

Seskinore Congregation of the Presbyterian Church in Ireland

Northern Ireland · Charity number 105400

Details

Status Received

Registered 2016-08-05

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

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Activities

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

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2024-12-31	£99,435	£90,879	£0	1

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Miss Amanda Dunlop		
Mr David Bates		
Mr Fred Giles		
Mr James Patterson		
Mr Johnnie Mitchell		
Mr Norman Morrison		
Mr Robert Riddell		
Mrs Barbara Giles		
Mrs Joy Mccracken		
Mrs Shirley Riddell		
Rev Robert Orr		

Seskinore Congregation of the Presbyterian Church in Ireland

Northern Ireland - Charity number 105400

Accounts

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

**Trustees Annual Report and Financial Statements
for the year ended 31 December 2024**

Registered Charity in Northern Ireland (NIC105400)

SESKINORE 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 2024 including a Statement of Assets and Liabilities as at that date.

REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS

Seskinore Congregation of the Presbyterian Church in Ireland
78 Letfern Road, Seskinore, Omagh, Co Tyrone, BT78 1UQ
Registered Charity in Northern Ireland (NIC105400)

CHARITY TRUSTEES

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

Mr David Bates	Mr Norman Morrison
Miss Amanda Dunlop	Rev Robert Orr
Mrs Barbara Giles	Mr James Patterson
Mr Fred Giles	Miss Jean Patterson
Mrs Joy McCracken	Mrs Shirley Riddell
Mr Johnnie Mitchell	Mr Robert Riddell

PRINCIPAL OFFICE BEARERS

Minister:	Rev Robert Orr
Clerk of Session:	Miss Amanda Dunlop
Treasurer:	Mrs Shirley Campbell

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER

Lisa Hamilton
Lisdoo Road, Clady, Strabane, Co Tyrone, BT82 9RQ

BANKERS

Danske Bank
5 – 7 Market Street, Omagh, Co Tyrone, BT78 1BN

SOLICITORS

McConnell & Fyffe
The Old Rectory, 21 Church Street, Omagh, Co Tyrone, BT78 1DG

SESKINORE 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 congregation. All members are entitled to propose, speak and exercise equal votes at meetings, except that the Moderator, the minister in active duty in the congregation, has no deliberative but only a casting vote.

Stated meetings of the Kirk Session are held at least twice in each year or as appropriate.

To be chosen for the office of the eldership in the congregation a person must be a voting member and a regular attendant at 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. Seskinore Congregation of the Presbyterian Church has been assigned to the Omagh 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 the 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 is normally constituted during the first week 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.

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

DESCRIPTION AND PURPOSE

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

Seskinore 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 congregation's mission statement:

- We seek to declare God's love:
by enthusiastic and relevant worship services;
by providing appropriate resources and opportunities for spiritual growth for all age groups.
- We seek to demonstrate God's love:
by practical care and concern for every member;
by involvement and co-operation with other congregations and in the community;
by support and involvement in mission and relief agencies at home and overseas.

The mission statement establishes the ways in which we try to work out and fulfil our purpose:

- Worship services – Our aim is to make Sunday worship enjoyable, enthusiastic and relevant for all who come along;
- Resources and opportunities – Recognising that any congregation is made up of different age groups and interest groups we endeavour to provide a range of activities and opportunities that will allow every member to come to know Jesus and subsequently grow in their faith;
- Care and concern – Along with visitation from church leaders we seek to encourage members to be concerned and to care for one another;
- Co-operation – We enjoy good relations with neighbouring congregations and seek to develop these links as well as playing a part in the local community e.g. in our practical support of the local school;
- Support of mission and relief agencies – We seek to support, in prayer and financially, agencies such as Tearfund, Christian Aid as well as local charities and Belfast Bible College students' scheme and grants to youth members involved in summer mission work.

ACTIVITIES AND OBJECTIVES

The congregation meets for worship every Sunday and visitors are always welcome to join. The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper is observed on several 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 has a wide range of organisations.

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

ACHIEVEMENTS AND PERFORMANCE

Worship and prayer

The congregation normally meets for worship each Sunday at 12 noon. During the week the Bible Study provides an opportunity for members to meet together for fellowship, to study the scriptures and for a time of prayer.

As well as our regular services during the year we acknowledged God's gift of new life at 0 Sacrament of Baptism, we conducted 0 marriage service and gave thanks for faithful services and sought to comfort those who had been bereaved during the year.

At 31 December 2024 there were 227 communicant members and 116 families connected with the congregation. The average weekly attendance at morning worship is 68.

Pastoral care

Members of the congregation who are unable to attend church due to sickness or age are visited on a regular basis by the minister, elders or by the congregation's pastoral care visitor.

Mission and outreach

Seskinore Presbyterian Church congregation has set out its aims as a Christian place of worship through its congregational mission statement. This statement declares the congregation's intent to declare God's love, to provide a place of worship where relevant worship of God can take place and provide the opportunities, resources and role models to disciple all who wish to follow the teaching of God as set out by the Bible. As a result of our deep held beliefs we also seek to demonstrate God's love through practical help and concern for all those in our community irrespective of whether they are a member of the church or not or believe in God or not. This care and concern for others is demonstrated further through our support for mission and relief agencies both at home and overseas.

Being a small congregation, we seek to use our resources wisely and to best effect. Primarily, we fulfil our aims through Sunday worship which includes facilities for a Crèche, Sunday School and Young People Discipleship Classes. Discipleship training and support is then augmented by our organisations which provide both a spiritual and social experience. These include Presbyterian Women, Midweek Bible Study, Home Group Bible Study, Bowling Club and Girls' Brigade as well as Christian outreach events.

Whilst acknowledging we are a small congregation; we recognise that we play a big part in the community of Seskinore and we take our responsibilities towards the community seriously. We engage with the community through organised coffee mornings – providing a place to drop in and chat irrespective of background or faith. Through these we seek to raise awareness of such things as cancer support by supporting agencies working in our community as well as spiritual matters. We also allow our facilities, halls and car park, to be put to good use by our local primary school who uses the halls for concerts, cross-community school events and school social events. Sadly, there are times of trouble, but we seek to support our community when it is needed most, through providing for example funeral teas or pastoral care, again without regard to background.

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

During the year the congregation supports by making donations to various charitable organisations, locally, nationally and world wide. The congregation's primary means of support is through 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 the financial ability of what the congregation could do on its own.

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.

Property

There were no major repairs or refurbishment projects carried out during the year.

Organisations

- Crèche

Crèche provides care for young children aged 0 – 4 years old during the church service.

- Promiseland

Promiseland meets most Sundays for 45 minutes during the church service and is for children aged 4 to 12 years old.

- Breakfast with God

Breakfast with God is the name of the Senior Bible Study Class in our Sunday School and is for teenagers aged 12 to 16 years old.

- PW

Seskinore and Edenderry PW meet on the second Monday of the month from September to April.

- Ladies Fellowship Group

This group whose main purpose is to make and encourage disciples amongst our young women in the congregation meets on a regular basis.

- Praise Group

Seskinore Praise Group meet fortnightly to practice and learn new pieces of praise to help lead our worship.

- Girls' Brigade

Seskinore Girls' Brigade meets each Thursday evening from September to March with an attendance of approximately 50 girls. The girls range from 3 to 21 years old with four sections within the company; Explorers, Juniors, Seniors and Brigaders and is open to girls throughout the community.

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- Bowling Club

Seskinore Bowling Club meets weekly on Tuesday night from September to April.

- Mug and Bean

Mug and Bean meets the last Wednesday of every month from September to June for coffee. This is an opportunity for the wider community to meet and socialise. There are approximately 60/70 people aged from 60 years to 95 years who attend.

- Kingdom Kids

Kingdom Kids is a baby and toddler group which meets each Thursday morning during term time.

Volunteers

The Trustees wish to acknowledge their deep appreciation of those 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 notice boards, 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.

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 Commission's Public Benefit requirement statutory guidance.

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

FINANCIAL REVIEW

The congregation's main source of income is members' contributions through the Weekly Freewill Offering. There were 92 contributing families during the year (2023: 92) donating a total of £42,240 (2023: £40,437).

Total income of the congregation during the year was £99,435 compared to £87,522 in the previous year.

Total expenditure increased from £77,770 to £90,879.

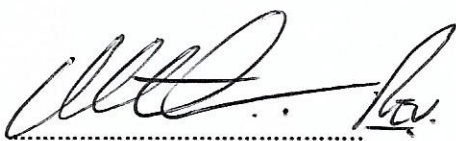
STATEMENT OF TRUSTEES RESPONSIBILITIES

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.

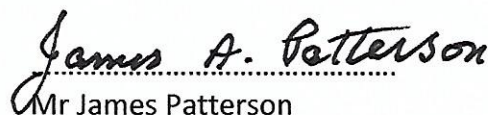
As the congregation's total income does not exceed £250,000, the Trustees have elected under Section 64(3) of the Charities Act (Northern Ireland) 2008 to prepare a Receipts and Payments Account and a Statement of Assets and Liabilities.

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 on13 May..... 2025 and signed on its behalf by:



Rev Robert Orr



Mr James Patterson

Date: 13th May 2025.

Date: 13 May 2025

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF SESKINORE CONGREGATION OF THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN IRELAND

I report on the Financial Statements of the charity for the year ended 31 December 2024, which comprise the Statement of Financial Activities (Receipts and Payments Account), Statement of Assets and Liabilities and the related notes.

Respective Responsibilities of Trustees and Examiner

As the charity's trustees you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with Section 64(3) of the Charities Act (Northern Ireland) 2008. It is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under section 65 of the Charities Act;
- to follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland under section 65(9)(b) of the Charities Act; and
- to 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. The 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 the Trustees concerning any such matters.

My role is to state whether any material matters have come to my attention giving me cause to believe:

1. That accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 63 of the Charities Act;
2. That the accounts do not accord with those accounting records;
3. That the accounts do not comply with the accounting requirements of the Charities Act;
4. That there is further information needed for a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Independent Examiner's Statement

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



Name: Lisa Hamilton

Relevant professional qualification: ACA

Address: Lisdoon Road, Clady, Strabane, Co Tyrone, BT82 9RQ

Date: 13/05/2025

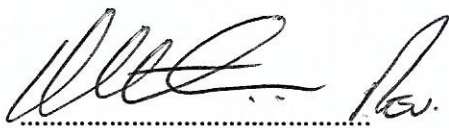
SESKINORE CONGREGATION OF THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN IRELAND
STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITY (Receipts and Payments Account)
For the year ended 31 December 2024

	Note	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Endowment Funds £	Total 2024 £	Total 2023 £
Receipts						
Donations and legacies	2	52,221	28,444	-	80,665	74,670
Charitable activities	3	-	10,256	-	10,256	7,055
Other trading activities	4	-	536	-	536	95
Investment Income	5	4,070	3,448	-	7,518	5,278
Other	6	460	-	-	460	424
Total receipts		56,751	42,684	-	99,435	87,522
Payments						
Raising funds	7	(502)	(-)	(-)	(502)	(483)
Charitable activities	8	(46,942)	(16,751)	(-)	(63,693)	(52,468)
Other	9	(-)	(26,684)	(-)	(26,684)	(24,819)
Total payments		(47,444)	(43,435)	(-)	(90,879)	(77,770)
Net receipts/ (payments)		9,307	(751)	-	8,556	9,752
Transfers between funds		(1,578)	1,578	-	-	-
Net movement in funds		7,729	827	-	8,556	9,752
Funds brought forward		81,877	56,983	-	138,860	129,108
Funds carried forward	12	89,606	57,810	-	147,416	138,860

SESKINORE CONGREGATION OF THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN IRELAND
STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES
As at 31 December 2024

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Endowment Funds £	Total Funds 2024 £	Total Funds 2023 £
Funds Reconciliation					
Bank and Cash at start of year	81,877	56,983	-	138,860	129,108
Net movement in funds	7,729	827	-	8,556	9,752
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Bank and Cash at end of year	89,606	57,810	-	147,416	138,860
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Bank & Cash Balances					
Bank Deposit Accounts				90,000	70,000
Bank Current Accounts				55,841	68,439
Cash in Hand				1,575	421
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				147,416	138,860
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Other Assets					
Fixed Assets – Note 10				-	-
Investments – Note 11				107,380	98,769
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				107,380	98,769
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Approved by the Kirk Session at a meeting on 13 May 2025 and signed on its behalf by:


 Rev Robert Orr


 Mr James Patterson

Date: 13TH May 2025.

Date: 13 May 2025

SESKINORE CONGREGATION OF THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN IRELAND
NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS
For the year ended 31 December 2024

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) 2015 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 balance 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	Endowment Funds	Total 2024	Total 2023
	£	£	£	£	£
Recorded giving	42,240	17,230	-	59,470	56,831
Loose collections	929	867	-	1,796	1,780
Donations and gifts	-	5,150	-	5,150	3,390
Gift aid	9,052	3,657	-	12,709	12,599
Gifts in remembrance	-	1,540	-	1,540	70
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	52,221	28,444	-	80,665	74,670
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3. CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Endowment Funds	Total 2024	Total 2023
	£	£	£	£	£
Income from charitable activities	-	5,528	-	5,528	1,872
Membership fees	-	1,939	-	1,939	1,852
Grants	-	2,789	-	2,789	3,331
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	-	10,256	-	10,256	7,055
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SESKINORE CONGREGATION OF THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN IRELAND
NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS (cont'd)
For the year ended 31 December 2024

4. OTHER TRADING ACTIVITIES

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Endowment Funds	Total 2024	Total 2023
	£	£	£	£	£
Other income	-	536	-	536	95
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	-	536	-	536	95
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5. INVESTMENT INCOME

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Endowment Funds	Total 2024	Total 2023
	£	£	£	£	£
Deposit interest	3,298	-	-	3,298	1,750
General Investment Fund	476	2,748	-	3,224	2,588
Other investment income	296	700	-	996	940
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	4,070	3,448	-	7,518	5,278
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6. OTHER INCOME

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Endowment Funds	Total 2024	Total 2023
	£	£	£	£	£
Other income	460	-	-	460	424
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	460	-	-	460	424
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7. RAISING FUNDS

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Endowment Funds	Total 2024	Total 2023
	£	£	£	£	£
FWO envelopes	502	-	-	502	483
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	502	-	-	502	483
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SESKINORE CONGREGATION OF THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN IRELAND
NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS (cont'd)
For the year ended 31 December 2024

8. CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Endowment Funds	Total 2024	Total 2023
	£	£	£	£	£
General Assembly assessments	9,143	-	-	9,143	8,253
Presbytery fees	355	-	-	355	352
Ministry and support staff costs	26,549	-	-	26,549	25,718
Congregational running expenses	10,895	30	-	10,925	5,605
Organisational running expenses	-	3,041	-	3,041	2,806
Donations to missions and charities	-	12,900	-	12,900	8,981
Membership fees	-	780	-	780	753
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	46,942	16,751	-	63,693	52,468
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9. OTHER EXPENDITURE

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Endowment Funds	Total 2024	Total 2023
	£	£	£	£	£
Property and maintenance costs	-	22,751	-	22,751	20,399
Purchase of equipment	-	2,323	-	2,323	3,898
Trustee expenses	-	-	-	-	522
Investments	-	1,610	-	1,610	-
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	-	26,684	-	26,684	24,819
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10. FIXED ASSETS

The congregation owns the Church premises situated at 78 Letfern Road, Seskinore, Omagh, Co Tyrone, BT78 1UQ and the associated fixtures, fittings, plant and machinery. These have an insurance value of £2,209,373.

11. INVESTMENTS

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

	2024	2023
	£	£
Investments	107,380	98,769
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	107,380	98,769
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NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS (cont'd)
For the year ended 31 December 2024

12. FUND BALANCES

Fund	Balance at start	Receipts	Payments	Surplus / (Deficit)	Transfers	Balance at end
	£	£	£	£	£	£
Unrestricted Funds						
General	81,877	56,751	(47,444)	9,307	(1,578)	89,606
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	81,877	56,751	(47,444)	9,307	(1,578)	89,606
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Restricted Funds						
Property	49,765	19,800	(24,675)	(4,875)	750	45,640
Mission and charity	-	9,359	(10,911)	(1,552)	1,578	26
Other	70	1,540	(1,610)	(70)	-	-
Organisational	7,148	11,985	(6,239)	5,746	(750)	12,144
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	56,983	42,684	(43,435)	(751)	1,578	57,810
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Endowment Funds						
Endowment	-	-	(-)	-	-	-
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	-	-	(-)	-	-	-
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Total	138,860	99,435	(90,879)	8,556	-	147,416
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Seskinore Congregation of the Presbyterian Church in Ireland

Northern Ireland - Charity number 105400

Accounts

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CHARITY TRUSTEES

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

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

DESCRIPTION AND PURPOSE

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

Seskinore 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 congregation's mission statement:

- We seek to declare God's love:
 - by enthusiastic and relevant worship services;
 - by providing appropriate resources and opportunities for spiritual growth for all age groups.
- We seek to demonstrate God's love:
 - by practical care and concern for every member;
 - by involvement and co-operation with other congregations and in the community;
 - by support and involvement in mission and relief agencies at home and overseas.

The mission statement establishes the ways in which we try to work out and fulfil our purpose:

- Worship services – Our aim is to make Sunday worship enjoyable, enthusiastic and relevant for all who come along;
- Resources and opportunities – Recognising that any congregation is made up of different age groups and interest groups we endeavour to provide a range of activities and opportunities that will allow every member to come to know Jesus and subsequently grow in their faith;
- Care and concern – Along with visitation from church leaders we seek to encourage members to be concerned and to care for one another;
- Co-operation – We enjoy good relations with neighbouring congregations and seek to develop these links as well as playing a part in the local community e.g. in our practical support of the local school;
- Support of mission and relief agencies – We seek to support, in prayer and financially, agencies such as Tearfund, Christian Aid as well as local charities and Belfast Bible College students' scheme and grants to youth members involved in summer mission work.

ACTIVITIES AND OBJECTIVES

The congregation meets for worship every Sunday and visitors are always welcome to join. The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper is observed on several 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 has a wide range of organisations.

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

ACHIEVEMENTS AND PERFORMANCE

Worship and prayer

The congregation normally meets for worship each Sunday at 12 noon. During the week the Bible Study provides an opportunity for members to meet together for fellowship, to study the scriptures and for a time of prayer.

As well as our regular services during the year we acknowledged God's gift of new life at 2 Sacrament of Baptism, we conducted 0 marriage service and gave thanks for faithful services and sought to comfort those who had been bereaved during the year.

At 31 December 2023 there were 253 communicant members and 116 families connected with the congregation. The average weekly attendance at morning worship is 80.

Pastoral care

Members of the congregation who are unable to attend church due to sickness or age are visited on a regular basis by the minister, elders or by the congregation's pastoral care visitor.

Mission and outreach

Seskinore Presbyterian Church congregation has set out its aims as a Christian place of worship through its congregational mission statement. This statement declares the congregation's intent to declare God's love, to provide a place of worship where relevant worship of God can take place and provide the opportunities, resources and role models to disciple all who wish to follow the teaching of God as set out by the Bible. As a result of our deep held beliefs we also seek to demonstrate God's love through practical help and concern for all those in our community irrespective of whether they are a member of the church or not or believe in God or not. This care and concern for others is demonstrated further through our support for mission and relief agencies both at home and overseas.

Being a small congregation, we seek to use our resources wisely and to best effect. Primarily, we fulfil our aims through Sunday worship which includes facilities for a Crèche, Sunday School and Young People Discipleship Classes. Discipleship training and support is then augmented by our organisations which provide both a spiritual and social experience. These include Presbyterian Women, Midweek Bible Study, Home Group Bible Study, Bowling Club and Girls' Brigade as well as Christian outreach events.

Whilst acknowledging we are a small congregation; we recognise that we play a big part in the community of Seskinore and we take our responsibilities towards the community seriously. We engage with the community through organised coffee mornings – providing a place to drop in and chat irrespective of background or faith. Through these we seek to raise awareness of such things as cancer support by supporting agencies working in our community as well as spiritual matters. We also allow our facilities, halls and car park, to be put to good use by our local primary school who uses the halls for concerts, cross-community school events and school social events. Sadly, there are times of trouble, but we seek to support our community when it is needed most, through providing for example funeral teas or pastoral care, again without regard to background.

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

During the year the congregation supports by making donations to various charitable organisations, locally, nationally and world wide. The congregation's primary means of support is through 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 the financial ability of what the congregation could do on its own.

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.

Property

There were no major repairs or refurbishment projects carried out during the year.

Organisations

- Crèche

Crèche provides care for young children aged 0 – 4 years old during the church service.

- Promiseland

Promiseland meets most Sundays for 45 minutes during the church service and is for children aged 4 to 12 years old.

- Breakfast with God

Breakfast with God is the name of the Senior Bible Study Class in our Sunday School and is for teenagers aged 12 to 16 years old.

- PW

Seskinore and Edenderry PW meet on the second Monday of the month from September to April.

- Ladies Fellowship Group

This group whose main purpose is to make and encourage disciples amongst our young women in the congregation meets on a regular basis.

- Praise Group

Seskinore Praise Group meet fortnightly to practice and learn new pieces of praise to help lead our worship.

- Girls' Brigade

Seskinore Girls' Brigade meets each Thursday evening from September to March with an attendance of approximately 50 girls. The girls range from 3 to 21 years old with four sections within the company; Explorers, Juniors, Seniors and Brigaders and is open to girls throughout the community.

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

- Bowling Club

Seskinore Bowling Club meets weekly on Tuesday night from September to April.

- Mug and Bean

Mug and Bean meets the last Wednesday of every month from September to June for coffee. This is an opportunity for the wider community to meet and socialise. There are approximately 60/70 people aged from 60 years to 95 years who attend.

- Kingdom Kids

Kingdom Kids is a baby and toddler group which meets each Thursday morning during term time.

Volunteers

The Trustees wish to acknowledge their deep appreciation of those 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 notice boards, 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.

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 Commission's Public Benefit requirement statutory guidance.

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

FINANCIAL REVIEW

The congregation's main source of income is members' contributions through the Weekly Freewill Offering. There were 92 contributing families during the year (2022: 89) donating a total of £40,437 (2022: £41,939).

Total income of the congregation during the year was £87,522 compared to £88,437 in the previous year.

Total expenditure decreased from £83,098 to £77,770.

STATEMENT OF TRUSTEES 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 Payments 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 14th May..... 2024 and signed on its behalf by:



Rev Robert Orr



Mr James Patterson

Date: 14th May 2024

Date: 14th May 2024

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF SESKINORE CONGREGATION OF THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN IRELAND

I report on the Financial Statements of the charity for the year ended 31 December 2023, which comprise the Statement of Financial Activities (Receipts and Payments Account), Statement of Assets and Liabilities and the related notes.

Respective Responsibilities of Trustees and Examiner

As the charity's trustees you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with Section 64(3) of the Charities Act (Northern Ireland) 2008. It is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under section 65 of the Charities Act;
- to follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland under section 65(9)(b) of the Charities Act; and
- to 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. The 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 the Trustees concerning any such matters.

My role is to state whether any material matters have come to my attention giving me cause to believe:

1. That accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 63 of the Charities Act;
2. That the accounts do not accord with those accounting records;
3. That the accounts do not comply with the accounting requirements of the Charities Act;
4. That there is further information needed for a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Independent Examiner's Statement

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



Name: Lisa Hamilton

Relevant professional qualification: ACA

Address: Lisdoon Road, Clady, Strabane, Co Tyrone, BT82 9RQ

Date: 20 / 05 / 2024 .

SESKINORE 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 £	Endowment Funds £	Total 2023 £	Total 2022 £
Receipts						
Donations and legacies	2	50,004	24,666	-	74,670	78,620
Charitable activities	3	-	7,055	-	7,055	4,864
Other trading activities	4	-	95	-	95	1,032
Investment Income	5	2,380	2,898	-	5,278	3,456
Other	6	424	-	-	424	465
Total receipts		52,808	34,714	-	87,522	88,437
Payments						
Raising funds	7	(483)	(-)	(-)	(483)	(932)
Charitable activities	8	(39,898)	(12,570)	(-)	(52,468)	(58,493)
Other	9	(5,056)	(19,763)	(-)	(24,819)	(23,673)
Total payments		(45,437)	(32,333)	(-)	(77,770)	(83,098)
Net receipts/ (payments)		7,371	2,381	-	9,752	5,339
Transfers between funds		(290)	290	-	-	-
Net movement in funds		7,081	2,671	-	9,752	5,339
Funds brought forward		74,796	54,312	-	129,108	123,769
Funds carried forward	12	81,877	56,983	-	138,860	129,108

SESKINORE CONGREGATION OF THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN IRELAND
STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES
As at 31 December 2023

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Endowment Funds £	Total Funds 2023 £	Total Funds 2022 £
Funds Reconciliation					
Bank and Cash at start of year	74,796	54,312	-	129,108	123,769
Net movement in funds	7,081	2,671	-	9,752	5,339
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Bank and Cash at end of year	81,877	56,983	-	138,860	129,108
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Bank & Cash Balances					
Bank Deposit Accounts				70,000	70,000
Bank Current Accounts				68,439	58,315
Cash in Hand				421	793
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				138,860	129,108
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Other Assets					
Fixed Assets – Note 10				-	-
Investments – Note 11				98,769	92,031
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				98,769	92,031
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Approved by the Kirk Session at a meeting on 14th May 2024 and signed on its behalf by:


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SESKINORE CONGREGATION OF THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN IRELAND
NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS
For the year ended 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) 2015 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 balance 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	Endowment Funds	Total 2023	Total 2022
	£	£	£	£	£
Recorded giving	40,437	16,394	-	56,831	62,784
Loose collections	941	839	-	1,780	966
Donations and gifts	-	3,390	-	3,390	2,678
Gift aid	8,626	3,973	-	12,599	11,492
Gifts in remembrance	-	70	-	70	700
	----- 50,004 -----	----- 24,666 -----	----- - -----	----- 74,670 -----	----- 78,620 -----

3. CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Endowment Funds	Total 2023	Total 2022
	£	£	£	£	£
Income from charitable activities	-	1,872	-	1,872	1,294
Fundraising events	-	-	-	-	1,320
Membership fees	-	1,852	-	1,852	1,236
Grants	-	3,331	-	3,331	1,014
	----- - -----	----- 7,055 -----	----- - -----	----- 7,055 -----	----- 4,864 -----

SESKINORE CONGREGATION OF THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN IRELAND
NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS (cont'd)
For the year ended 31 December 2023

4. OTHER TRADING ACTIVITIES

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Endowment Funds	Total 2023	Total 2022
	£	£	£	£	£
Other income	-	95	-	95	1,032
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	-	95	-	95	1,032
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5. INVESTMENT INCOME

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Endowment Funds	Total 2023	Total 2022
	£	£	£	£	£
Deposit interest	1,750	-	-	1,750	245
General Investment Fund	390	2,198	-	2,588	2,479
Other investment income	240	700	-	940	732
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	2,380	2,898	-	5,278	3,456
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6. OTHER INCOME

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Endowment Funds	Total 2023	Total 2022
	£	£	£	£	£
Other income	424	-	-	424	465
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	424	-	-	424	465
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7. RAISING FUNDS

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Endowment Funds	Total 2023	Total 2022
	£	£	£	£	£
FWO envelopes	483	-	-	483	532
Fundraising events	-	-	-	-	400
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	483	-	-	483	932
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SESKINORE CONGREGATION OF THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN IRELAND
NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS (cont'd)
For the year ended 31 December 2023

8. CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Endowment Funds	Total 2023	Total 2022
	£	£	£	£	£
General Assembly assessments	8,253	-	-	8,253	8,465
Presbytery fees	352	-	-	352	360
Ministry and support staff costs	25,718	-	-	25,718	19,403
Congregational running expenses	5,575	30	-	5,605	12,667
Organisational running expenses	-	2,806	-	2,806	2,853
Donations to missions and charities	-	8,981	-	8,981	14,055
Membership fees	-	753	-	753	690
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	39,898	12,570	-	52,468	58,493
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9. OTHER EXPENDITURE

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Endowment Funds	Total 2023	Total 2022
	£	£	£	£	£
Property and maintenance costs	5,056	15,343	-	20,399	13,992
Purchase of equipment	-	3,898	-	3,898	1,116
Replacement church porch costs	-	-	-	-	2,565
Trustee expenses	-	522	-	522	-
Investments	-	-	-	-	6,000
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	5,056	19,763	-	24,819	23,673
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10. FIXED ASSETS

The congregation owns the Church premises situated at 78 Letfern Road, Seskinore, Omagh, Co Tyrone, BT78 1UQ and the associated fixtures, fittings, plant and machinery. These have an insurance value of £2,104,165.

11. INVESTMENTS

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

	2023	2022
	£	£
Investments	98,769	92,031
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	98,769	92,031
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SESKINORE CONGREGATION OF THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN IRELAND
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For the year ended 31 December 2023

12. FUND BALANCES

Fund	Balance at start £	Receipts £	Payments £	Surplus / (Deficit) £	Transfers £	Balance at end £
Unrestricted Funds						
General	74,796	52,808	(45,437)	7,371	(290)	81,877
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	74,796	52,808	(45,437)	7,371	(290)	81,877
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Restricted Funds						
Property	46,787	19,590	(17,803)	1,787	1,191	49,765
Mission and charity	-	6,216	(6,946)	(730)	730	-
Other	-	70	(-)	70	-	70
Organisational	7,525	8,838	(7,584)	1,254	(1,631)	7,148
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	54,312	34,714	(32,333)	2,381	290	56,983
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Endowment Funds						
Endowment	-	-	(-)	-	-	-
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	-	-	(-)	-	-	-
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Total	129,108	87,522	(77,770)	9,752	-	138,860
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Seskinore Congregation of the Presbyterian Church in Ireland

Northern Ireland - Charity number 105400

Annual report

SESKINORE CONGREGATION OF THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN IRELAND TRUSTEES ANNUAL REPORT

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 - by enthusiastic and relevant worship services;
 - by providing appropriate resources and opportunities for spiritual growth for all age groups.
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SESKINORE CONGREGATION OF THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN IRELAND TRUSTEES ANNUAL REPORT (cont'd)

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Worship and prayer

The congregation normally meets for worship each Sunday at 12 noon. During the week the Bible Study provides an opportunity for members to meet together for fellowship, to study the scriptures and for a time of prayer.

As well as our regular services during the year we acknowledged God's gift of new life at 2 Sacrament of Baptism, we conducted 0 marriage service and gave thanks for faithful services and sought to comfort those who had been bereaved during the year.

At 31 December 2023 there were 253 communicant members and 116 families connected with the congregation. The average weekly attendance at morning worship is 80.

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Seskinore Presbyterian Church congregation has set out its aims as a Christian place of worship through its congregational mission statement. This statement declares the congregation's intent to declare God's love, to provide a place of worship where relevant worship of God can take place and provide the opportunities, resources and role models to disciple all who wish to follow the teaching of God as set out by the Bible. As a result of our deep held beliefs we also seek to demonstrate God's love through practical help and concern for all those in our community irrespective of whether they are a member of the church or not or believe in God or not. This care and concern for others is demonstrated further through our support for mission and relief agencies both at home and overseas.

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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.

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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.

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Breakfast with God is the name of the Senior Bible Study Class in our Sunday School and is for teenagers aged 12 to 16 years old.

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

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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.

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 Commission's Public Benefit requirement statutory guidance.

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

FINANCIAL REVIEW

The congregation's main source of income is members' contributions through the Weekly Freewill Offering. There were 92 contributing families during the year (2022: 89) donating a total of £40,437 (2022: £41,939).

Total income of the congregation during the year was £87,522 compared to £88,437 in the previous year.

Total expenditure decreased from £83,098 to £77,770.

STATEMENT OF TRUSTEES 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 Payments 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 14th May..... 2024 and signed on its behalf by:



Rev Robert Orr



Mr James Patterson

Date: 14th May 2024

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Seskinore Congregation of the Presbyterian Church in Ireland

Northern Ireland - Charity number 105400

Annual return

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF SESKINORE CONGREGATION OF THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN IRELAND

I report on the Financial Statements of the charity for the year ended 31 December 2023, which comprise the Statement of Financial Activities (Receipts and Payments Account), Statement of Assets and Liabilities and the related notes.

Respective Responsibilities of Trustees and Examiner

As the charity's trustees you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with Section 64(3) of the Charities Act (Northern Ireland) 2008. It is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under section 65 of the Charities Act;
- to follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland under section 65(9)(b) of the Charities Act; and
- to 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. The 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 the Trustees concerning any such matters.

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



Name: Lisa Hamilton

Relevant professional qualification: ACA

Address: Lisdoon Road, Clady, Strabane, Co Tyrone, BT82 9RQ

Date: 20/05/2024.

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Accounts

SESKINORE CONGREGATION OF THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN IRELAND

**Trustees Annual Report and Financial Statements
for the year ended 31 December 2022**

Registered Charity in Northern Ireland (NIC105400)

SESKINORE 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

Seskinore Congregation of the Presbyterian Church in Ireland
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CHARITY TRUSTEES

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

Mr David Bates	Mr Norman Morrison
Miss Amanda Dunlop	Rev Robert Orr
Mrs Barbara Giles	Mr James Patterson
Mr Fred Giles	Miss Jean Patterson
Mrs Joy McCracken (appointed 22 May 2022)	Mrs Shirley Riddell (appointed 22 May 2022)
Mr Johnnie Mitchell	Mr Robert Riddell (appointed 22 May 2022)

PRINCIPAL OFFICE BEARERS

Minister:	Rev Robert Orr
Clerk of Session:	Mr James Patterson
Treasurer:	Mr Norman Morrison

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER

Lisa Hamilton
Lisdoo Road, Clady, Strabane, Co Tyrone, BT82 9RQ

BANKERS

Danske Bank
5 – 7 Market Street, Omagh, Co Tyrone, BT78 1BN

SOLICITORS

McConnell & Fyffe
The Old Rectory, 21 Church Street, Omagh, Co Tyrone, BT78 1DG

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

STRUCTURE AND MANAGEMENT

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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.

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Stated meetings of the Kirk Session are held at least twice in each year or as appropriate.

To be chosen for the office of the eldership in the congregation a person must be a voting member and a regular attendant at 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

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

FINANCIAL REVIEW

The congregation's main source of income is members' contributions through the Weekly Freewill Offering. There were 89 contributing families during the year (2021: 89) donating a total of £41,939 (2021: £36,927).

Total income of the congregation during the year was £88,437 compared to £79,934 in the previous year.

Total expenditure increased from £76,755 to £83,098.

The main reason for the change in income and expenditure is that Church life and activities resumed during the year as the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic decreased.

STATEMENT OF TRUSTEES 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.

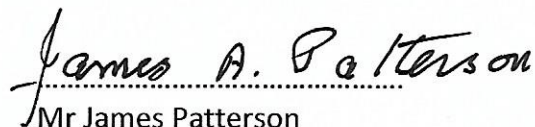
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Approved by the Kirk Session at a meeting on 27 March 2023 and signed on its behalf by:



Rev Robert Orr



Mr James Patterson

Date: 27/03/2023

Date: 27 March 2023.

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF SESKINORE CONGREGATION OF THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN IRELAND

I report on the Financial Statements of the charity for the year ended 31 December 2022, which comprise the Statement of Financial Activities (Receipts and Payments Account), Statement of Assets and Liabilities and the related notes.

Respective Responsibilities of Trustees and Examiner

As the charity's trustees you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with Section 64(3) of the Charities Act (Northern Ireland) 2008. It is my responsibility to:

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Independent Examiner's Statement

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



Name: Lisa Hamilton

Relevant professional qualification: ACA

Address: Lisdoo Road, Clady, Strabane, Co Tyrone, BT82 9RQ

Date: 05/05/2023

SESKINORE 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 £	Endowment Funds £	Total 2022 £	Total 2021 £
Receipts						
Donations and legacies	2	49,862	28,758	-	78,620	73,757
Charitable activities	3	-	4,864	-	4,864	2,859
Other trading activities	4	-	1,032	-	1,032	158
Investment Income	5	617	2,839	-	3,456	3,029
Other	6	465	-	-	465	131
Total receipts		50,944	37,493	-	88,437	79,934
Payments						
Raising funds	7	(532)	(400)	(-)	(932)	(501)
Charitable activities	8	(40,096)	(18,397)	(-)	(58,493)	(44,902)
Other	9	(7,388)	(16,285)	(-)	(23,673)	(31,352)
Total payments		(48,016)	(35,082)	(-)	(83,098)	(76,755)
Net receipts/ (payments)		2,928	2,411	-	5,339	3,179
Transfers between funds		(1,296)	1,296	-	-	-
Net movement in funds		1,632	3,707	-	5,339	3,179
Funds brought forward		73,164	50,605	-	123,769	120,590
Funds carried forward	12	74,796	54,312	-	129,108	123,769

SESKINORE CONGREGATION OF THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN IRELAND
STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES
As at 31 December 2022

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Endowment Funds £	Total Funds 2022 £	Total Funds 2021 £
Funds Reconciliation					
Bank and Cash at start of year	73,164	50,605	-	123,769	120,590
Net movement in funds	1,632	3,707	-	5,339	3,179
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Bank and Cash at end of year	74,796	54,312	-	129,108	123,769
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Bank & Cash Balances					
Bank Deposit Accounts				70,000	-
Bank Current Accounts				58,315	122,719
Cash in Hand				793	1,050
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				129,108	123,769
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Other Assets					
Fixed Assets – Note 10				-	-
Investments – Note 11				92,031	101,872
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				92,031	101,872
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Approved by the Kirk Session at a meeting on 27 March 2023 and signed on its behalf by:


 Rev Robert Orr


 Mr James Patterson

Date: 27/03/2023.

Date: 27 March 2023.

SESKINORE CONGREGATION OF THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN IRELAND

NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS

For the year ended 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) 2015 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 balance 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	Endowment Funds	Total 2022	Total 2021
	£	£	£	£	£
Recorded giving	41,939	20,845	-	62,784	51,805
Loose collections	380	586	-	966	530
Donations and gifts	-	2,678	-	2,678	2,698
Gift aid	7,543	3,949	-	11,492	11,424
Gifts in remembrance	-	700	-	700	7,300
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	49,862	28,758	-	78,620	73,757
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3. CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Endowment Funds	Total 2022	Total 2021
	£	£	£	£	£
Income from charitable activities	-	1,294	-	1,294	-
Fundraising events	-	1,320	-	1,320	-
Membership fees	-	1,236	-	1,236	460
Grants	-	1,014	-	1,014	2,399
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	-	4,864	-	4,864	2,859
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SESKINORE CONGREGATION OF THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN IRELAND
NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS (cont'd)
For the year ended 31 December 2022

4. OTHER TRADING ACTIVITIES

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Endowment Funds	Total 2022	Total 2021
	£	£	£	£	£
Other income	-	1,032	-	1,032	158
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	-	1,032	-	1,032	158
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5. INVESTMENT INCOME

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Endowment Funds	Total 2022	Total 2021
	£	£	£	£	£
Deposit interest	245	-	-	245	231
General Investment Fund	340	2,139	-	2,479	2,059
Other investment income	32	700	-	732	739
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	617	2,839	-	3,456	3,029
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6. OTHER INCOME

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Endowment Funds	Total 2022	Total 2021
	£	£	£	£	£
Other income	465	-	-	465	131
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	465	-	-	465	131
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7. RAISING FUNDS

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Endowment Funds	Total 2022	Total 2021
	£	£	£	£	£
FWO envelopes	532	-	-	532	501
Fundraising events	-	400	-	400	-
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	532	400	-	932	501
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SESKINORE CONGREGATION OF THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN IRELAND
NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS (cont'd)
For the year ended 31 December 2022

8. CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Endowment Funds £	Total 2022 £	Total 2021 £
General Assembly assessments	8,465	-	-	8,465	8,532
Presbytery fees	360	-	-	360	351
Ministry and support staff costs	19,403	-	-	19,403	18,678
Congregational running expenses	11,868	799	-	12,667	7,386
Organisational running expenses	-	2,853	-	2,853	1,629
Donations to missions and charities	-	14,055	-	14,055	8,321
Membership fees	-	690	-	690	5
	----- 40,096	----- 18,397	----- -	----- 58,493	----- 44,902

9. OTHER EXPENDITURE

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Endowment Funds £	Total 2022 £	Total 2021 £
Property and maintenance costs	7,388	6,604	-	13,992	9,793
Purchase of equipment	-	1,116	-	1,116	501
Replacement church porch costs	-	2,565	-	2,565	19,258
Investments	-	6,000	-	6,000	1,800
	----- 7,388	----- 16,285	----- -	----- 23,673	----- 31,352

10. FIXED ASSETS

The congregation owns the Church premises situated at 78 Letfern Road, Seskinore, Omagh, Co Tyrone, BT78 1UQ and the associated fixtures, fittings, plant and machinery. These have an insurance value of £1,957,363.

11. INVESTMENTS

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

	2022 £	2021 £
Investments	92,031	101,872
	----- 92,031	----- 101,872

SESKINORE CONGREGATION OF THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN IRELAND
NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS (cont'd)
For the year ended 31 December 2022

12. FUND BALANCES

Fund	Balance at start £	Receipts £	Payments £	Surplus / (Deficit) £	Transfers £	Balance at end £
Unrestricted Funds						
General	73,164	50,944	(48,016)	2,928	(1,296)	74,796
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	73,164	50,944	(48,016)	2,928	(1,296)	74,796
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Restricted Funds						
Property	35,784	20,631	(10,368)	10,263	740	46,787
Mission and charity	-	11,017	(12,313)	(1,296)	1,296	-
Other	5,500	700	(6,000)	(5,300)	(200)	-
Organisational	9,321	5,145	(6,401)	(1,256)	(540)	7,525
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	50,605	37,493	(35,082)	2,411	1,296	54,312
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Endowment Funds						
Endowment	-	-	(-)	-	-	-
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	-	-	(-)	-	-	-
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Total	123,769	88,437	(83,098)	5,339	-	129,108
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Seskinore Congregation of the Presbyterian Church in Ireland

Northern Ireland - Charity number 105400

Annual report

SESKINORE 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

Seskinore Congregation of the Presbyterian Church in Ireland
78 Letfern Road, Seskinore, Omagh, Co Tyrone, BT78 1UQ
Registered Charity in Northern Ireland (NIC105400)

CHARITY TRUSTEES

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

Mr David Bates	Mr Norman Morrison
Miss Amanda Dunlop	Rev Robert Orr
Mrs Barbara Giles	Mr James Patterson
Mr Fred Giles	Miss Jean Patterson
Mrs Joy McCracken (appointed 22 May 2022)	Mrs Shirley Riddell (appointed 22 May 2022)
Mr Johnnie Mitchell	Mr Robert Riddell (appointed 22 May 2022)

PRINCIPAL OFFICE BEARERS

Minister:	Rev Robert Orr
Clerk of Session:	Mr James Patterson
Treasurer:	Mr Norman Morrison

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER

Lisa Hamilton
Lisdoo Road, Clady, Strabane, Co Tyrone, BT82 9RQ

BANKERS

Danske Bank
5 – 7 Market Street, Omagh, Co Tyrone, BT78 1BN

SOLICITORS

McConnell & Fyffe
The Old Rectory, 21 Church Street, Omagh, Co Tyrone, BT78 1DG

SESKINORE 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 congregation. All members are entitled to propose, speak and exercise equal votes at meetings, except that the Moderator, the minister in active duty in the congregation, has no deliberative but only a casting vote.

Stated meetings of the Kirk Session are held at least twice in each year or as appropriate.

To be chosen for the office of the eldership in the congregation a person must be a voting member and a regular attendant at 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. Seskinore Congregation of the Presbyterian Church has been assigned to the Omagh 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 the 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 is normally constituted during the first week 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.

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

DESCRIPTION AND PURPOSE

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

Seskinore 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 congregation's mission statement:

- We seek to declare God's love:
by enthusiastic and relevant worship services;
by providing appropriate resources and opportunities for spiritual growth for all age groups.
- We seek to demonstrate God's love:
by practical care and concern for every member;
by involvement and co-operation with other congregations and in the community;
by support and involvement in mission and relief agencies at home and overseas.

The mission statement establishes the ways in which we try to work out and fulfil our purpose:

- Worship services – Our aim is to make Sunday worship enjoyable, enthusiastic and relevant for all who come along;
- Resources and opportunities – Recognising that any congregation is made up of different age groups and interest groups we endeavour to provide a range of activities and opportunities that will allow every member to come to know Jesus and subsequently grow in their faith;
- Care and concern – Along with visitation from church leaders we seek to encourage members to be concerned and to care for one another;
- Co-operation – We enjoy good relations with neighbouring congregations and seek to develop these links as well as playing a part in the local community e.g. in our practical support of the local school;
- Support of mission and relief agencies – We seek to support, in prayer and financially, agencies such as Tearfund, Christian Aid as well as local charities and Belfast Bible College students' scheme and grants to youth members involved in summer mission work.

ACTIVITIES AND OBJECTIVES

The congregation meets for worship every Sunday and visitors are always welcome to join. The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper is observed on several 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 has a wide range of organisations.

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

ACHIEVEMENTS AND PERFORMANCE

Worship and prayer

The congregation normally meets for worship each Sunday at 12 noon. During the week the Bible Study provides an opportunity for members to meet together for fellowship, to study the scriptures and for a time of prayer.

As well as our regular services during the year we acknowledged God's gift of new life at 1 Sacrament of Baptism, we conducted 1 marriage service and gave thanks for faithful services and sought to comfort those who had been bereaved during the year.

At 31 December 2022 there were 237 communicant members and 116 families connected with the congregation. The average weekly attendance at morning worship is 70.

Pastoral care

Members of the congregation who are unable to attend church due to sickness or age are visited on a regular basis by the minister, elders or by the congregation's pastoral care visitor.

Mission and outreach

Seskinore Presbyterian Church congregation has set out its aims as a Christian place of worship through its congregational mission statement. This statement declares the congregation's intent to declare God's love, to provide a place of worship where relevant worship of God can take place and provide the opportunities, resources and role models to disciple all who wish to follow the teaching of God as set out by the Bible. As a result of our deep held beliefs we also seek to demonstrate God's love through practical help and concern for all those in our community irrespective of whether they are a member of the church or not or believe in God or not. This care and concern for others is demonstrated further through our support for mission and relief agencies both at home and overseas.

Being a small congregation, we seek to use our resources wisely and to best effect. Primarily, we fulfil our aims through Sunday worship which includes facilities for a Crèche, Sunday School and Young People Discipleship Classes. Discipleship training and support is then augmented by our organisations which provide both a spiritual and social experience. These include Presbyterian Women, Midweek Bible Study, Home Group Bible Study, Bowling Club and Girls' Brigade as well as Christian outreach events.

Whilst acknowledging we are a small congregation; we recognise that we play a big part in the community of Seskinore and we take our responsibilities towards the community seriously. We engage with the community through organised coffee mornings – providing a place to drop in and chat irrespective of background or faith. Through these we seek to raise awareness of such things as cancer support by supporting agencies working in our community as well as spiritual matters. We also allow our facilities, halls and car park, to be put to good use by our local primary school who uses the halls for concerts, cross-community school events and school social events. Sadly, there are times of trouble, but we seek to support our community when it is needed most, through providing for example funeral teas or pastoral care, again without regard to background.

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

During the year the congregation supports by making donations to various charitable organisations, locally, nationally and world wide. The congregation's primary means of support is through 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 the financial ability of what the congregation could do on its own.

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.

Property

There were no major repairs or refurbishment projects carried out during the year.

Organisations

- Crèche

Crèche provides care for young children aged 0 – 4 years old during the church service.

- Promiseland

Promiseland meets most Sundays for 45 minutes during the church service and is for children aged 4 to 12 years old.

- Breakfast with God

Breakfast with God is the name of the Senior Bible Study Class in our Sunday School and is for teenagers aged 12 to 16 years old.

- PW

Seskinore and Edenderry PW meet on the second Monday of the month from September to April.

- Ladies Fellowship Group

This group whose main purpose is to make and encourage disciples amongst our young women in the congregation meets on a regular basis.

- Praise Group

Seskinore Praise Group who meet fortnightly to practice and learn new pieces of praise to help lead our worship.

- Girls' Brigade

Seskinore Girls' Brigade meets each Thursday evening from September to March with an attendance of approximately 40 girls. The girls range from 3 to 21 years old with four sections within the company; Explorers, Juniors, Seniors and Brigadiers and is open to girls throughout the community.

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

- Bowling Club

Seskinore Bowling Club meets weekly on Tuesday night from September to April.

- Mug and Bean

Mug and Bean meets the last Wednesday of every month from September to June for coffee. This is an opportunity for the wider community to meet and socialise. There are approximately 60/70 people aged from 60 years to 95 years attend.

- Kingdom Kids

Kingdom Kids is a baby and toddler group which meets each Thursday morning during term time.

Volunteers

The Trustees wish to acknowledge their deep appreciation of those 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 notice boards, 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.

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 Commission's Public Benefit requirement statutory guidance.

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

FINANCIAL REVIEW

The congregation's main source of income is members' contributions through the Weekly Freewill Offering. There were 89 contributing families during the year (2021: 89) donating a total of £41,939 (2021: £36,927).

Total income of the congregation during the year was £88,437 compared to £79,934 in the previous year.

Total expenditure increased from £76,755 to £83,098.

The main reason for the change in income and expenditure is that Church life and activities resumed during the year as the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic decreased.

STATEMENT OF TRUSTEES 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.

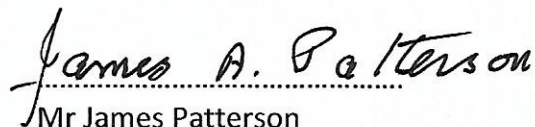
As the congregation's total income does not exceed £250,000, the Trustees have elected under Section 64(3) of the Charities Act (Northern Ireland) 2008 to prepare a Receipts and Payments Account and a Statement of Assets and Liabilities.

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 27 March 2023 and signed on its behalf by:



Rev Robert Orr



Mr James Patterson

Date: 27/03/2023

Date: 27 March 2023.

Seskinore Congregation of the Presbyterian Church in Ireland

Northern Ireland - Charity number 105400

Annual return

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF SESKINORE CONGREGATION OF THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN IRELAND

I report on the Financial Statements of the charity for the year ended 31 December 2022, which comprise the Statement of Financial Activities (Receipts and Payments Account), Statement of Assets and Liabilities and the related notes.

Respective Responsibilities of Trustees and Examiner

As the charity's trustees you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with Section 64(3) of the Charities Act (Northern Ireland) 2008. It is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under section 65 of the Charities Act;
- to follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland under section 65(9)(b) of the Charities Act; and
- to 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. The 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 the Trustees concerning any such matters.

My role is to state whether any material matters have come to my attention giving me cause to believe:

1. That accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 63 of the Charities Act;
2. That the accounts do not accord with those accounting records;
3. That the accounts do not comply with the accounting requirements of the Charities Act;
4. That there is further information needed for a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Independent Examiner's Statement

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



Name: Lisa Hamilton

Relevant professional qualification: ACA

Address: Lisdoo Road, Clady, Strabane, Co Tyrone, BT82 9RQ

Date: 05/05/2023