

# Brookside Congregation of the Presbyterian Church in Ireland

Northern Ireland · Charity number 105382

## Details

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**Status** Received

**Registered** 2016-08-15

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

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## Activities

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**Purposes:** THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN IRELAND, as a Reformed Church within the wider body of Christ is grounded in the Scriptures, and exists to love and honour God through faith in His Son and by the power of His Spirit, and to enable her members to play their part in fulfilling God's mission to our world

**What the charity does:** The advancement of religion

**How the charity works:** Religious activities

**Who the charity helps:** General public

## Finances

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Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2024-12-31	£294,421	£207,805	£-1,680	2

## Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Mr Colin Hayburn		
Mr Geoffrey Young		
Mr Hugh Young		
Mr James Thompson		
Mr Joey Millar		
Mr Jonathan McCartney		
Mr Kenneth Mcdowell		
Mr Liam Mcfetridge		
Mr Mike Arnold		
Mr Richard Cromie		
Mr Richard Petrie		
Mr Stanley Kyle		
Rev William Moody		

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# Accounts

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BROOKSIDE CONGREGATION OF THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN IRELAND

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

For the year ended 31 December 2024

	Note	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2024 £	Total Funds 2023 £
<b>Income and Endowments from:</b>					
Donations and legacies	2	120,252	158,344	278,596	220,787
Charitable activities	3	3,178	11,708	14,886	11,849
Investments	4	340	371	711	1,581
Other income	5	228	-	228	1,400,565
<b>Total</b>		<b>123,998</b>	<b>170,423</b>	<b>294,421</b>	<b>1,634,782</b>
<b>Expenditure on:</b>					
Raising funds	6	(1,245)	-	(1,245)	(1,194)
Charitable activities	7	(120,738)	(85,822)	(206,560)	(252,068)
Other expenditure	8	-	-	-	(20,009)
<b>Total</b>		<b>(121,983)</b>	<b>(85,822)</b>	<b>(207,805)</b>	<b>(273,271)</b>
Net Income/(expenditure)		2,015	84,601	86,616	1,361,511
Transfers between funds		785	(785)	-	-
Net movement in funds		2,800	83,816	86,616	1,361,511
<b>Reconciliation of funds:</b>					
Total funds brought forward	16	44,588	5,313,291	5,357,879	3,996,368
Total funds carried forward	16	47,388	5,397,107	5,444,495	5,357,879

BROOKSIDE CONGREGATION OF THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN IRELAND

BALANCE SHEET

As at 31 December 2024

	Note	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2024 £	Total Funds 2023 £
<b>Fixed assets:</b>					
Tangible assets	11	-	3,754,484	3,754,484	3,754,484
<b>Total fixed assets</b>		<b>-</b>	<b>3,754,484</b>	<b>3,754,484</b>	<b>3,754,484</b>
<b>Current assets:</b>					
Investments	12	50,243	1,568,200	1,618,443	-
Debtors	13	-	-	-	-
Cash at bank and in hand	14	(1,175)	74,423	73,248	1,604,595
<b>Total current assets</b>		<b>49,068</b>	<b>1,642,623</b>	<b>1,691,691</b>	<b>1,604,595</b>
<b>Liabilities:</b>					
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	15	(1,680)	-	(1,680)	(1,200)
<b>Net current assets</b>		<b>47,388</b>	<b>1,642,623</b>	<b>1,690,011</b>	<b>1,603,395</b>
<b>Total assets less current liabilities</b>		<b>47,388</b>	<b>5,397,107</b>	<b>5,444,495</b>	<b>5,357,879</b>
Creditors: amounts falling due after one year		-	-	-	-
<b>Total net assets</b>		<b>47,388</b>	<b>5,397,107</b>	<b>5,444,495</b>	<b>5,357,879</b>
<b>Funds of the charity</b>					
Unrestricted funds	16	47,388	-	47,388	44,588
Restricted funds	16	-	5,397,107	5,397,107	5,313,291
<b>Total charity funds</b>		<b>47,388</b>	<b>5,397,107</b>	<b>5,444,495</b>	<b>5,357,879</b>

Approved by the Kirk Session at a meeting on 27 May 2025 and signed on its behalf by:

Rev William Moody

Minister



Mr Liam McFetridge

Clerk of Session



**BROOKSIDE CONGREGATION OF THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN IRELAND**

**NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS**

31 December 2024

**1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES**

**BASIS OF FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with applicable accounting standards. While compliance with Statement of Recommended Practice Accounting and Reporting by Charities (FRS102) is not mandatory account of the guidance contained therein has been taken in the preparation of these accounts.

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention except for investment assets, which are shown at market value. The financial statements include all transactions, assets, and liabilities for which the congregation is responsible in law. They do not include the accounts of church groups that owe their affiliation to another body, nor those that are informal gatherings of church members.

**FUND ACCOUNTING**

Endowment funds are funds, the capital of which must be retained either permanently or at the congregation's discretion; the income derived from the endowment is to be used either as restricted or unrestricted income funds depending upon the purpose for which the endowment was established in the first place.

Restricted funds comprise (a) income from endowments which is to be expended only on the restricted purposes intended by the donor and (b) revenue donations or grants for a specific congregational activity intended by the donor. Where these funds have unspent balances, interest on their pooled investment is apportioned to the individual funds on an average basis.

Unrestricted funds are income funds which are to be spent on the congregation's general purposes. Designated funds are general funds set aside by the congregation for use in the future.

**INCOMING RESOURCES**

**Recognition of incoming resources**

These are included in the Statement of Financial Activities (SoFA) when:

- The congregation becomes entitled to the resources.
- The trustees are virtually certain they will receive the resources; and
- The monetary value can be measured with sufficient reliability.

**Incoming resources with related expenditure**

Where incoming resources have related expenditure (as with fundraising income) the incoming resources and related expenditure are reported gross in the SoFA.

**Grants and donations**

Grants and donations are only included in the SoFA when the congregation has unconditional entitlement to the resources.

**Tax reclaims on donations and gifts**

Incoming resources from tax reclaims are included in the SoFA at the same time as the gift to which they relate.

**Contractual income and performance related grants**

This is only included in the SoFA once the related goods or services have been delivered.

**Gifts in kind**

Gifts in kind are accounted for at a reasonable estimate of their value to the charity or the amount actually realised. Gifts in kind for sale or distribution are included in the accounts as gifts only when sold or distributed by the charity. Gifts in kind for use by the charity are included in the SoFA as incoming resources when receivable.

**BROOKSIDE CONGREGATION OF THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN IRELAND**

**NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS (cont'd)**

**Donated services and facilities**

These are only included in incoming resources (with an equivalent amount in resources expended) where the benefit to the charity is reasonably quantifiable, measurable, and material. The value placed on these resources is the estimated value to the charity of the service or facility received.

**Volunteer help**

The value of any voluntary help received is not included in the accounts but is described in the trustees' annual report.

**Investment income**

This is included in the accounts when receivable.

**Investment gains and losses**

This includes any gain or loss on the sale of investments and any gain or loss resulting from revaluing investments to market value at the end of the year.

**EXPENDITURE AND LIABILITIES**

**Liability recognition**

Liabilities are recognised as soon as there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the congregation to pay out resources.

**Governance costs**

These include costs of the preparation and examination of statutory accounts, the costs of trustee meetings and cost of any legal advice to trustees on governance or constitutional matters.

**Tangible Fixed Assets**

Tangible fixed assets for use by charity. These are capitalised if they can be used for more than one year and cost at least £2,500. They are valued at cost or, if gifted, at the value to the charity on receipt.

Depreciation will be recorded on all tangible fixed assets other than freehold land, at rates calculated to write off the cost less estimated residual value, of each asset over its expected useful life as follows.

Buildings	-over 50 years
Fixtures and equipment	-20% reducing balance

**2. DONATIONS AND LEGACIES**

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total Funds 2024	Total Funds 2023
	£	£	£	£
Recorded givings	102,948	106,253	209,201	154,853
Loose collections	2,201	6,400	8,601	8,638
Donations and gifts	960	26,077	27,037	26,458
Legacies and bequests	-	-	-	-
Gift Aid	14,143	19,614	33,757	30,838
	<u>120,252</u>	<u>158,344</u>	<u>278,596</u>	<u>220,787</u>

**3. CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES**

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total Funds 2024	Total Funds 2023
	£	£	£	£
Income from charitable activities	3,178	7,240	10,418	8,449
Grants	-	4,468	4,468	3,400
	<u>3,178</u>	<u>11,708</u>	<u>14,886</u>	<u>11,849</u>

BROOKSIDE CONGREGATION OF THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN IRELAND  
NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS (Cont'd)

4. INVESTMENTS

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total Funds 2024	Total Funds 2023
	£	£	£	£
Bank interest received	340	371	711	1,581
	<u>340</u>	<u>371</u>	<u>711</u>	<u>1,581</u>

5. OTHER INCOME

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total Funds 2024	Total Funds 2023
	£	£	£	£
Field Rent & Wayleave	228	-	228	565
Proceeds on sale of land	-	-	-	1,400,000
	<u>228</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>228</u>	<u>1,400,565</u>

6. RAISING FUNDS

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total Funds 2024	Total Funds 2023
	£	£	£	£
FWO envelopes	1,245	-	1,245	1,194
	<u>1,245</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,245</u>	<u>1,194</u>

7. CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total Funds 2024	Total Funds 2023
	£	£	£	£
General Assembly Assessments	19,293	-	19,293	18,881
Presbytery fees	475	-	475	473
Ministry and support staff costs	69,253	-	69,253	68,904
Congregational running expenses	28,986	25,158	54,144	87,769
Donations to missions and charities	932	60,477	61,409	74,526
Governance costs	1,799	187	1,986	1,515
	<u>120,738</u>	<u>85,822</u>	<u>206,560</u>	<u>252,068</u>

8. OTHER EXPENDITURE

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total Funds 2024	Total Funds 2023
	£	£	£	£
Legal costs on sale of land	-	-	-	20,009
	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>20,009</u>

**BROOKSIDE CONGREGATION OF THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN IRELAND**  
NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS (Cont'd)

**9. EMPLOYEES**

**Employment Costs**

	2024	2023
	£	£
Wages and salaries	54,370	54,720
Social Security Costs	4,636	4,425
Pension contributions	10,247	9,759

**Number of employees**

The average number of employees during the year were:

	2024	2023
	No	No
Average number of employees	3	3

There were no employees in receipt of employee benefits in excess of £60,000.

The minister of the congregation is employed by the Presbyterian Church in Ireland which is a separate charity but his salary is included in employee costs above.

The congregation pays an assessment to the Presbyterian Church in Ireland for the minister.

The following payments were made during the year:

	2024	2023
	£	£
Wages and salaries	42,696	41,163
Social Security Costs	4,636	4,425
Pension contributions	10,247	9,759

**10. PENSION COSTS**

The minister of the congregation is a member of the Presbyterian Church in Ireland Pension Scheme (2009). This is a scheme operated by the Presbyterian Church in Ireland, a separate registered charity. The congregation pays an assessment to the Presbyterian Church in Ireland equivalent to the employer's pension contribution for the Scheme and based on the stipend paid to the minister. The Presbyterian Church in Ireland Pension Scheme (2009) is a funded Scheme of the defined benefit type, providing defined benefits based on career averaged revalued salary. The Scheme has assets held in a separately administered fund managed by a board of trustees. The Presbyterian Church and the Scheme Trustees have agreed a funding plan to ensure the Scheme is sufficiently funded to meet current and future obligations. A formal schedule of contributions was drawn up on 25 November 2015 whereby the Presbyterian Church agreed to pay from 31 December 2015 contributions of 24% of pensionable salaries to cover the accrual of benefits for future service, expenses, the cost of insuring death in service benefits and funding the scheme deficit.

The contributions made by the congregation during the year were.

	2024	2023
	£	£
Contributions	10,247	9,759

**BROOKSIDE CONGREGATION OF THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN IRELAND**  
**NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS (Cont'd)**

**11. TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS**

	Church, Hall buildings & contents & Manse	Total 2024	Total 2023
	£	£	£
<b>COST OR VALUATION</b>			
At 1 January 2024	3,754,484	3,754,484	3,754,484
Additions	-	-	-
Disposals	-	-	-
At 31 December 2024	<u>3,754,484</u>	<u>3,754,484</u>	<u>3,754,484</u>
<b>DEPRECIATION</b>			
At 1 January 2024	-	-	-
Charge for the year	-	-	-
Eliminated on disposal	-	-	-
At 31 December 2024	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
<b>NET BOOK VALUE</b>			
At 31 December 2024	<u>3,754,484</u>	<u>3,754,484</u>	<u>3,754,484</u>
At 31 December 2023	<u>3,754,484</u>	<u>3,754,484</u>	<u>3,754,484</u>

The congregation owns the church and church hall situated at 17 Brook Street, Ahoghill, Ballymena BT42 1LD and the associated fixtures, fittings, and equipment, together with the manse at 309 Galgorm Road Ahoghill. Details of historical costs of the above assets are not available. This being the case these continue to be included in the accounts at their combined insurance value as of 31st October 2024 of £3,754,484.

**12. INVESTMENTS**

	2024	2023
	£	£
Business Investment Account	53,443	-
Fixed Term Deposit Accounts	<u>1,565,000</u>	<u>-</u>
	<u>1,618,443</u>	<u>-</u>

**13. DEBTORS**

	2024	2023
	£	£
Gift aid recoverable	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>

**14. CASH AT BANK AND IN HAND**

	2024	2023
	£	£
Cash held in bank accounts	73,109	1,604,086
Cash in hand	139	509
	<u>73,248</u>	<u>1,604,595</u>

**15. CREDITORS: amounts falling due within one year**

	2024	2023
	£	£
Accruals	<u>1,680</u>	<u>1,680</u>
	<u>1,680</u>	<u>1,680</u>

BROOKSIDE CONGREGATION OF THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN IRELAND  
NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS (Cont'd)

16. FUND BALANCES

(i) Unrestricted Funds

	2024	2023
	£	£
General fund	47,388	44,588
	<u>47,388</u>	<u>44,588</u>

(ii) Restricted Funds

	2024	2023
	£	£
Property	5,365,284	5,282,234
Workers Support	1,843	4,027
Missions	11,272	10,176
Sunday School	1,049	895
Presbyterian Woman	938	699
Girls Brigade	5,339	5,099
Youth Club	1,171	1,143
Boys Brigade	4,675	4,754
Luncheon Fellowship	1,104	1,110
Choir	-	34
Youth Fellowship	1,462	12
Parent and toddler Group	627	760
Benevolent Fund	2,343	2,348
	<u>5,397,107</u>	<u>5,313,291</u>

(iii) Reconciliation of movement of funds

	Opening balance	Income	Expenditure	Transfer	Closing balance
	£	£	£	£	£
<b>Unrestricted Funds</b>					
General fund	44,588	123,998	(121,983)	785	47,388
	<u>44,588</u>	<u>123,998</u>	<u>(121,983)</u>	<u>785</u>	<u>47,388</u>
<b>Restricted Funds</b>					
Property	5,282,234	89,856	(6,806)	-	5,365,284
Workers Support	4,027	15,636	(17,820)	-	1,843
Missions	10,176	41,205	(40,229)	120	11,272
Sunday School	895	477	(323)	-	1,049
Presbyterian Woman	699	5,361	(5,122)	-	938
Girls' Brigade	5,099	7,265	(6,925)	(100)	5,339
Youth Club	1,143	614	(586)	-	1,171
Boys' Brigade	4,754	4,478	(3,772)	(785)	4,675
Luncheon Fellowship	1,110	1	(7)	-	1,104
Choir	34	-	(14)	(20)	-
Youth Fellowship	12	4,887	(3,437)	-	1,462
Parent and Toddler Group	760	640	(773)	-	627
Benevolent Fund	2,348	3	(8)	-	2,343
	<u>5,313,291</u>	<u>170,423</u>	<u>(85,822)</u>	<u>(785)</u>	<u>5,397,107</u>
<b>Total</b>	<u>5,357,879</u>	<u>294,421</u>	<u>(207,805)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>5,444,495</u>

BROOKSIDE CONGREGATION OF THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN IRELAND  
NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS (Cont'd)

**17. Related Party Transactions**

Rev William Moody is a trustee of the church. In his capacity as the minister of the congregation he received remuneration of £42,696 and an expenses allowance of £7,036. Pension contributions of £10,247 were also paid by the congregation in respect of them to the Presbyterian Church in Ireland Pension Scheme (2009). Employer's NIC of £5,607 was paid to the Presbyterian Church in Ireland for the minister.

During the year the congregation contributed the following amounts to Funds of the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in Ireland, a separate charity:

	£
Assessments	11,286
United Appeal	2,408

There were no other related party transactions.

**Brookside Congregation of the Presbyterian Church in Ireland**

Northern Ireland - Charity number 105382

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# Accounts

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**BROOKSIDE CONGREGATION OF THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN IRELAND**

**STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITY (Receipts and Payments Account)**

For the year ended 31 December 2023

	Note	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2023 £	Total Funds 2022 £
<b>Income and Endowments from:</b>					
Donations and legacies	2	104,827	115,960	220,787	213,898
Charitable activities	3	1,089	10,760	11,849	8,372
Other trading activities	4	-	-	-	-
Investments	5	521	1,060	1,581	1,003
Other income	6	565	1,400,000	1,400,565	549
<b>Total</b>		<b>107,002</b>	<b>1,527,780</b>	<b>1,634,782</b>	<b>223,822</b>
<b>Expenditure on:</b>					
Raising funds	7	(1,194)	(-)	(1,194)	(1,194)
Charitable activities	8	(123,554)	(128,514)	(252,068)	(227,439)
Other expenditure	9	(-)	(20,009)	(20,009)	-
<b>Total</b>		<b>(124,748)</b>	<b>(148,523)</b>	<b>(273,271)</b>	<b>(228,633)</b>
<b>Net Income/(expenditure)</b>		<b>(17,746)</b>	<b>1,379,257</b>	<b>1,361,511</b>	<b>(4,811)</b>
Transfers between funds		(71,750)	71,750	-	-
<b>Net movement in funds</b>		<b>(89,496)</b>	<b>1,451,007</b>	<b>1,361,511</b>	<b>(4,811)</b>
<b>Reconciliation of funds:</b>					
Total funds brought forward	10	135,284	107,800	243,084	247,895
<b>Total funds carried forward</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>45,788</b>	<b>1,558,807</b>	<b>1,604,595</b>	<b>243,084</b>

**BROOKSIDE CONGREGATION OF THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN IRELAND  
STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES**

As at 31 December 2023

**1. Fixed Assets**

The congregation owns the church and church hall situated at 17 Brook Street, Ahoghill, Ballymena BT42 1LD and the associated fixtures, fittings, and equipment, together with the manse at 309 Galgorm Road Ahoghill. Details of historical costs of the above assets are not available. This being the case these continue to be included in the accounts at their combined insurance value as of 31<sup>st</sup> October 2023 of £3,575,700. The congregation sold land belonging to the church during the year at a consideration of £1,400,000.

**2. Investments**

The congregation has the following investments. Amounts are shown at market valuation.

	2023	2022
	£	£
Progressive building Society	-	125,302
	<u>-</u>	<u>125,302</u>

**3. Amounts owed**

At the end of the year the following amounts were owed to the congregations

	2023	2022
	£	£
Gift Aid	-	-
	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>

**4. Cash and bank balances**

	2023	2022
	£	£
Bank and cash balances	1,604,597	117,562
	<u>1,604,597</u>	<u>117,562</u>

**5. Amounts owed**

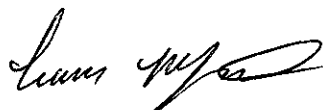
	2023	2022
	£	£
Accountancy	1,200	1,200
	<u>1,200</u>	<u>1,200</u>

Approved by the Kirk Session at a meeting on 19 March 2024 and signed on its behalf by:



Rev William Moody

Minister



Mr Liam McFetridge

Clerk of Session

**BROOKSIDE CONGREGATION OF THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN IRELAND**

**NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS**

31 December 2023

**1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES**

**BASIS OF FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

As the total income of the congregation is less than £250,000 the congregation have elected in accordance with the provisions in The Charities Accounts and Reports Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2008 to prepare its accounts on a receipts and payments basis.

**FUND ACCOUNTING**

Endowment funds are funds, the capital of which must be retained either permanently or at the congregation's discretion; the income derived from the endowment is to be used either as restricted or unrestricted income funds depending upon the purpose for which the endowment was established in the first place.

Restricted funds comprise (a) income from endowments which is to be expended only on the restricted purposes intended by the donor and (b) revenue donations or grants for a specific congregational activity intended by the donor. Where these funds have unspent balances, interest on their pooled investment is apportioned to the individual funds on an average basis.

Unrestricted funds are income funds which are to be spent on the congregation's general purposes. Designated funds are general funds set aside by the congregation for use in the future.

**2. DONATIONS AND LEGACIES**

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total Funds 2023	Total Funds 2022
	£	£	£	£
Recorded givings	88,769	66,084	154,853	153,340
Loose collections	1,690	6,948	8,638	9,998
Donations and gifts	1,407	25,051	26,458	25,297
Legacies and bequests	-	-	-	-
Gift Aid	12,961	17,877	30,838	25,263
	<u>104,827</u>	<u>115,960</u>	<u>220,787</u>	<u>213,898</u>

**3. CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES**

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total Funds 2023	Total Funds 2022
	£	£	£	£
Income from charitable activities	1,089	7,360	8,449	4,772
Grants	-	3,400	3,400	3,600
	<u>1,089</u>	<u>10,760</u>	<u>11,849</u>	<u>8,372</u>

**BROOKSIDE CONGREGATION OF THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN IRELAND**  
**NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS (Cont'd)**

**4. OTHER TRADING ACTIVITIES**

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total Funds 2023	Total Funds 2022
	£	£	£	£
Letting of premises	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-

**5. INVESTMENTS**

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total Funds 2023	Total Funds 2022
	£	£	£	£
Bank interest received	521	1,060	1,581	1,003
	521	1,060	1,581	1,003

**6. OTHER INCOME**

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total Funds 2023	Total Funds 2022
	£	£	£	£
Field Rent & Wayleave	565	-	565	549
Proceeds on sale of land	-	1,400,000	1,400,000	-
	565	1,400,000	1,400,565	549

**7. RAISING FUNDS**

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total Funds 2023	Total Funds 2022
	£	£	£	£
FWO envelopes	1,194	-	1,194	1,194
	1,194	-	1,194	1,194

**8. CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES**

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total Funds 2023	Total Funds 2022
	£	£	£	£
General Assembly Assessments	18,881	-	18,881	18,741
Presbytery fees	473	-	473	496
Ministry and support staff costs	68,904	-	68,904	67,697
Congregational running expenses	32,416	55,353	87,769	49,948
Donations to missions and charities	1,563	72,963	74,526	89,090
Governance costs	1,317	198	1,515	1,467
	123,554	128,514	252,068	227,439

**9. RAISING FUNDS**

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total Funds 2023	Total Funds 2022
	£	£	£	£
Legal costs on sale of land	-	20,009	20,009	-
	-	20,009	20,009	-

**BROOKSIDE CONGREGATION OF THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN IRELAND**  
**NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS (Cont'd)**

**10. FUND BALANCES**

**(i) Unrestricted Funds**

	<b>2023</b>	<b>2022</b>
	£	£
General fund	45,788	9,982
Progressive	-	125,302
	<u>45,788</u>	<u>135,284</u>

**(ii) Restricted Funds**

	<b>2023</b>	<b>2022</b>
	£	£
Property	1,527,750	75,191
Workers Support	4,027	6,705
Missions	10,176	10,872
Sunday School	895	1,153
Presbyterian Woman	699	430
Girls Brigade	5,099	5,170
Youth Club	1,143	1,230
Boys Brigade	4,754	3,215
Luncheon Fellowship	1,110	1,117
Choir	34	52
Youth Fellowship	12	14
Parent and toddler Group	760	502
Benevolent Fund	2,348	2,149
	<u>1,558,807</u>	<u>107,800</u>

**(iii) Reconciliation of movement of funds**

	<b>Opening balance</b>	<b>Income</b>	<b>Expenditure</b>	<b>Transfer</b>	<b>Closing balance</b>
	£	£	£	£	£
<b>Unrestricted Funds</b>					
General fund	9,982	106,786	(124,748)	53,768	45,788
Progressive	125,302	216	-	(125,518)	-
	<u>135,284</u>	<u>107,002</u>	<u>(124,748)</u>	<u>(71,750)</u>	<u>45,788</u>
<b>Restricted Funds</b>					
Property	75,191	1,437,821	(55,262)	70,000	1,527,750
Workers Support	6,705	15,007	(17,685)	-	4,027
Missions	10,872	52,795	(53,691)	200	10,176
Sunday School	1,153	174	(432)	-	895
Presbyterian Woman	430	4,969	(4,700)	-	699
Girls' Brigade	5,170	6,957	(6,328)	(700)	5,099
Youth Club	1,230	672	(759)	-	1,143
Boy's Brigade	3,215	5,426	(3,887)	-	4,754
Luncheon Fellowship	1,117	1	(8)	-	1,110
Choir	52	-	(18)	-	34
Youth Fellowship	14	2,482	(4,734)	2,250	12
Parent and Toddler Group	502	1,269	(1,011)	-	760
Benevolent Fund	2,149	207	(8)	-	2,348
	<u>107,800</u>	<u>1,527,780</u>	<u>(148,523)</u>	<u>71,750</u>	<u>1,558,807</u>
<b>Total</b>	<u>243,084</u>	<u>1,634,782</u>	<u>(273,271)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,604,595</u>

**Brookside Congregation of the Presbyterian Church in Ireland**

Northern Ireland - Charity number 105382

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# Annual report

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**BROOKSIDE CONGREGATION OF THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN IRELAND  
TRUSTEES ANNUAL REPORT**

The Trustees present their Annual Report and Financial Statements for the year ended 31 December 2023 including a Statement of Assets and Liabilities as at that date.

**REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS**

Brookside Congregation of the Presbyterian Church in Ireland  
17 Brook Street  
Ahoghill  
Ballymena  
BT42 1LD

Registered Charity in Northern Ireland (NIC105382)

**CHARITY TRUSTEES**

The Charity Trustees who served during the year or who were trustees at the date of this report were:

Rev William Moody	Mr Liam McFetridge
Mr Michael Arnold	Mr Joseph Millar
Mr Jackie Craig (retired 7 February 2023)	Mr Richard Petrie
Mr Richard Cromie	Mr James Thompson
Mr Colin Hayburn	Mr Norman Wallace (retired 7 February 2023)
Mr Stanley Kyle	Mr Geoffrey Young
Mr Jonathan McCartney	Mr Hugh Young
Mr Kenneth McDowell	

**PRINCIPAL OFFICE BEARERS**

Minister	Rev William Moody
Clerk of Session	Mr Liam McFetridge
Treasurer	Mr John Barkley

**INDEPENDENT EXAMINER**

Mr John Finnegan  
Potter Finnegan Limited  
Unit 25 The Courtyard Business Park  
190 Galgorm Road  
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**BANKERS**

Danske Bank  
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BT43 7PE

**SOLICITORS**

Samuel Cumming & Son  
39 Linenhall Street  
Ballymena  
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**BROOKSIDE CONGREGATION OF THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN IRELAND  
TRUSTEES ANNUAL REPORT (cont'd)**

**STRUCTURE AND MANAGEMENT**

**The Kirk Session**

The charity trustees of the congregation are the members of its Kirk Session. Under the congregation's governing document, The Code, the book of the constitution and government of the Presbyterian Church in Ireland, the Kirk Session seeks to watch over and promote the spiritual interest of the congregation and of persons not connected with any congregation who are within its bounds. It ensures pastoral care is in place in the congregation and seeks to further the contribution of the Church to Christian witness and service in the local community. The Kirk Session has delegated to its Congregational Committee the temporal affairs of the congregation including administering all funds and property belonging to the congregation. Members of the Kirk Session are ex-officio members of the Congregational Committee.

The Kirk Session consists of the ordained minister and the ruling elders of the congregations. All members are entitled to propose, speak, and exercise equal votes at meetings, except that the Moderator, the ministers in active duty in the congregation, has no deliberative but only a casting vote.

To be chosen for the office of the eldership in the congregation a person must be a voting member and a regular attendant on its ordinances. The selection of those proposed to be called to the office can be either by the congregation or by the Kirk Session. Members are elected if they obtain two-thirds of those who vote.

**Presbytery**

Under the Presbyterian Church in Ireland form of governance the corporate oversight of a congregation is the responsibility of a Presbytery which superintends generally the spiritual and temporal affairs of the congregations assigned to it by the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in Ireland. Brookside congregation of the Presbyterian Church has been assigned to the Ballymena Presbytery of the Presbyterian Church in Ireland. The membership of the Presbytery consists mainly of the active ministers of congregations assigned to it by the General Assembly, ministers who have retired from active duty and an elder appointed by the Kirk Session of each congregation.

**The General Assembly**

The General Assembly is the supreme court of the Church, representing in one body the whole Church and acting as its supreme legislative, administration and judicial authority, in dealing with all matters brought before it. The General Assembly met in 2023 for four days in June for worship and to conduct its business. At the end of business, it is dissolved. The membership of the General Assembly consists mainly of the active ministers of each congregation, retired ministers and a representative elder appointed by the Kirk Session of each congregation.

**DESCRIPTION AND PURPOSE**

The charitable purpose of the congregation is the advancement of religion.

Brookside congregation of the Presbyterian Church is a congregation of the Presbyterian Church in Ireland. The Presbyterian Church in Ireland, as a Reformed Church within the wider body of Christ is grounded in the Scriptures and exists to love and honour God through faith in His Son and by the power of His Spirit, and to enable her members to play their part in fulfilling God's mission to our world.

The congregations mission purpose is to fulfil its great responsibility to be involved in the great commission in bringing the Gospel to all nations. Biblical preaching means we believe that at the centre of seeing the Gospel advance has to be the teaching of God's word and prayer. We seek for this to take place in public worship, church organisations and personal contacts by members.

**BROOKSIDE CONGREGATION OF THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN IRELAND**  
**TRUSTEES ANNUAL REPORT (cont'd)**  
**DESCRIPTION AND PURPOSE (cont'd)**

The congregation aims to live out its Mission as a family of God's people by being:

- A Covenant Community: where our relationships are rooted in the promises of God by living faithfully toward him and toward one another
- An Intergenerational Community: where adults intentionally take the lead to engage with, encourage, and nurture younger members to maturity in Christ.
- An Outward looking Community: where we want the blessings of God that belong to us in the gospel to become blessings for others beyond the bounds of our community.
- As a congregation of the Presbyterian Church in Ireland, we believe that the Bible is the supreme authority over all we do, and that the Westminster Confession of Faith, along with the Larger and Shorter Catechisms set out what we understand the Bible teaches on key matters of Christian faith and practice.

**ACTIVITIES AND OBJECTIVES**

The congregation meets for worship every Sunday and visitors are welcome to join. The Sacrament of the Lords Supper is observed on three occasions during the year and all those who have been baptised and who have made a profession of faith in the Lord Jesus Christ are admitted to the Lord's Supper. The congregation holds regular bible study meetings and prayer meetings on Wednesday evenings and has a wide range of organisations including:

- Sunday School
- Bible Class
- Good News Club
- Youth Fellowship
- Youth Club
- Parents and Toddlers
- Girls' Brigade (Explorers, Junior, Company, and Brigadier Sections)
- Boys' Brigade (Anchor Boys, Junior, and Company Section)
- Presbyterian Women
- Women's Prayer Meeting
- Men's Prayer Meeting
- Choir
- Praise Group
- Brook Café
- Holiday Bible Club

**ACHIEVEMENTS AND PERFORMANCE**

**Worship and prayer**

The congregation meets for services of worship at 11:30am and 6:15pm each Sunday. The Evening Service at 6:15pm is united with First Ahoghill and Trinity and rotates around the three church buildings.

During the week the Midweek Bible Study provides an opportunity for members to meet together for fellowship, to study the scriptures and for a time of prayer. Once a month the Midweek took the form of Grow Groups which were small groups that met in people's homes. Once a month the Midweek took the form of a Men's Midweek on a Wednesday and a Women's Midweek on a Thursday. Once a month the Midweek took the form of a Missionary Midweek with a missionary speaker.

The sacrament of the Lord's Supper was observed in January, May and September. There were two baptisms during the year. One marriage service was conducted, and 11 funeral services were conducted.

At 31 December 2023 there were 194 communicant members and 254 families connected with the congregation. The average weekly attendance at morning worship was approximately 174. The average evening service attendance was 170.

**BROOKSIDE CONGREGATION OF THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN IRELAND  
TRUSTEES ANNUAL REPORT (cont'd)  
ACHIEVEMENTS AND PERFORMANCE (cont'd)**

**Pastoral care**

Each elder is assigned a district to visit the members of the congregation within it to supplement the visits by the minister. CDs of services are also delivered, and services Livestreamed for those not able to attend.

**Mission and outreach**

At a local level the congregation continues to seek to reach out into the community through special services and the church organisations. The summer Holiday Bible Club and Family Fun Night in August were means of reaching into the community.

Through our support of mission organisations Brookside Congregation has worked for the public benefit of people across the world by making donations to the following external missions and agencies which exist to support people's spiritual, educational, and physical needs:

Acre Gospel Mission, Arab World Ministries, Asha, International Mission to the Jewish People, Coaching4Christ, European Missionary Fellowship, Latin Link, Mission Africa, OMF International, Friends of VisPa, The Christian Institute, Tear Fund, Belfast City Mission, Release International and Open Doors.

The congregation supports the United Appeal for Mission which is a central fund of the Presbyterian Church in Ireland. This fund enables congregations to support the wider mission of the denomination and to do mission and outreach on a denominational basis beyond what the congregation could do on its own. The United Appeal Fund provides financial support for mission personnel at home and overseas, assists congregations with the deployment of locally based staff, enables church planting, provides grant support for the upkeep of church premises, assist with the running costs of Union Theological College, the Church's training college for ministry students, and financially supports congregation in the areas of worship, discipleship, global mission, outreach, leadership, and pastoral care.

**Presbytery**

The congregation was represented at the regular meetings of Presbytery by our minister and one of the elders. This provides an important link between the congregations and the wider structures of the church.

**General Assembly**

The minister and one of our elders were nominated to attend the meeting of the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in Ireland held in Assembly Buildings, Belfast in June.

**Property**

During the year the church sold the manse field for £1,400,000. The church also replaced the manse fence with a new boundary wall at a cost of £28,200. The church is having on going considerations regarding the redevelopment of the church and church hall site.

**Organisations**

Sunday School - met on Sunday mornings at 10:15am for praise and Bible teaching in small groups. There were 16 children on the roll in 2023 with an average attendance of 14.

Bible Class – met on Sunday at 10:15am for teaching for young people aged 13 and over with an average attendance of 15.

Good News Club – children left during services for inter-active teaching. There are 8 children on the roll with an average attendance in 2023 of 4.

Youth Fellowship - meets on Sunday evenings after the evening service for young people of secondary school age and older. They meet for praise, Bible Studies, listen to speakers and chat. Average attendance in 2023 was approximately 30 young people.

Youth Club – met on Saturday nights from 7:00 – 9:00pm for young people of secondary school age. There were 25 young people on the roll in 2023 with an average attendance of 12.

**BROOKSIDE CONGREGATION OF THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN IRELAND  
TRUSTEES ANNUAL REPORT (cont'd)  
ACHIEVEMENTS AND PERFORMANCE (cont'd)**

Parents and Toddlers – met on Friday mornings from 10:00am to 11:30am. There were on average of 65 adults and children.

Girls' Brigade – meets weekly on Tuesday evenings. GB is for girls aged 3-18 and is divided into four sections depending on age called Explorers, , Company and Brigader Sections. In 2023 there were 85 girls on the roll with an average attendance of 75. The majority of these girls do not belong to Brookside church.

Boys' Brigade - is for boys aged 4-18 and has three sections Anchor Boys, Junior, and Company Section. The Anchor Boys meet on Monday nights and the Junior and Company Sections on Friday nights. The number of boys on the roll were 5 Anchor Boys, 9 Juniors and 17 in the Company Section.

Presbyterian Women – met once a month to allow women to meet together, for social engagement and to listen to speakers. The average attendance in 2023 was 50.

Women's Prayer Meeting – took place once a month on Thursday nights from January to June and gave an opportunity for women to teach God's word to other women and to pray for the needs of the congregation, community, and missionaries. Since September the Women's Prayer has been incorporated into the monthly Women's Midweek.

Men's Prayer Meeting – took place once a month on Wednesday evenings from January to June and once a month on Fridays throughout the year. The elders share God's word before a time of prayer focusing particularly on the needs of men in our congregation and community. The average attendance in was 18. Since September the Wednesday Men's Prayer has been incorporated into the monthly Men's Midweek.

Choir – met to lead the praise on Sundays and provide anthems at Easter, Harvest and Christmas.

Praise Group – consists of musicians and singers who help lead the praise once a month with a focus on particularly contemporary praise.

Brook Café – met on the first Thursday of the month to serve food, have a time of conversation and Bible teaching. Average attendance was 8.

**Volunteers**

The Trustees wish to acknowledge their deep appreciation of the many volunteers who give freely of their time by serving on committees and helping with organisations and other church activities.

**PUBLIC BENEFIT STATEMENT**

The Presbyterian Church in Ireland meets the public benefit requirement by providing benefit to its members and the general public by making known the Christian Gospel of the Lord Jesus Christ through the advancement of religion.

The direct benefits which flow from the purposes of the Church include the gaining of an understanding in Christian beliefs as set out in the Bible and in the Church's subordinate standards (the Westminster Confession of Faith and the Shorter and Larger Catechisms) leading to spiritual and moral development and opportunities for response to Bible teaching. In turn, this framework leads to practical expressions of Christian beliefs and standards in the local community such as through the care of those in need (including the sick, disabled, and bereaved).

Generally, the above benefits are delivered locally by congregations and their members or are facilitated through presbyteries or are organised and delivered centrally. Local delivery is facilitated by central resources in almost all cases. Public access is made known through the use of noticeboards, printed material, press advertisement, websites, and social media or in other ways.

The benefits are demonstrated through regular evaluation of the services and informal and ad-hoc feedback from members, their families, and members of the public.

**BROOKSIDE CONGREGATION OF THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN IRELAND  
TRUSTEES ANNUAL REPORT (cont'd)**

**PUBLIC BENEFIT STATEMENT (cont'd)**

The purpose does not lead to harm. The only private benefit flowing from our purpose is related to Ministers, Missionaries, Deaconesses, Irish Mission workers and Lay Agents who receive benefits as a result of their holding office or employment. However, this is incidental and necessary in order to further our charitable purpose. There are no other private benefits. The beneficiaries of this purpose are members, their families, other individuals that the Presbyterian Church in Ireland is in direct and indirect contact with, the community in which pastoral services are provided and other communities throughout Northern Ireland, the Republic of Ireland, and worldwide which benefit from our engagement with and support for both Christian and other secular organisations, charities, and individual members of the public.

The Kirk Session has had regard to the Charity Commissions Public benefit requirement statutory guidance.

Brookside benefits the public through the loving and godly influence of its members in society and the fact that many who attend its events and organisations do not belong to the church.

**FINANCIAL REVIEW**

The congregation's main source of income is members' contributions through the Weekly Freewill Offering. There were 174 contributors during the year (2022: 186) donating a total of £88,769 (2022: £90,330).

Total Income of the congregation during the year was £234,782 compared to £223,822 in the previous year. This excludes the proceeds of £1,400,000 from the sale of the manse field.

Total expenditure in 2023 was £273,271 compared to £228,633 in 2022.

**STATEMENT OF TRUSTEE RESPONSIBILITIES**

The Trustees are responsible for preparing the annual report and the financial statements of the congregation in accordance with applicable law and generally accepted accounting practice.

As the congregation's total income does not exceed £250,000, the Trustees have elected under Section 64(3) of the Charities Act (Northern Ireland) 2008 to prepare a receipts and payment account and a statement of assets and liabilities.

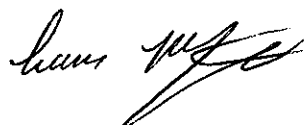
The Trustees are responsible for keeping adequate accounting records that are sufficient to show and explain the congregation's transactions and disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time its financial position. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the congregation and hence for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

Approved by the Kirk Session at a meeting on 19 March 2024 and signed on its behalf by:



Rev William Moody

Trustee



Mr Liam McFetridge

Trustee

**Brookside Congregation of the Presbyterian Church in Ireland**

Northern Ireland - Charity number 105382

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# Annual return

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**INDEPENDENT EXAMINERS REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF BROOKSIDE CONGREGATION OF THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN IRELAND**

I report on the accounts of the Charity for the year ended 31st December 2023, which are set out within this document.

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:

1. Examine the accounts under section 65 of the Charities Act
2. Follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Commission under section 65(9)(b) of the Charities Act
3. 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.

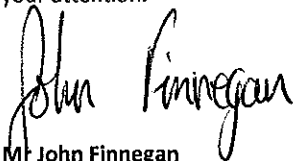
My examination included a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also included consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts and seeking explanations from you as charity trustees concerning such matters.

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 Directions of the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland, I have found no matters that require drawing to your attention.



**Mr John Finnegan**  
**Potter Finnegan Limited**  
Chartered Accountants  
Unit 25 The Courtyard Business Park  
190 Galgorm Road  
Ballymena  
BT42 1HL

19 March 2024

**Brookside Congregation of the Presbyterian Church in Ireland**

Northern Ireland - Charity number 105382

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# Accounts

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**BROOKSIDE CONGREGATION OF THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN IRELAND**

**STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITY (Receipts and Payments Account)**

For the year ended 31 December 2022

	Note	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2022 £	Total Funds 2021 £
<b>Income and Endowments from:</b>					
Donations and legacies	2	106,186	107,712	213,898	214,461
Charitable activities	3	1,659	6,713	8,372	5,405
Other trading activities	4	-	-	-	-
Investments	5	804	199	1,003	1,108
Other income	6	549	-	549	557
<b>Total</b>		<b>109,198</b>	<b>114,624</b>	<b>223,822</b>	<b>221,531</b>
<b>Expenditure on:</b>					
Raising funds	7	(1,194)	(-)	(1,194)	(1,204)
Charitable activities	8	(124,055)	(103,384)	(227,439)	(209,034)
<b>Total</b>		<b>(125,249)</b>	<b>(103,384)</b>	<b>(228,633)</b>	<b>(210,238)</b>
<b>Net Income/(expenditure)</b>		<b>(16,051)</b>	<b>11,240</b>	<b>(4,811)</b>	<b>11,293</b>
Transfers between funds		(900)	900	-	-
<b>Net movement in funds</b>		<b>(16,951)</b>	<b>12,140</b>	<b>(4,811)</b>	<b>11,293</b>
<b>Reconciliation of funds:</b>					
Total funds brought forward	9	152,235	95,660	247,895	236,602
<b>Total funds carried forward</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>135,284</b>	<b>107,800</b>	<b>243,084</b>	<b>247,895</b>

**BROOKSIDE CONGREGATION OF THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN IRELAND**  
**STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES**

As at 31 December 2022

**1. Fixed Assets**

The congregation owns the church and church hall situated at 17 Brook Street, Ahoghill, Ballymena BT42 1LD and the associated fixtures, fittings, and equipment, together with the manse and manse field at 309 Galgorm Road Ahoghill. Details of historical costs of the above assets are not available. This being the case these continue to be included in the accounts at their combined insurance value as of 31<sup>st</sup> October 2022 of £3,326,232.

**2. Investments**

The congregation has the following investments. Amounts are shown at market valuation.

	2022	2021
	£	£
Progressive building Society	<u>125,302</u>	<u>124,554</u>
	<u>125,302</u>	<u>124,554</u>

**3. Amounts owed**

At the end of the year the following amounts were owed to the congregations

	2022	2021
	£	£
Gift Aid	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>

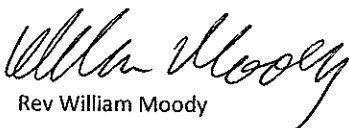
**4. Cash and bank balances**

	2022	2021
	£	£
Bank and cash balances	<u>117,562</u>	<u>123,277</u>
	<u>117,562</u>	<u>123,277</u>

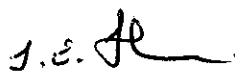
**5. Amounts owed**

	2022	2021
	£	£
Accountancy	<u>1,200</u>	<u>1,200</u>
	<u>1,200</u>	<u>1,200</u>

Approved by the Kirk Session at a meeting on 20 June 2023 and signed on its behalf by:

  
Rev William Moody

Minister



Mr James Thompson

Clerk of Session

**BROOKSIDE CONGREGATION OF THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN IRELAND**

**NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS**

31 December 2022

**1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES**

**BASIS OF FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

As the total income of the congregation is less than £250,000 the congregation have elected in accordance with the provisions in The Charities Accounts and Reports Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2022 to prepare its accounts on a receipts and payments basis.

**FUND ACCOUNTING**

Endowment funds are funds, the capital of which must be retained either permanently or at the congregation's discretion; the income derived from the endowment is to be used either as restricted or unrestricted income funds depending upon the purpose for which the endowment was established in the first place.

Restricted funds comprise (a) income from endowments which is to be expended only on the restricted purposes intended by the donor and (b) revenue donations or grants for a specific congregational activity intended by the donor. Where these funds have unspent balances, interest on their pooled investment is apportioned to the individual funds on an average basis.

Unrestricted funds are income funds which are to be spent on the congregation's general purposes. Designated funds are general funds set aside by the congregation for use in the future.

**2. DONATIONS AND LEGACIES**

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total Funds 2022	Total Funds 2021
	£	£	£	£
Recorded givings	90,330	63,010	153,340	159,065
Loose collections	1,670	8,328	9,998	6,522
Donations and gifts	1,902	23,395	25,297	22,457
Legacies and bequests	-	-	-	1,000
Gift Aid	12,284	12,979	25,263	25,417
	<u>106,186</u>	<u>107,712</u>	<u>213,898</u>	<u>214,461</u>

**3. CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES**

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total Funds 2022	Total Funds 2021
	£	£	£	£
Income from charitable activities	1,659	3,113	4,772	850
Grants	-	3,600	3,600	4,555
	<u>1,659</u>	<u>6,713</u>	<u>8,372</u>	<u>5,405</u>

**BROOKSIDE CONGREGATION OF THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN IRELAND**  
**NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS (Cont'd)**

**4. OTHER TRADING ACTIVITIES**

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total Funds 2022	Total Funds 2021
	£	£	£	£
Letting of premises	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-

**5. INVESTMENTS**

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total Funds 2022	Total Funds 2021
	£	£	£	£
Bank interest received	804	199	1,003	1,108
	804	199	1,003	1,108

**6. OTHER INCOME**

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total Funds 2022	Total Funds 2021
	£	£	£	£
Field Rent & Wayleave	549	-	549	557
	549	-	549	557

**7. RAISING FUNDS**

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total Funds 2022	Total Funds 2021
	£	£	£	£
FWO envelopes	1,194	-	1,194	1,204
	1,194	-	1,194	1,204

**8. CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES**

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total Funds 2022	Total Funds 2021
	£	£	£	£
General Assembly Assessments	18,741	-	18,741	18,271
Presbytery fees	496	-	496	561
Ministry and support staff costs	67,697	-	67,697	65,835
Congregational running expenses	34,830	15,118	49,948	31,215
Donations to missions and charities	982	88,108	89,090	90,947
Governance costs	1,309	158	1,467	2,205
	124,055	103,384	227,439	209,034

**BROOKSIDE CONGREGATION OF THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN IRELAND**  
**NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS (Cont'd)**

**9. FUND BALANCES**

**(i) Unrestricted Funds**

	<b>2022</b>	<b>2021</b>
	£	£
General fund	9,982	27,681
Progressive	125,302	124,554
	<u>135,284</u>	<u>152,235</u>

**(ii) Restricted Funds**

	<b>2022</b>	<b>2021</b>
	£	£
Property	75,191	62,550
Workers Support	6,705	8,370
Missions	10,872	11,745
Sunday School	1,153	1,245
Presbyterian Woman	430	616
Girls Brigade	5,170	3,342
Youth Club	1,230	1,261
Boys Brigade	3,215	2,573
Luncheon Fellowship	1,117	1,224
Choir	52	64
Youth Fellowship	14	48
Parent and toddler Group	502	542
Benevolent Fund	2,149	2,080
	<u>107,800</u>	<u>95,660</u>

**(iii) Reconciliation of movement of funds**

	<b>Opening balance</b>	<b>Income</b>	<b>Expenditure</b>	<b>Transfer</b>	<b>Closing balance</b>
	£	£	£	£	£
<b>Unrestricted Funds</b>					
General fund	27,681	108,450	(125,249)	(900)	9,982
Progressive	124,554	748	-	-	125,302
	<u>152,235</u>	<u>109,198</u>	<u>(125,249)</u>	<u>(900)</u>	<u>135,284</u>
<b>Restricted Funds</b>					
Property	62,550	15,761	(3,120)	-	75,191
Workers Support	8,370	14,535	(16,200)	-	6,705
Missions	11,745	69,713	(70,686)	100	10,872
Sunday School	1,245	313	(405)	-	1,153
Presbyterian Woman	616	808	(994)	-	430
Girls' Brigade	3,342	7,626	(5,698)	(100)	5,170
Youth Club	1,261	121	(152)	-	1,230
Boy's Brigade	2,573	5,250	(4,608)	-	3,215
Luncheon Fellowship	1,224	1	(108)	-	1,117
Choir	64	-	(12)	-	52
Youth Fellowship	48	62	(996)	900	14
Parent and Toddler Group	542	357	(397)	-	502
Benevolent Fund	2,080	77	(8)	-	2,149
	<u>95,660</u>	<u>114,624</u>	<u>(103,384)</u>	<u>900</u>	<u>107,800</u>
<b>Total</b>	<u>247,895</u>	<u>223,822</u>	<u>(228,633)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>243,084</u>

**Brookside Congregation of the Presbyterian Church in Ireland**

Northern Ireland - Charity number 105382

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# Annual report

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**BROOKSIDE CONGREGATION OF THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN IRELAND  
TRUSTEES ANNUAL REPORT**

The Trustees present their Annual Report and Financial Statements for the year ended 31 December 2022 including a Statement of Assets and Liabilities as at that date.

**REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS**

Brookside Congregation of the Presbyterian Church in Ireland  
17 Brook Street  
Aghoghill  
Ballymena  
BT42 1LD

Registered Charity in Northern Ireland (NIC105382)

**CHARITY TRUSTEES**

The Charity Trustees who served during the year or who were trustees at the date of this report were:

Rev William Moody	Mr Liam McFetridge
Mr Michael Arnold	Mr Joseph Millar
Mr Jackie Craig (retired 7 February 2023)	Mr Richard Petrie
Mr Richard Cromie	Mr Robert Stewart (retired 4 October 2022)
Mr Colin Hayburn	Mr James Thompson
Mr Stanley Kyle	Mr Norman Wallace (retired 7 February 2023)
Mr Jonathan McCartney	Mr Geoffrey Young
Mr Kenneth McDowell	Mr Hugh Young
Mr Roy McDowell (retired 1 November 2022)	

**PRINCIPAL OFFICE BEARERS**

Minister	Rev William Moody
Clerk of Session	Mr James Thompson
Treasurer	Mr John Barkley

**INDEPENDENT EXAMINER**

Mr John Finnegan  
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**SOLICITORS**

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**STRUCTURE AND MANAGEMENT**

**The Kirk Session**

The charity trustees of the congregation are the members of its Kirk Session. Under the congregation's governing document, The Code, the book of the constitution and government of the Presbyterian Church in Ireland, the Kirk Session seeks to watch over and promote the spiritual interest of the congregation and of persons not connected with any congregation who are within its bounds. It ensures pastoral care is in place in the congregation and seeks to further the contribution of the Church to Christian witness and service in the local community. The Kirk Session has delegated to its Congregational Committee the temporal affairs of the congregation including administering all funds and property belonging to the congregation. Members of the Kirk Session are ex-officio members of the Congregational Committee.

The Kirk Session consists of the ordained minister and the ruling elders of the congregations. All members are entitled to propose, speak, and exercise equal votes at meetings, except that the Moderator, the ministers in active duty in the congregation, has no deliberative but only a casting vote.

To be chosen for the office of the eldership in the congregation a person must be a voting member and a regular attendant on its ordinances. The selection of those proposed to be called to the office can be either by the congregation or by the Kirk Session. Members are elected if they obtain two-thirds of those who vote.

**Presbytery**

Under the Presbyterian Church in Ireland form of governance the corporate oversight of a congregation is the responsibility of a Presbytery which superintends generally the spiritual and temporal affairs of the congregations assigned to it by the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in Ireland. Brookside congregation of the Presbyterian Church has been assigned to the Ballymena Presbytery of the Presbyterian Church in Ireland. The membership of the Presbytery consists mainly of the active ministers of congregations assigned to it by the General Assembly, ministers who have retired from active duty and an elder appointed by the Kirk Session of each congregation.

**The General Assembly**

The General Assembly is the supreme court of the Church, representing in one body the whole Church and acting as its supreme legislative, administration and judicial authority, in dealing with all matters brought before it. The General Assembly met in 2022 for four days in June for worship and to conduct its business. At the end of business, it is dissolved. The membership of the General Assembly consists mainly of the active ministers of each congregation, retired ministers and a representative elder appointed by the Kirk Session of each congregation.

**DESCRIPTION AND PURPOSE**

The charitable purpose of the congregation is the advancement of religion.

Brookside congregation of the Presbyterian Church is a congregation of the Presbyterian Church in Ireland. The Presbyterian Church in Ireland, as a Reformed Church within the wider body of Christ is grounded in the Scriptures and exists to love and honour God through faith in His Son and by the power of His Spirit, and to enable her members to play their part in fulfilling God's mission to our world.

The congregations mission purpose is to fulfil its great responsibility to be involved in the great commission in bringing the Gospel to all nations. Biblical preaching means we believe that at the centre of seeing the Gospel advance has to be the teaching of God's word and prayer. We seek for this to take place in public worship, church organisations and personal contacts by members.

**BROOKSIDE CONGREGATION OF THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN IRELAND  
TRUSTEES ANNUAL REPORT (cont'd)  
DESCRIPTION AND PURPOSE (cont'd)**

The congregation aims to live out its Mission as a family of God's people by being:

- A Covenant Community: where our relationships are rooted in the promises of God by living faithfully toward him and toward one another.
- An Intergenerational Community: where adults intentionally take the lead to engage with, encourage, and nurture younger members to maturity in Christ.
- An Outward looking Community: where we want the blessings of God that belong to us in the gospel to become blessings for others beyond the bounds of our community.
- As a congregation of the Presbyterian Church in Ireland, we believe that the Bible is the supreme authority over all we do, and that the Westminster Confession of Faith, along with the Larger and Shorter Catechisms set out what we understand the Bible teaches on key matters of Christian faith and practice.

**ACTIVITIES AND OBJECTIVES**

The congregation meets for worship every Sunday and visitors are welcome to join. The Sacrament of the Lords Supper is observed on three occasions during the year and all those who have been baptised and who have made a profession of faith in the Lord Jesus Christ are admitted to the Lord's Supper. The congregation holds regular bible study meetings and prayer meetings on Wednesday evenings and has a wide range of organisations including:

- Sunday School
- Bible Class
- Good News Club
- Youth Fellowship
- Youth Club
- Parents and Toddlers
- Luncheon Fellowship (not meeting in 2022)
- Girls' Brigade (Explorers, Junior, Company, and Brigadier Sections)
- Boys' Brigade (Anchor Boys, Junior, and Company Section)
- Presbyterian Women
- Women's Prayer Meeting
- Men's Prayer Meeting
- Choir
- Junior Praise Group
- Brook Café
- Holiday Bible Club
- AIM (Ahoghill in Mission) (not meeting in 2022)

**ACHIEVEMENTS AND PERFORMANCE**

**Worship and prayer**

From January to June the congregation met for services of worship at 11:30am and 6:15pm each Sunday. From July to December the Evening Service at 6:15pm was united with First Ahoghill and Trinity and rotated around the three church buildings.

During the week, the Midweek Bible Study provides an opportunity for members to meet together for fellowship, to study the scriptures and for a time of prayer.

The sacrament of the Lord's Supper was observed in January, May, and September. No marriage services were conducted. But 12 funeral services were conducted.

At 31 December 2022 there were 189 communicant members and 245 families connected with the congregation. The average weekly attendance at morning worship was approximately 170. The average evening service attendance was approximately 90 until June and then 150 with the joint service.

**BROOKSIDE CONGREGATION OF THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN IRELAND  
TRUSTEES ANNUAL REPORT (cont'd)  
ACHIEVEMENTS AND PERFORMANCE (cont'd)**

**Pastoral care**

Each elder is assigned a district to visit the members of the congregation within it to supplement the visits by the minister. A group of women also visit elderly people who are housebound or in a nursing home. During the pandemic a buddy system was initiated whereby elders, committee men and others kept in touch with the elderly and those living by themselves. CDs of services are also delivered, and services Livestreamed for those not able to attend.

**Mission and outreach**

At a local level the congregation continues to seek to reach out into the community through special services, the church organisations and the summer holiday bible club.

Through our support of mission organisations Brookside Congregation has worked for the public benefit of people across the world by making donations to the following external missions and agencies which exist to support people's spiritual, educational, and physical needs:

Acre Gospel Mission, Arab World Ministries, Asha, International Mission to the Jewish People, Coaching4Christ, European Missionary Fellowship, Latin Link, Mission Africa, OMF International, Friends of VisPa, The Christian Institute, Tear Fund, Belfast City Mission, Release International and Open Doors.

The congregation supports the United Appeal for Mission which is a central fund of the Presbyterian Church in Ireland. This fund enables congregations to support the wider mission of the denomination and to do mission and outreach on a denominational basis beyond what the congregation could do on its own. The United Appeal Fund provides financial support for mission personnel at home and overseas, assists congregations with the deployment of locally based staff, enables church planting, provides grant support for the upkeep of church premises, assist with the running costs of Union Theological College, the Church's training college for ministry students, and financially supports congregation in the areas of worship, discipleship, global mission, outreach, leadership, and pastoral care.

**Presbytery**

The congregation was represented at the regular meetings of Presbytery by our minister and one of the elders. This provides an important link between the congregations and the wider structures of the church.

**General Assembly**

The minister and one of our elders were nominated to attend the meeting of the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in Ireland held in Assembly Buildings, Belfast in June.

**Property**

There was some electrical and general maintenance work undertaken.

**Organisations**

Sunday School - met on Sunday mornings at 10:15am for praise and Bible teaching in small groups. There were 23 children on the roll in 2022 with an average attendance of 18.

Bible Class – met on Sunday at 10:15am for teaching for young people aged 13 and over with an average attendance of 12.

Good News Club – children left during services for inter-active teaching. Average attendance in 2022 was 6.

Youth Fellowship - meets on Sunday evenings after the evening service for young people of secondary school age and older. They meet for praise, Bible Studies, listen to speakers and chat. Average attendance in 2022 was approximately 30 young people.

Youth Club – met on Saturday nights from 7:00 – 9:00pm for young people of secondary school age. There were 25 young people on the roll in 2022 with an average attendance of 12.

Parents and Toddlers – met on Friday mornings from 10:00am to 11:30am. There were on average of 30 adults and 40 children.

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Luncheon Fellowship – did not meet in 2022.

Girls' Brigade – meets weekly on Tuesday evenings. GB is for girls aged 3-18 and is divided into four sections depending on age called Explorers, Company, and Brigader Sections. In 2022, there were 81 girls on the roll with an average attendance of 67. The majority of these girls do not belong to Brookside church.

Boys' Brigade - is for boys aged 4-18 and has three sections Anchor Boys, Junior, and Company Section. The Anchor Boys meet on Monday nights and the Junior and Company Sections on Friday nights. The number of boys on the roll from when the BB recommenced in September 2021 were 5 Anchor Boys, 12 Juniors and 15 in the Company Section.

Presbyterian Women – met once a month to allow women to meet together, for social engagement and to listen to speakers. The average attendance in 2022 was 42.

Women's Prayer Meeting – takes place once a month on Thursday nights and gives an opportunity for women to teach God's word to other women and to pray for the needs of the congregation, community, and missionaries. The average attendance was 16.

Men's Prayer Meeting – took place once a month on Wednesday evenings and once a month on Fridays. The elders share God's word before a time of prayer focusing particularly on the needs of men in our congregation and community. The average attendance in 2022 was 18.

Choir – met to lead the praise on Sundays and provide anthems at Easter, Harvest and Christmas.

Praise Group – consists of musicians and singers who help lead the praise once a month with a focus on particularly contemporary praise.

Brook Café – met on the first Thursday of the month to serve food, have a time of conversation and Bible teaching. Average attendance was 8.

**Volunteers**

The Trustees wish to acknowledge their deep appreciation of the many volunteers who give freely of their time by serving on committees and helping with organisations and other church activities.

**PUBLIC BENEFIT STATEMENT**

The Presbyterian Church in Ireland meets the public benefit requirement by providing benefit to its members and the general public by making known the Christian Gospel of the Lord Jesus Christ through the advancement of religion.

The direct benefits which flow from the purposes of the Church include the gaining of an understanding in Christian beliefs as set out in the Bible and in the Church's subordinate standards (the Westminster Confession of Faith and the Shorter and Larger Catechisms) leading to spiritual and moral development and opportunities for response to Bible teaching. In turn, this framework leads to practical expressions of Christian beliefs and standards in the local community such as through the care of those in need (including the sick, disabled, and bereaved).

Generally, the above benefits are delivered locally by congregations and their members or are facilitated through presbyteries or are organised and delivered centrally. Local delivery is facilitated by central resources in almost all cases. Public access is made known through the use of noticeboards, printed material, press advertisement, websites, and social media or in other ways.

The benefits are demonstrated through regular evaluation of the services and informal and ad-hoc feedback from members, their families, and members of the public.

**BROOKSIDE CONGREGATION OF THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN IRELAND  
TRUSTEES ANNUAL REPORT (cont'd)**

**PUBLIC BENEFIT STATEMENT (cont'd)**

The purpose does not lead to harm. The only private benefit flowing from our purpose is related to Ministers, Missionaries, Deaconesses, Irish Mission workers and Lay Agents who receive benefits as a result of their holding office or employment. However, this is incidental and necessary in order to further our charitable purpose. There are no other private benefits. The beneficiaries of this purpose are members, their families, other individuals that the Presbyterian Church in Ireland is in direct and indirect contact with, the community in which pastoral services are provided and other communities throughout Northern Ireland, the Republic of Ireland, and worldwide which benefit from our engagement with and support for both Christian and other secular organisations, charities, and individual members of the public.

The Kirk Session has had regard to the Charity Commissions Public benefit requirement statutory guidance.

Brookside benefits the public through the loving and godly influence of its members in society and the fact that many who attend its events and organisations do not belong to the church.

Generally, the above benefits are delivered locally by congregations and their members or are facilitated through presbyteries or are organised and delivered centrally. Local delivery is facilitated by central resources in almost all cases. Public access is made known through the use of noticeboards, printed material, press advertisement, websites, and social media or in other ways.

The benefits are demonstrated through regular evaluation of the services and informal and ad-hoc feedback from members, their families, and members of the public.

**FINANCIAL REVIEW**

The congregation's main source of income is members' contributions through the Weekly Freewill Offering. There were 186 contributors during the year (2021: 189) donating a total of £90,330 (2021: £92,752).

Total Income of the congregation during the year was £223,822 compared to £221,531 in the previous year.

Total expenditure in 2022 was £228,633 compared to £210,238 in 2021.

**STATEMENT OF TRUSTEE RESPONSIBILITIES**

The Trustees are responsible for preparing the annual report and the financial statements of the congregation in accordance with applicable law and generally accepted accounting practice.

As the congregation's total income does not exceed £250,000, the Trustees have elected under Section 64(3) of the Charities Act (Northern Ireland) 2008 to prepare a receipts and payment account and a statement of assets and liabilities.

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

Approved by the Kirk Session at a meeting on 20 June 2023 and signed on its behalf by:



Rev William Moody

Trustee



Mr. James Thompson

Trustee

**Brookside Congregation of the Presbyterian Church in Ireland**

Northern Ireland - Charity number 105382

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# Annual return

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**INDEPENDENT EXAMINERS REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF BROOKSIDE CONGREGATION OF THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN IRELAND**

I report on the accounts of the Charity for the year ended 31st December 2022, which are set out within this document.

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:

1. Examine the accounts under section 65 of the Charities Act
2. Follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Commission under section 65(9)(b) of the Charities Act
3. 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.

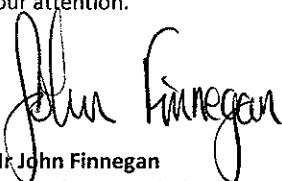
My examination included a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also included consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts and seeking explanations from you as charity trustees concerning such matters.

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 matter 1 to 4 listed above and, in connection with following Directions of the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland, I have found no matters that require drawing to your attention.



**Mr John Finnegan**  
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20 June 2023