity you are responsible for the preparation of Accounts in accordance with the NI Charities Act 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 examiners 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 of 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) and (4) listed above and, in connection with following the Directions of the Charity Commissions for Northern Ireland, I have found no matters that require drawing to your attention.

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Date: 25-04-2023

Signed: 