

Ardstraw Congregation of the Presbyterian Church in Ireland

Northern Ireland · Charity number 105590

Details

Status	Received
Registered	2016-08-09
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
2025-12-31	£128,891	£115,443	£0	0
2024-12-31	£135,275	£136,910	£0	0

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Bertie Wallace		
Mr Edward Stevenson B. Agr.		
Mr Ivor Mcfarland		
Mr Mervyn Smyth		
Mr Terence Atcheson		
Mr Terence Moore		
Mr Trevor Galbraith		
Mr Victor Deane		
Mr Victor Magee Mbe		
Rev David Reid B.D., Dip. Min.		
Samuel Stevenson		

Accounts

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

**Trustees Annual Report and Financial Statements
for the year ended 31 December 2025**

Registered Charity in Northern Ireland (NIC105590)

**ARDSTRAW 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 2025 including a Statement of Assets and Liabilities as at that date.

REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS

Ardstraw congregation of the Presbyterian Church in Ireland
4 Deerpark Road, Ardstraw, Omagh, Co Tyrone, BT78 4LL

Registered Charity in Northern Ireland (NIC105590)

CHARITY TRUSTEES

The Charity Trustees who served during the year ended 31 December 2025 and up to the date of this report were:-

Rev David William Reid
Mr Robert Oliver (Ivor) McFarland
Mr James Victor Deane
Mr Samuel Stevenson
Mr Trevor Galbraith
Mr Terence Moore

Mr Victor Noel Magee
Mr Oliver Edward Stevenson
Mr Mervyn Smyth
Mr William Robert Wallace
Mr Terence Atcheson

PRINCIPAL OFFICE BEARERS

Minister	Rev David William Reid
Clerk of Session	Mr William Robert Wallace
Treasurer	Mrs Amanda Laird (resigned 2/2/26) Mrs Judith Patrick (appointed 9/2/26)

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER

Miss Judith Pollock
9 Drumlegagh Church Road
Newtownstewart
BT78 4HF

BANKERS

Danske Bank
Donegall Square West
Belfast
BT1 6JS

SOLICITORS

McConnell & Fyffe
21 Church Street
Omagh
BT78 1DG

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

STRUCTURE AND MANAGEMENT

The Kirk Session

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

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

Stated meetings of the Kirk session are held monthly except December, July and August.

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

Presbytery

Under the Presbyterian Church in Ireland form of governance the corporate oversight of a congregation is the responsibility of a Presbytery which superintends generally the spiritual and temporal affairs of the congregations assigned to it by the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in Ireland. Ardstraw 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.

DESCRIPTION AND PURPOSE

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

Ardstraw 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.

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

The congregation's mission purpose is to bring people to Jesus, support and nurture the Church family, magnify His name and build up Christians in their faith.

Our vision is, by the grace of God, to be an inclusive, welcoming community of Christ's people of all ages, which:

- is increasingly characterised by love for God, and love and concern for others;
- is committed to the historic Christian gospel as revealed in the Bible;
- is relevant to people of this time and place.

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

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

ACTIVITIES AND OBJECTIVES

The congregation meets for worship every Sunday and visitors are welcome to join. The Sacrament of the Lords Supper is observed on 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 and prayer meetings, also from October to April Café Church has been introduced on the second Sunday evening each month. This gives an opportunity for worship in a more informal setting and speakers are invited to give personal testimony and talk about their work. The congregation has a wide range of organisations including

- Sunday School
- Bowling Club
- Boys' Brigade
- Girls' Brigade
- PW
- Youth Fellowship (Ignite)

ACHIEVEMENTS AND PERFORMANCE

Worship and prayer

The congregation normally meets for worship each Sunday at 11.30am. 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.

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

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

As at 31 December 2025, there were 346 communicant members and 159 families connected with the congregation. The average weekly attendance at morning worship is 86.

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 or elders.

Mission and outreach

At a local level the congregation made donations in excess of £4,000 to various external missions and charities.

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

The congregation also contributes to the denominations annual World Development Appeal, Sunday School project and any other special appeals.

Presbytery

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

General Assembly

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

Property

7 Derg Road was purchased as a new manse and has been occupied since March 2022.

Organisations

Bowling Club meets each Tuesday evening.

Girls' Brigade meets each Monday night: Explorers at 6.30-7.30pm, Juniors at 6.45-7.45pm, Seniors & Brigader's 7.45-8.45pm from September to March.

Boys' Brigade meets each Wednesday night: Anchor Boys at 6-7pm, Juniors at 6.30-7.45pm, Company & Seniors at 7-9pm.

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Youth Fellowship Group (Ignite) meets on the 1st and 3rd Sunday nights of the month.

PW meets on 2nd Thursday of the month from October to April.

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 noticeboards, printed material, press advertisement, websites, and social media or in other ways. The benefits are demonstrated through regular evaluation of the services and informal and ad-hoc feedback from members, their families, and members of the public.

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

FINANCIAL REVIEW

The congregation's main source of income is members' contributions through the Weekly Freewill Offering. There were 163 contributors during the year (2024: 153) donating a total of £53,990 (2024: £50,029).

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

Total Income of the congregation during the year was £128,891, compared to £135,275 in the previous year.

Expenditure decreased from £136,910 to £115,443.

STATEMENT OF TRUSTEE RESPONSIBILITIES

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

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

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

Approved by the Kirk Session at a meeting on 18 May 2026 and signed on its behalf by:

Signature: David W. Reid.
Rev David W. Reid
Minister

Signature: Mr Wallace
Mr William Robert Wallace
Clerk of Session

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

I report on the financial statements of Ardstraw Presbyterian Church for the year ended 31 December 2025 which comprise statement of financial activities, 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 financial statements in accordance with the Charities Act (Northern Ireland) 2008. It is my responsibility to:-

- Examine the financial statements under section 65 of the Charities Act (NI) 2008.
- 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 (NI) 2008.
- State whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of independent examiner's report

I have examined your charity financial statements as required under section 65 of the Charities Act (NI) 2008 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 (NI) 2008. The examination included a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the financial statements presented with those records. It also included consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the financial statements and seeking explanations from you as charity trustees concerning any such matters.

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

1. That accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 63 of the Charities Act (NI) 2008.
2. That the financial statements do not accord with those accounting records.
3. That the financial statements do not comply with the accounting requirements of the Charities Act (NI) 2008 and with the methods and principles of the Charities Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their financial statements in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland.
4. That there is further information needed for a proper understanding of the financial statements 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.

Signature:

Judith Pollock

Name:

Miss Judith Pollock FIATF FCA

Address:

9 Drumlegagh Church Road
Newtownstewart
Co Tyrone
BT78 4HF

Professional qualification:

Fellow Chartered Accountant (Chartered Accountants Ireland)

Dated:

18/05/2026

ARDSTRAW CONGREGATION OF THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN IRELAND
STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITY (Receipts and Payments Account)
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2025

	Note	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Endowment Funds	Total 2025	Total 2024
		£	£	£	£	£
Receipts						
Donations and legacies	2	75,399	30,252	-	105,651	112,311
Charitable activities	3	-	19,559	-	19,559	18,876
Other trading activities	4	-	-	-	-	-
Investment Income	5	2,403	923	-	3,326	3,386
Other	6	355	-	-	355	702
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		78,157	50,734	-	128,891	135,275
Sale of Investments		-	-	-	-	-
Sale of fixed assets		-	-	-	-	-
Loans Received		-	-	-	-	-
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Total Receipts		78,157	50,734	-	128,891	135,275
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Payments						
Raising funds	7	656	-	-	656	573
Charitable activities	8	72,715	42,072	-	114,787	135,127
Investment costs		-	-	-	-	-
Other	9	-	-	-	-	-
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		73,371	42,072	-	115,443	135,700
Purchase of Investments		-	-	-	-	1,210
Purchase of fixed assets		-	-	-	-	-
Loan Repayments		-	-	-	-	-
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Total Payments		73,371	42,072	-	115,443	136,910
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Net receipts / (payments)		4,786	8,662	-	13,448	(1,635)
Transfers between funds		(742)	742	-	-	-
Movement in fund value		-	-	-	-	-
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Net movement in funds		4,044	9,404	-	13,448	(1,635)
Funds brought forward		19,071	55,193	-	74,264	75,899
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Funds carried forward	12	23,115	64,597	-	87,712	74,264
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**ARDSTRAW CONGREGATION OF THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN IRELAND
STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES
AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2025**

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Endowment Funds	Total Funds 2025	Total Funds 2024
	£	£	£	£	£
Funds Reconciliation					
Bank and Cash at 1 January 2024	19,071	55,193	-	74,264	75,899
Net movement in funds	4,044	9,404	-	13,448	(1,635)
Deduct non-cash/bank related endowment funds	-	-	-	-	-
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Bank and Cash at 31 December 2025	23,115	64,597	-	87,712	74,264
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Bank & Cash Balances					
Bank Deposit Accounts				-	-
Bank Current Accounts				88,428	74,264
Cash in Hand				-	-
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				88,428	74,264
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Other Assets					
Fixed Assets – Note 10					
- Church Premises				5,195,343	4,916,151
- Fixtures, Fittings & Equipment				-	-
- Vehicles				-	-
Investments – Note 11				98,935	103,375
Gift Aid receivable on donations				-	-
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				5,294,278	5,019,526
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Liabilities					
Loans				-	-
Other				-	-
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Approved by the Kirk Session at a meeting on 18 May 2026 and signed on its behalf by:

Signature: David W. Reid
Rev David W. Reid
Minister

Signature: William Robert Wallace
Mr William Robert Wallace
Clerk of Session

**ARDSTRAW CONGREGATION OF THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN IRELAND
NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS
YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2025**

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 2025	Total 2024
	£	£	£	£	£
Recorded giving	59,582	21,180	-	80,762	78,919
Loose collections	1,198	1,014	-	2,212	3,254
Donations and gifts	3,234	2,998	-	6,232	10,816
Gift Aid	11,385	5,060	-	16,445	19,322
Legacies and bequest	-	-	-	-	-
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	75,399	30,252	-	105,651	112,311
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ARDSTRAW CONGREGATION OF THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN IRELAND
NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS (cont'd)
YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2025

3. CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Endowment Funds	Total 2025	Total 2024
	£	£	£	£	£
Income from charitable activities	-	11,673	-	11,673	12,442
Fees from weddings and funerals	-	-	-	-	-
Fundraising events	-	-	-	-	-
Membership fees	-	-	-	-	-
Grants	-	7,886	-	7,886	6,434
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	-	19,559	-	19,559	18,876
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4. OTHER TRADING ACTIVITIES

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Endowment Funds	Total 2025	Total 2024
	£	£	£	£	£
Letting of premises	-	-	-	-	-
Trading income	-	-	-	-	-
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	-	-	-	-	-
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5. INVESTMENT INCOME

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Endowment Funds	Total 2025	Total 2024
	£	£	£	£	£
Deposit interest	663	153	-	816	970
General Investment Fund	1,740	770	-	2,510	2,416
Rents investment properties	-	-	-	-	-
Other investment income	-	-	-	-	-
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	2,403	923	-	3,326	3,386
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ARDSTRAW CONGREGATION OF THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN IRELAND
NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS (cont'd)
YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2025

6. OTHER INCOME

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Endowment Funds	Total 2025	Total 2024
	£	£	£	£	£
Insurance claims	-	-	-	-	-
Other income	355	-	-	355	702
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	355	-	-	355	702
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7. RAISING FUNDS

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Endowment Funds	Total 2025	Total 2024
	£	£	£	£	£
FWO envelopes	656	-	-	656	573
Fundraising events	-	-	-	-	-
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	656	-	-	656	573
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8. CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Endowment Funds	Total 2025	Total 2024
	£	£	£	£	£
General Assembly Assessments	14,482	-	-	14,482	16,321
Presbytery fees	487	-	-	487	433
Ministry and support staff costs	37,930	-	-	37,930	36,583
Congregational running expenses	19,816	23,655	-	43,471	63,812
Donations to Missions and charities	-	18,417	-	18,417	17,348
Governance costs	-	-	-	-	630
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	72,715	42,072	-	114,787	135,127
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ARDSTRAW CONGREGATION OF THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN IRELAND
NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS (cont'd)
YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2025

9. OTHER EXPENDITURE

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Endowment Funds	Total 2025	Total 2024
	£	£	£	£	£
Investment properties expenses	-	-	-	-	-
Purchase of investments	-	-	-	-	1,210
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	-	-	-	-	1,210
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10. FIXED ASSETS

The congregation owns the following premises and the associated fixtures, fittings, plant and machinery which have insurance values as follows:

		£
Church Building	4a Deerpark Road, Ardstraw, Co Tyrone, BT78 4LL	2,914,135
Church Hall	4b Deerpark Road, Ardstraw, Co Tyrone, BT78 4LL	1,437,417
Sextons House	4 Deerpark Road, Ardstraw, Co Tyrone, BT78 4LL	218,584
Manse	7 Derg Road, Victoria Bridge, Co Tyrone, BT82 9JW	625,207

		£5,195,343

11. INVESTMENTS

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

	2025	2024
	£	£
General Investment Fund	98,935	103,375
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	98,935	103,375
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NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS (cont'd)
YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2025

12. FUND BALANCES

Fund	Balance at 1/1/25	Receipts	Payment	Surplus / (Deficit)	Transfer	Balance at 31/12/25
	£	£	£	£	£	£
Unrestricted Funds						
General Fund	19,071	78,157	73,371	4,786	(742)	23,115
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	19,071	78,157	73,371	4,786	(742)	23,115
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Restricted Funds						
Property/Building Fund	31,187	13,269	8,159	5,110	(287)	36,010
Missions and charities	-	13,279	14,199	(920)	920	-
Missions/Special Funds	1,348	668	1,133	(465)	-	883
Donations/Bequests	10,268	166	-	166	-	10,434
PW Funds	340	1,130	715	415	448	1,203
Girls Brigade	4,007	5,475	5,385	90	(201)	3,896
Bowling Club	2,544	8,046	3,670	4,376	(1,001)	5,919
Youth Council	354	1,630	1,917	(287)	287	354
Boys Brigade	1,943	5,056	4,254	802	(349)	2,396
Sunday School	3,202	2,015	2,640	(625)	925	3,502
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	55,193	50,734	42,072	8,662	742	64,597
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Total	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----
	74,264	128,891	115,443	13,448	-	87,712
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THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN IRELAND**

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4 Deerpark Road, Ardstraw, Omagh, Co Tyrone, BT78 4LL

Registered Charity in Northern Ireland (NIC105590)

CHARITY TRUSTEES

The Charity Trustees who served during the year ended 31 December 2024 and up to the date of this report were:-

Rev David William Reid	Mr Victor Noel Magee
Mr Robert Oliver (Ivor) McFarland	Mr Oliver Edward Stevenson
Mr James Victor Deane	Mr Mervyn Smyth
Mr Raymond James Finlay (retired 4 February 2025)	Mr William Robert Wallace
Mr Samuel Stevenson	Mr Terence Atcheson
Mr Terence Moore	Mr Trevor Galbraith

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

STRUCTURE AND MANAGEMENT

The Kirk Session

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

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

Stated meetings of the Kirk session are held monthly except December, July and August.

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

Presbytery

Under the Presbyterian Church in Ireland form of governance the corporate oversight of a congregation is the responsibility of a Presbytery which superintends generally the spiritual and temporal affairs of the congregations assigned to it by the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in Ireland. Ardstraw 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.

DESCRIPTION AND PURPOSE

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

Ardstraw 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.

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

The congregation's mission purpose is to bring people to Jesus, support and nurture the Church family, magnify His name and build up Christians in their faith.

Our vision is, by the grace of God, to be an inclusive, welcoming community of Christ's people of all ages, which:

- is increasingly characterised by love for God, and love and concern for others;
- is committed to the historic Christian gospel as revealed in the Bible;
- is relevant to people of this time and place.

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

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

ACTIVITIES AND OBJECTIVES

The congregation meets for worship every Sunday and visitors are welcome to join. The Sacrament of the Lords Supper is observed on 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 and prayer meetings, also from October to April Café Church has been introduced on the second Sunday evening each month. This gives an opportunity for worship in a more informal setting and speakers are invited to give personal testimony and talk about their work. The congregation has a wide range of organisations including

- Sunday School
- Bowling Club
- Boys' Brigade
- Girls' Brigade
- PW
- Youth Fellowship (Ignite)

ACHIEVEMENTS AND PERFORMANCE

Worship and prayer

The congregation normally meets for worship each Sunday at 11.30am. 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.

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

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

As at 31 December 2024 there were 327 communicant members and 165 families connected with the congregation. The average weekly attendance at morning worship is 87.

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 or elders.

Mission and outreach

At a local level the congregation made donations in excess of £4,000 to various external missions and charities.

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

The congregation also contributes to the denominations annual World Development Appeal, Sunday School project and any other special appeals.

Presbytery

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

General Assembly

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

Property

7 Derg Road was purchased as a new manse and has been occupied since March 2022.

Organisations

Bowling Club meets each Tuesday evening.

Girls' Brigade meets each Monday night: Explorers at 6.30-7.30pm, Juniors at 6.45-7.45pm, Seniors & Brigader's 7.45-8.45pm from September to March.

Boys' Brigade meets each week Anchor Boys on Wednesday at 6-7pm, Juniors on Thursday 7-8pm, Company & Seniors on Wednesday 7-9pm.

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

Youth Fellowship Group (Ignite) meets on the 1st and 3rd Sunday nights of the month.

PW meets on 2nd Thursday of the month from October to April.

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 noticeboards, printed material, press advertisement, websites, and social media or in other ways. The benefits are demonstrated through regular evaluation of the services and informal and ad-hoc feedback from members, their families, and members of the public.

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

FINANCIAL REVIEW

The congregation's main source of income is members' contributions through the Weekly Freewill Offering. There were 153 contributors during the year (2023: 159) donating a total of £50,029 (2023: £49,546).

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

Total Income of the congregation during the year was £135,275, compared to £132,205 in the previous year.

Expenditure increased from £117,969 to £136,910.

STATEMENT OF TRUSTEE RESPONSIBILITIES

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

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

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

Approved by the Kirk Session at a meeting on 11 May 2025 and signed on its behalf by:

Signature: David W. Reid
Rev David W. Reid
Minister

Signature: William Robert Wallace
Mr William Robert Wallace
Clerk of Session

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

I report on the financial statements of Ardstraw Presbyterian Church for the year ended 31 December 2024 which comprise statement of financial activities, 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 financial statements in accordance with the Charities Act (Northern Ireland) 2008. It is my responsibility to:-

- Examine the financial statements under section 65 of the Charities Act (NI) 2008.
- 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 (NI) 2008.
- State whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of independent examiner's report

I have examined your charity financial statements as required under section 65 of the Charities Act (NI) 2008 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 (NI) 2008. The examination included a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the financial statements presented with those records. It also included consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the financial statements and seeking explanations from you as charity trustees concerning any such matters.

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

1. That accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 63 of the Charities Act (NI) 2008.
2. That the financial statements do not accord with those accounting records.
3. That the financial statements do not comply with the accounting requirements of the Charities Act (NI) 2008 and with the methods and principles of the Charities Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their financial statements in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland.
4. That there is further information needed for a proper understanding of the financial statements 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.

Signature: Judith Pollock

Name: Miss Judith Pollock FIATF FCA

Address: 9 Drumlegagh Church Road
Newtownstewart
Co Tyrone
BT78 4HF

Professional qualification: Fellow Chartered Accountant (Chartered Accountants Ireland)

Dated: 11/05/2025

ARDSTRAW 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	76,849	35,462	-	112,311	104,123
Charitable activities	3	-	18,876	-	18,876	25,397
Other trading activities	4	-	-	-	-	-
Investment Income	5	2,503	883	-	3,386	2,078
Other	6	702	-	-	702	607
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		80,054	55,221	-	135,275	132,205
Sale of Investments		-	-	-	-	-
Sale of fixed assets		-	-	-	-	-
Loans Received		-	-	-	-	-
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Total Receipts		80,054	55,221	-	135,275	132,205
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Payments						
Raising funds	7	573	-	-	573	760
Charitable activities	8	75,169	59,958	-	135,127	117,209
Investment costs		-	-	-	-	-
Other	9	-	-	-	-	-
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		75,742	59,958	-	135,700	117,969
Purchase of Investments		-	1,210	-	1,210	-
Purchase of fixed assets		-	-	-	-	-
Loan Repayments		-	-	-	-	-
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Total Payments		75,742	61,168	-	136,910	117,969
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Net receipts / (payments)		4,312	(5,947)	-	(1,635)	14,236
Transfers between funds		108	(108)	-	-	-
Movement in fund value		-	-	-	-	-
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Net movement in funds		4,420	(6,055)	-	(1,635)	14,236
Funds brought forward		14,651	61,248	-	75,899	61,663
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Funds carried forward	12	19,071	55,193	-	74,264	75,899
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**ARDSTRAW 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 1 January 2023	14,651	61,248	-	75,899	61,663
Net movement in funds	4,420	(6,055)	-	(1,635)	14,236
Deduct non-cash/bank related endowment funds	-	-	-	-	-
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Bank and Cash at 31 December 2024	19,071	55,193	-	74,264	75,899
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Bank & Cash Balances					
Investments – Note 11				-	-
Bank Deposit Accounts				-	-
Bank Current Accounts				74,264	75,899
Cash in Hand				-	-
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				74,264	75,899
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Other Assets					
Fixed Assets – Note 10					
- Church Premises				4,916,151	4,916,151
- Fixtures, Fittings & Equipment				-	-
- Vehicles				-	-
Investments – Note 11				103,375	97,552
Gift Aid receivable on donations				-	-
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				5,019,526	5,013,703
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Liabilities					
Loans				-	-
Other				-	-
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Approved by the Kirk Session at a meeting on 11 May 2025

and signed on its behalf by:

Signature: David W. Reid
Rev David W. Reid
Minister

Signature: William Robert Wallace
Mr William Robert Wallace
Clerk of Session

ARDSTRAW CONGREGATION OF THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN IRELAND
NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS
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	55,972	22,947	-	78,919	79,934
Loose collections	2,352	902	-	3,254	2,136
Donations and gifts	5,100	5,716	-	10,816	5,162
Gift Aid	13,425	5,897	-	19,322	17,891
Legacies and bequest	-	-	-	-	-
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	76,849	35,462	-	112,311	104,123
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ARDSTRAW CONGREGATION OF THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN IRELAND
NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS (cont'd)
YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024

3. CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Endowment Funds	Total 2024	Total 2023
	£	£	£	£	£
Income from charitable activities	-	12,442	-	12,442	8,313
Fees from weddings and funerals	-	-	-	-	-
Fundraising events	-	-	-	-	7,855
Membership fees	-	-	-	-	-
Grants	-	6,434	-	6,434	9,229
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	-	18,876	-	18,876	25,397
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4. OTHER TRADING ACTIVITIES

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Endowment Funds	Total 2024	Total 2023
	£	£	£	£	£
Letting of premises	-	-	-	-	-
Trading income	-	-	-	-	-
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	-	-	-	-	-
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5. INVESTMENT INCOME

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Endowment Funds	Total 2024	Total 2023
	£	£	£	£	£
Deposit interest	814	156	-	970	174
General Investment Fund	1,689	727	-	2,416	1,903
Rents investment properties	-	-	-	-	-
Other investment income	-	-	-	-	-
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	2,503	883	-	3,386	2,077
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ARDSTRAW CONGREGATION OF THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN IRELAND
NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS (cont'd)
YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024

6. OTHER INCOME

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Endowment Funds	Total 2024	Total 2023
	£	£	£	£	£
Insurance claims	-	-	-	-	-
Other income	702	-	-	702	607
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	702	-	-	702	607
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7. RAISING FUNDS

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Endowment Funds	Total 2024	Total 2023
	£	£	£	£	£
FWO envelopes	573	-	-	573	760
Fundraising events	-	-	-	-	-
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	573	-	-	573	760
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8. CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Endowment Funds	Total 2024	Total 2023
	£	£	£	£	£
General Assembly Assessments	16,321	-	-	16,321	15,319
Presbytery fees	433	-	-	433	448
Ministry and support staff costs	36,583	-	-	36,583	34,765
Congregational running expenses	21,203	42,609	-	63,812	38,597
Donations to Missions and charities	-	17,348	-	17,348	27,504
Governance costs	630	-	-	630	576
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	75,170	59,957	-	135,127	117,209
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ARDSTRAW CONGREGATION OF THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN IRELAND
NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS (cont'd)
YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024

9. OTHER EXPENDITURE

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Endowment Funds	Total 2024	Total 2023
	£	£	£	£	£
Investment properties expenses	-	-	-	-	-
Purchase of investments	-	1,210	-	1,210	-
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	-	1,210	-	1,210	-
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10. FIXED ASSETS

The congregation owns the following premises and the associated fixtures, fittings, plant and machinery which have insurance values as follows:

		£
Church Building	4a Deerpark Road, Ardstraw, Co Tyrone, BT78 4LL	2,761,680
Church Hall	4b Deerpark Road, Ardstraw, Co Tyrone, BT78 4LL	1,357,559
Sextons House	4 Deerpark Road, Ardstraw, Co Tyrone, BT78 4LL	206,440
Manse	7 Derg Road, Victoria Bridge, Co Tyrone, BT82 9JW	590,472

		£4,916,151

11. INVESTMENTS

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

	2024	2023
	£	£
General Investment Fund	103,375	97,552
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	103,375	97,552
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ARDSTRAW CONGREGATION OF THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN IRELAND
NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS (cont'd)
YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024

12. FUND BALANCES

Fund	Balance at 1/1/24	Receipts	Payment	Surplus / (Deficit)	Transfer	Balance at 31/12/24
	£	£	£	£	£	£
Unrestricted Funds						
General Fund	14,651	80,054	75,742	4,312	108	19,071
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	14,651	80,054	75,742	4,312	108	19,071
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Restricted Funds						
Property/Building Fund	36,679	18,173	21,440	(3,267)	(2,225)	31,187
Missions and charities	-	11,260	12,757	(1,497)	1,497	-
Missions/Special Funds	1,379	2,391	2,422	(31)	-	1,348
Donations/Bequests	8,479	1,789	-	1,789	-	10,268
PW Funds	657	544	861	(317)	-	340
Girls Brigade	3,624	6,810	6,097	713	(330)	4,007
Bowling Club	4,221	5,637	6,164	(527)	(1,150)	2,544
Youth Council	354	1,915	4,140	(2,225)	2,225	354
Boys Brigade	1,907	5,931	5,295	636	(600)	1,943
Sunday School	3,948	771	1,992	(1,221)	475	3,202
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	61,248	55,221	61,168	(5,947)	(108)	55,193
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Total	75,899	135,275	136,910	(1,635)	-	74,264
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ARDSTRAW CONGREGATION OF THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN IRELAND

**Trustees Annual Report and Financial Statements
for the year ended 31 December 2023**

Registered Charity in Northern Ireland (NIC105590)

ARDSTRAW CONGREGATION OF THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN IRELAND TRUSTEES ANNUAL REPORT

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

REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS

Ardstraw congregation of the Presbyterian Church in Ireland
4 Deerpark Road, Ardstraw, Omagh, Co Tyrone, BT78 4LL

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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

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James Victor Deane	Mervyn Smyth
Raymond James Finlay	William Robert Wallace
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ARDSTRAW CONGREGATION OF THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN IRELAND

TRUSTEES ANNUAL REPORT (cont'd)

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The congregation's mission purpose is to bring people to Jesus, support and nurture the Church family, magnify His name and build up Christians in their faith.

Our vision is, by the grace of God, to be an inclusive, welcoming community of Christ's people of all ages, which:

- is increasingly characterised by love for God, and love and concern for others;
- is committed to the historic Christian gospel as revealed in the Bible;
- is relevant to people of this time and place.

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

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

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

ACTIVITIES AND OBJECTIVES

The congregation meets for worship every Sunday and visitors are welcome to join. The Sacrament of the Lords Supper is observed on 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 and prayer meetings, also from October to April Café Church has been introduced on the second Sunday evening each month. This gives an opportunity for worship in a more informal setting and speakers are invited to give personal testimony and talk about their work. The congregation has a wide range of organisations including

- Sunday School
- Youth Club
- Bowling Club
- Boys' Brigade
- Girls' Brigade
- PW
- Youth Fellowship (Ignite)

ACHIEVEMENTS AND PERFORMANCE

Worship and prayer

The congregation normally meets for worship each Sunday at 11.30am. 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 Sacraments of Baptism, we conducted no marriage services and gave thanks for faithful service and sought to comfort those who had been bereaved during the year.

At 31 December 2023 there were 332 communicant members and 170 families connected with the congregation. The average weekly attendance at morning worship is 82.

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 or elders.

Mission and outreach

At a local level the congregation made donations in excess of £5,000 to various external missions and charities.

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

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

The congregation also contributes to the denominations annual World Development Appeal, Sunday School project and any other special appeals.

Presbytery

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

General Assembly

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

Property

7 Derg Road was purchased as a new manse and has been occupied since March 2022.

Organisations

Bowling Club meets each Tuesday evening.

Girls' Brigade meets each Monday night: Explorers at 6-7pm, Juniors at 7-8pm, Seniors & Brigader's 8-9pm from September to March.

Boys' Brigade meets each week Anchor Boys on Wednesday at 6-7pm, Juniors on Thursday 7-8pm, Company and Seniors on Wednesday 7-9pm.

Youth Fellowship Group (Ignite) meets on the 1st and 3rd Sunday nights of the month.

PW meets on 2nd Thursday of the month from October to April.

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

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 noticeboards, printed material, press advertisement, websites, and social media or in other ways.

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

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

ARDSTRAW 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 159 contributors during the year (155 in previous year, 2022] donating a total of £49,546 (£48,871 in previous year, 2022)

Total Income of the congregation during the year was £132,205, compared to £137,308 in the previous year.

Expenditure decreased from £143,338 to £117,969.

STATEMENT OF TRUSTEE RESPONSIBILITIES

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

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

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

Approved by the Kirk Session at a meeting on *14 October 2022* and signed on its behalf by

David W. Reid

David W. Reid (Minister)

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

We report on the financial statements of Ardstraw Presbyterian Church for the year ended 31 December 2023 which comprise statement of financial activities, 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 financial statements in accordance with the Charities Act (Northern Ireland) 2008. It is our responsibility to:-

- Examine the financial statements under section 65 of the Charities Act (NI) 2008.
- 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 (NI) 2008.
- State whether particular matters have come to our attention.

Basis of independent examiner's report

We have examined your charity financial statements as required under section 65 of the Charities Act (NI) 2008 and our 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 (NI) 2008. The examination included a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the financial statements presented with those records. It also included consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the financial statements and seeking explanations from you as charity trustees concerning any such matters.

Our role is to state whether any material matters have come to our attention giving us cause to believe:

1. That accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 63 of the Charities Act (NI) 2008.
2. That the financial statements do not accord with those accounting records.
3. That the financial statements do not comply with the accounting requirements of the Charities Act (NI) 2008 and with the methods and principles of the Charities Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their financial statements in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland.
4. That there is further information needed for a proper understanding of the financial statements to be reached.

Independent examiner's statement

We have completed our 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, we have found no matters that require drawing to your attention.

McFarland Arnold & Co.

Chartered Accountants

Dated: *14 October 2024*

**McFarland Arnold & Co
Chartered Accountants
8 Main Street
Newtownstewart
Co Tyrone
BT78 4AA**

ARDSTRAW 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	70,318	33,805	-	104,123	116,033
Charitable activities	3	-	25,397	-	25,397	18,588
Other trading activities	4	-	-	-	-	-
Investment Income	5	1,433	645	-	2,078	2,098
Other	6	593	14	-	607	589
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		72,344	59,861	-	132,205	137,308
Sale of Investments		-	-	-	-	-
Sale of fixed assets		-	-	-	-	180,396
Loans Received		-	-	-	-	-
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Total Receipts		72,344	59,861	-	132,205	317,704
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Payments						
Raising funds	7	760	-	-	760	605
Charitable activities	8	69,600	47,609	-	117,209	142,733
Investment costs		-	-	-	-	-
Other	9	-	-	-	-	-
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		70,360	47,609	-	117,969	143,338
Purchase of Investments		-	-	-	-	-
Purchase of fixed assets		-	-	-	-	-
Loan Repayments		-	-	-	-	201,933
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Total Payments		70,360	47,609	-	117,969	345,271
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Net receipts / (payments)		1,984	12,252	-	14,236	(27,567)
Transfers between funds		(1,667)	1,667	-	-	-
Movement in fund value		-	-	-	-	-
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Net movement in funds		317	13,919	-	14,236	(27,567)
Funds brought forward		14,334	47,329	-	61,663	89,230
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Funds carried forward	12	14,651	61,248	-	75,899	61,663
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ARDSTRAW 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	14,334	47,329	-	61,663	89,230
Net movement in funds	317	13,919	-	14,236	(27,567)
Deduct non-cash/bank related endowment funds	-	-	-	-	-
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Bank and Cash at end of year	14,651	61,248	-	75,899	61,663
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Bank & Cash Balances					
Investments – Note 11				-	-
Bank Deposit Accounts				-	-
Bank Current Accounts				75,899	61,663
Cash in Hand				-	-
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				75,899	61,663
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Other Assets					
Fixed Assets – Note 10					
- Church Premises				4,916,151	4,629,144
- Fixtures, Fittings & Equipment				-	-
- Vehicles				-	-
Investments – Note 11				97,552	89,457
Gift Aid receivable on donations				-	-
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				5,013,703	4,718,601
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Liabilities					
Loans				-	-
Other				-	-
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Approved by the Kirk Session at a meeting on *14 October 2024* and signed on its behalf by

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ARDSTRAW CONGREGATION OF THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN IRELAND
NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS
31 December 2023

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

BASIS OF FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

As the total income of the congregation is less than £250,000 the congregation have elected in accordance with the provisions in The Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 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	55,484	23,450	-	79,934	79,430
Loose collections	931	1,205	-	2,136	1,565
Donations and gifts	2,240	2,922	-	5,162	4,365
Gift Aid	11,663	6,228	-	17,891	17,048
Legacies and bequest	-	-	-	-	13,625
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	70,318	33,805	-	104,123	116,033
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ARDSTRAW CONGREGATION OF THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN IRELAND

NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS (cont'd)

31 December 2023

3. CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Endowment Funds	Total 2023	Total 2022
	£	£	£	£	£
Income from charitable activities	-	8,313	-	8,313	10,289
Fees from weddings and funerals	-	-	-	-	-
Fundraising events	-	7,855	-	7,855	-
Membership fees	-	-	-	-	269
Grants	-	9,229	-	9,229	8,030
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	-	25,397	-	25,397	18,588
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4. OTHER TRADING ACTIVITIES

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Endowment Funds	Total 2023	Total 2022
	£	£	£	£	£
Letting of premises	-	-	-	-	-
Trading income	-	-	-	-	-
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	-	-	-	-	-
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5. INVESTMENT INCOME

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Endowment Funds	Total 2023	Total 2022
	£	£	£	£	£
Deposit interest	102	72	-	174	122
General Investment Fund	1,330	573	-	1,903	1,976
Rents investment properties	-	-	-	-	-
Other investment income	-	-	-	-	-
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	1,432	645	-	2,077	2,098
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ARDSTRAW CONGREGATION OF THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN IRELAND

NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS (cont'd)

31 December 2023

6. OTHER INCOME

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Endowment Funds	Total 2023	Total 2022
	£	£	£	£	£
Insurance claims	-	-	-	-	-
Other income	593	14	-	607	589
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	593	14	-	607	589
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7. RAISING FUNDS

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Endowment Funds	Total 2023	Total 2022
	£	£	£	£	£
FWO envelopes	760	-	-	760	605
Fundraising events	-	-	-	-	-
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	760	-	-	760	605
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8. CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Endowment Funds	Total 2023	Total 2022
	£	£	£	£	£
General Assembly Assessments	15,319	-	-	15,319	14,432
Presbytery fees	448	-	-	448	388
Ministry and support staff costs	34,765	-	-	34,765	31,866
Congregational running expenses	18,492	20,105	-	38,597	43,898
Donations to Missions and charities	-	27,504	-	27,504	51,621
Governance costs	576	-	-	576	528
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	69,600	47,609	-	117,209	142,733
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ARDSTRAW CONGREGATION OF THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN IRELAND
NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS (cont'd)

31 December 2023

9. OTHER EXPENDITURE

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Endowment Funds	Total 2023	Total 2022
	£	£	£	£	£
Investment properties expenses	-	-	-	-	-
New manse	-	-	-	-	-
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10. FIXED ASSETS

The congregation owns the following premises and the associated fixtures, fittings, plant and machinery which have insurance values as follows:

		£
Church Building	4a Deerpark Road, Ardstraw, Co Tyrone, BT78 4LL	2,761,680
Church Hall	4b Deerpark Road, Ardstraw, Co Tyrone, BT78 4LL	1,357,559
Sextons House	4 Deerpark Road, Ardstraw, Co Tyrone, BT78 4LL	206,440
Manse	7 Derg Road, Victoria Bridge, Co Tyrone, BT82 9JW	590,472

		4,916,151

11. INVESTMENTS

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

	2023 £	2022 £
General Investment Fund	97,552	89,457
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	97,552	89,457
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ARDSTRAW CONGREGATION OF THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN IRELAND
NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS (cont'd)

31 December 2023

12. FUND BALANCES

Fund	Balance at start	Receipts	Payment	Surplus / (Deficit)	Transfer	Balance at end
	£	£	£	£	£	£
Unrestricted Funds						
General Fund	14,334	72,344	70,360	1,984	(1,667)	14,651
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	14,334	72,344	70,360	1,984	(1,667)	14,651
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Restricted Funds						
Property/Building Fund	26,356	15,755	5,432	10,323	-	36,679
Missions and charities	-	18,566	22,243	(3,677)	3,677	-
Missions/Special Funds	311	5,717	4,649	1,068	-	1,379
Donations/Bequests	8,412	67	-	67	-	8,479
PW Funds	525	426	294	132	-	657
Girls Brigade	3,243	5,384	4,653	731	(350)	3,624
Bowling Club	2,894	7,976	6,149	1,827	(500)	4,221
Youth Council	58	296	-	296	-	354
Boys Brigade	2,957	3,765	3,655	110	(1,160)	1,907
Sunday School	2,573	1,909	534	1,375	-	3,948
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	47,329	59,861	47,609	12,252	1,667	61,248
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Total	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----
	61,663	132,205	117,969	14,236	-	75,899
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Ardstraw Congregation of the Presbyterian Church in Ireland

Northern Ireland - Charity number 105590

Annual report

ARDSTRAW CONGREGATION OF THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN IRELAND TRUSTEES ANNUAL REPORT

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

REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS

Ardstraw congregation of the Presbyterian Church in Ireland
4 Deerpark Road, Ardstraw, Omagh, Co Tyrone, BT78 4LL

Registered Charity in Northern Ireland (NIC105590)

CHARITY TRUSTEES

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

David William Reid	Victor Noel Magee
Robert Oliver (Ivor) McFarland	Oliver Edward Stevenson
James Victor Deane	Mervyn Smyth
Raymond James Finlay	William Robert Wallace
Samuel Stevenson	Terence Atcheson (appointed 15 October 2023)
Terence Moore (appointed 15 October 2023)	Trevor Galbraith (appointed 15 October 2023)

PRINCIPAL OFFICE BEARERS

Minister	David William Reid
Clerk of Session	Robert Oliver (Ivor) McFarland
Treasurer	William Robert Wallace

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ARDSTRAW CONGREGATION OF THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN IRELAND

TRUSTEES ANNUAL REPORT (cont'd)

STRUCTURE AND MANAGEMENT

The Kirk Session

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

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

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

ACTIVITIES AND OBJECTIVES

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ACHIEVEMENTS AND PERFORMANCE

Worship and prayer

The congregation normally meets for worship each Sunday at 11.30am. 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 Sacraments of Baptism, we conducted no marriage services and gave thanks for faithful service and sought to comfort those who had been bereaved during the year.

At 31 December 2023 there were 332 communicant members and 170 families connected with the congregation. The average weekly attendance at morning worship is 82.

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 or elders.

Mission and outreach

At a local level the congregation made donations in excess of £5,000 to various external missions and charities.

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

The congregation also contributes to the denominations annual World Development Appeal, Sunday School project and any other special appeals.

Presbytery

The congregation was represented at the regular meetings of Presbytery by our minister and / or 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, in June.

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7 Derg Road was purchased as a new manse and has been occupied since March 2022.

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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.

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

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

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

ARDSTRAW 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 159 contributors during the year (155 in previous year, 2022] donating a total of £49,546 (£48,871 in previous year, 2022)

Total Income of the congregation during the year was £132,205, compared to £137,308 in the previous year.

Expenditure decreased from £143,338 to £117,969.

STATEMENT OF TRUSTEE RESPONSIBILITIES

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

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

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

Approved by the Kirk Session at a meeting on *14 October 2022* and signed on its behalf by

David W. Reid

David W. Reid (Minister)

Robert Oliver (Ivor) McFarland

Robert Oliver (Ivor) McFarland

Ardstraw Congregation of the Presbyterian Church in Ireland

Northern Ireland - Charity number 105590

Annual return

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

We report on the financial statements of Ardstraw Presbyterian Church for the year ended 31 December 2023 which comprise statement of financial activities, 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 financial statements in accordance with the Charities Act (Northern Ireland) 2008. It is our responsibility to:-

- Examine the financial statements under section 65 of the Charities Act (NI) 2008.
- 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 (NI) 2008.
- State whether particular matters have come to our attention.

Basis of independent examiner's report

We have examined your charity financial statements as required under section 65 of the Charities Act (NI) 2008 and our 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 (NI) 2008. The examination included a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the financial statements presented with those records. It also included consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the financial statements and seeking explanations from you as charity trustees concerning any such matters.

Our role is to state whether any material matters have come to our attention giving us cause to believe:

1. That accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 63 of the Charities Act (NI) 2008.
2. That the financial statements do not accord with those accounting records.
3. That the financial statements do not comply with the accounting requirements of the Charities Act (NI) 2008 and with the methods and principles of the Charities Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their financial statements in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland.
4. That there is further information needed for a proper understanding of the financial statements to be reached.

Independent examiner's statement

We have completed our 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, we have found no matters that require drawing to your attention.

McFarland Arnold & Co.

Chartered Accountants

Dated: *14 October 2024*

McFarland Arnold & Co
Chartered Accountants
8 Main Street
Newtownstewart
Co Tyrone
BT78 4AA

Accounts

ARDSTRAW 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 (NIC105590)

ARDSTRAW 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

Ardstraw congregation of the Presbyterian Church in Ireland
4 Deerpark Road, Ardstraw, Omagh, Co Tyrone, BT78 4LL

Registered Charity in Northern Ireland (NIC105590)

CHARITY TRUSTEES

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

David William Reid	Victor Noel Magee
Robert Oliver (Ivor) McFarland	Oliver Edward Stevenson
James Victor Deane	Mervyn Smyth
Raymond James Finlay	William Robert Wallace
Samuel Stevenson	Terence Atcheson (appointed 15 October 2023)
Terence Moore (appointed 15 October 2023)	Trevor Galbraith (appointed 15 October 2023)

PRINCIPAL OFFICE BEARERS

Minister	David William Reid
Clerk of Session	Robert Oliver (Ivor) McFarland
Treasurer	William Robert Wallace

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ARDSTRAW 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 Sessions has delegated to its Congregational Committee the temporal affairs of the congregation including administering all funds and property belonging to the congregation. Members of the Kirk Session are ex-officio members of the Congregational Committee.

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

Stated meetings of the Kirk session are held monthly except December, July and August.

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

Presbytery

Under the Presbyterian Church in Ireland form of governance the corporate oversight of a congregation is the responsibility of a Presbytery which superintends generally the spiritual and temporal affairs of the congregations assigned to it by the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in Ireland. Ardstraw 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.

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

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.

DESCRIPTION AND PURPOSE

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

Ardstraw 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 purpose is to bring people to Jesus, support and nurture the Church family, magnify His name and build up Christians in their faith.

Our vision is, by the grace of God, to be an inclusive, welcoming community of Christ's people of all ages, which:

- is increasingly characterised by love for God, and love and concern for others;
- is committed to the historic Christian gospel as revealed in the Bible;
- is relevant to people of this time and place.

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

- A Covenant Community: where our relationships are rooted in the promises of God by living faithfully toward him and toward one another
- An Intergenerational Community: where adults intentionally take the lead to engage with, encourage and nurture younger members to maturity in Christ.
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ARDSTRAW 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 155 contributors during the year (161 in previous year, 2021] donating a total of £48,871 (£46,813 in previous year, 2021)

Total Income of the congregation during the year was £137,308, compared to £109,439 in the previous year.

Expenditure increased from £75,348 to £143,338.

During the year the manse was sold for £180,396 which is shown separately under sale of fixed assets. The loan received in 2021 to purchase the new manse was fully repaid.

STATEMENT OF TRUSTEE RESPONSIBILITIES

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

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Approved by the Kirk Session at a meeting on 6/11/2023 and signed on its behalf by

David W. Reid (Minister)

David W. Reid

Robert Oliver (Ivor) McFarland (Clerk of Session)

Robert M^c Farland

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

We report on the financial statements of Ardstraw Presbyterian Church for the year ended 31 December 2022 which comprise statement of financial activities, statement of assets and liabilities and the related notes.

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Basis of independent examiner's report

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4. That there is further information needed for a proper understanding of the financial statements to be reached.

Independent examiner's statement

We have completed our 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, we have found no matters that require drawing to your attention.

McFarland Arnold & Co.

Chartered Accountants

Dated: *11 December 2023.*

**McFarland Arnold & Co
Chartered Accountants
8 Main Street
Newtownstewart
Co Tyrone
BT78 4AA**

ARDSTRAW 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	79,925	36,108	-	116,033	102,257
Charitable activities	3	-	18,588	-	18,588	4,581
Other trading activities	4	-	-	-	-	-
Investment Income	5	1,496	602	-	2,098	2,233
Other	6	589	-	-	589	368
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		82,010	55,298	-	137,308	109,439
Sale of Investments		-	-	-	-	-
Sale of fixed assets		-	180,396	-	180,396	-
Loans Received		-	-	-	-	200,000
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Total Receipts		82,010	235,694	-	317,704	309,439
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Payments						
Raising funds	7	605	-	-	605	896
Charitable activities	8	65,242	77,491	-	142,733	74,452
Investment costs		-	-	-	-	-
Other	9	-	-	-	-	-
		-----	-----	-----	-----	-----
		65,847	77,491	-	143,338	75,348
Purchase of Investments		-	-	-	-	-
Purchase of fixed assets		-	-	-	-	295,000
Loan Repayments		-	201,933	-	201,933	585
		-----	-----	-----	-----	-----
Total Payments		65,847	279,424	-	345,271	370,933
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Net receipts / (payments)		16,163	(43,730)	-	(27,567)	(61,494)
Transfers between funds		(13,272)	13,272	-	-	-
Movement in fund value		-	-	-	-	-
		-----	-----	-----	-----	-----
Net movement in funds		2,891	(30,458)	-	(27,567)	(61,494)
Funds brought forward		11,443	77,787	-	89,230	150,724
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Funds carried forward	12	14,334	47,329	-	61,663	89,230
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ARDSTRAW 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	11,443	77,787	-	89,230	150,724
Net movement in funds	2,891	(30,458)	-	(27,567)	(61,494)
Deduct non-cash/bank related endowment funds	-	-	-	-	-
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Bank and Cash at end of year	14,334	47,329	-	61,663	89,230
	=====	=====	=====	=====	=====
Bank & Cash Balances					
Investments – Note 11				-	-
Bank Deposit Accounts				-	-
Bank Current Accounts				61,663	89,230
Cash in Hand				-	-
				-----	-----
				61,663	89,230
				=====	=====
Other Assets					
Fixed Assets – Note 10					
- Church Premises				4,629,144	4,312,818
- Fixtures, Fittings & Equipment				-	-
- Vehicles				-	-
Investments – Note 11				89,457	97,469
Gift Aid receivable on donations				-	-
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				4,718,601	4,410,287
				=====	=====
Liabilities					
Loans				-	199,891
Other				-	-
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				-	199,891
				=====	=====

Approved by the Kirk Session at a meeting on 6/11/2023 and signed on its behalf by

David W. Reid (Minister)

David W. Reid.

Robert Oliver (Ivor) McFarland (Clerk of Session)

Robert O. McFarland.

ARDSTRAW CONGREGATION OF THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN IRELAND
NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS
31 December 2022

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

BASIS OF FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

As the total income of the congregation is less than £250,000 the congregation have elected in accordance with the provisions in The Charities (Accounts and Reports Regulations (Northern Ireland) 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	54,398	25,032	-	79,430	79,910
Loose collections	399	1,166	-	1,565	233
Donations and gifts	600	3,765	-	4,365	1,110
Gift Aid	10,903	6,145	-	17,048	13,780
Legacies and bequest	13,625	-	-	13,625	7,224
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	79,925	36,108	-	116,033	102,257
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ARDSTRAW CONGREGATION OF THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN IRELAND

NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS

31 December 2022

3. CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Endowment Funds	Total 2022	Total 2021
	£	£	£	£	£
Income from charitable activities	-	10,289	-	10,289	282
Fees from weddings and funerals	-	-	-	-	-
Fundraising events	-	-	-	-	-
Membership fees	-	269	-	269	75
Grants	-	8,030	-	8,030	4,224
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	-	18,588	-	18,588	4,581
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4. OTHER TRADING ACTIVITIES

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Endowment Funds	Total 2022	Total 2021
	£	£	£	£	£
Letting of premises	-	-	-	-	-
Trading income	-	-	-	-	-
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	-	-	-	-	-
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5. INVESTMENT INCOME

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Endowment Funds	Total 2022	Total 2021
	£	£	£	£	£
Deposit interest	114	8	-	122	331
General Investment Fund	1,382	594	-	1,976	1,902
Rents investment properties	-	-	-	-	-
Other investment income	-	-	-	-	-
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	1,496	602	-	2,098	2,233
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ARDSTRAW CONGREGATION OF THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN IRELAND

NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS (cont'd)

31 December 2022

6. OTHER INCOME

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Endowment Funds	Total 2022	Total 2021
	£	£	£	£	£
Insurance claims	-	-	-	-	-
Other income	589	-	-	589	368
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	589	-	-	589	368
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7. RAISING FUNDS

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Endowment Funds	Total 2022	Total 2021
	£	£	£	£	£
FWO envelopes	605	-	-	605	896
Fundraising events	-	-	-	-	-
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	605	-	-	605	896
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8. CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Endowment Funds	Total 2022	Total 2021
	£	£	£	£	£
General Assembly Assessments	14,432	-	-	14,432	14,314
Presbytery fees	388	-	-	388	382
Ministry and support staff costs	31,866	-	-	31,866	30,872
Congregational running expenses	18,028	25,870	-	43,898	18,500
Donations to Missions and charities	-	51,621	-	51,621	9,904
Governance costs	528	-	-	528	480
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	65,242	77,491		142,733	74,452
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NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS (cont'd)

31 December 2022

9. OTHER EXPENDITURE

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Endowment Funds	Total 2022	Total 2021
	£	£	£	£	£
Investment properties expenses	-	-	-	-	-
New manse	-	-	-	-	-
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10. FIXED ASSETS

The congregation owns the following premises and the associated fixtures, fittings, plant and machinery which have insurance values as follows:

		£
Church Building	4a Deerpark Road, Ardstraw, Co Tyrone, BT78 4LL	2,600,452
Church Hall	4b Deerpark Road, Ardstraw, Co Tyrone, BT78 4LL	1,278,304
Sextons House	4 Deerpark Road, Ardstraw, Co Tyrone, BT78 4LL	194,388
Manse	7 Derg Road, Victoria Bridge, Co Tyrone, BT82 9JW	556,000

		4,629,144

11. INVESTMENTS

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

	2022 £	2021 £
General Investment Fund	89,457	97,469
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ARDSTRAW CONGREGATION OF THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN IRELAND

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31 December 2022

12. FUND BALANCES

Fund	Balance at start	Receipts	Payment	Surplus / (Deficit)	Transfer	Balance at end
	£	£	£	£	£	£
Unrestricted Funds						
General Fund	11,443	82,010	65,847	16,163	(13,272)	14,334
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	11,443	82,010	65,847	16,163	(13,272)	14,334
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Restricted Funds						
Property/Building Fund	47,932	200,719	217,295	(16,576)	(5,000)	26,356
Missions and charities	-	9,786	11,759	(1,973)	1,973	-
Missions/Special Funds	1,890	7,113	40,192	(33,079)	31,500	311
Donations/Bequests	14,753	1,034	-	1,034	(7,375)	8,412
PW Funds	968	190	633	(443)	-	525
Girls Brigade	909	6,093	3,409	2,684	(350)	3,243
Bowling Club	1,942	3,634	1,682	1,952	(1,000)	2,894
Youth Council	7,102	1,345	2,463	(1,118)	(5,926)	58
Boys Brigade	218	4,929	1,640	3,289	(550)	2,957
Sunday School	2,073	851	351	500	-	2,573
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	77,787	235,694	279,424	(43,730)	13,272	77,787
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Total	89,230	317,704	345,271	(27,567)	-	61,663
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Ardstraw Congregation of the Presbyterian Church in Ireland

Northern Ireland - Charity number 105590

Annual report

ARDSTRAW 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

Ardstraw congregation of the Presbyterian Church in Ireland
4 Deerpark Road, Ardstraw, Omagh, Co Tyrone, BT78 4LL

Registered Charity in Northern Ireland (NIC105590)

CHARITY TRUSTEES

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

David William Reid	Victor Noel Magee
Robert Oliver (Ivor) McFarland	Oliver Edward Stevenson
James Victor Deane	Mervyn Smyth
Raymond James Finlay	William Robert Wallace
Samuel Stevenson	Terence Atcheson (appointed 15 October 2023)
Terence Moore (appointed 15 October 2023)	Trevor Galbraith (appointed 15 October 2023)

PRINCIPAL OFFICE BEARERS

Minister	David William Reid
Clerk of Session	Robert Oliver (Ivor) McFarland
Treasurer	William Robert Wallace

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ARDSTRAW 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 Sessions has delegated to its Congregational Committee the temporal affairs of the congregation including administering all funds and property belonging to the congregation. Members of the Kirk Session are ex-officio members of the Congregational Committee.

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

Stated meetings of the Kirk session are held monthly except December, July and August.

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

Presbytery

Under the Presbyterian Church in Ireland form of governance the corporate oversight of a congregation is the responsibility of a Presbytery which superintends generally the spiritual and temporal affairs of the congregations assigned to it by the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in Ireland. Ardstraw 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.

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

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.

DESCRIPTION AND PURPOSE

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

Ardstraw 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 purpose is to bring people to Jesus, support and nurture the Church family, magnify His name and build up Christians in their faith.

Our vision is, by the grace of God, to be an inclusive, welcoming community of Christ's people of all ages, which:

- is increasingly characterised by love for God, and love and concern for others;
- is committed to the historic Christian gospel as revealed in the Bible;
- is relevant to people of this time and place.

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

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

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

ACTIVITIES AND OBJECTIVES

The congregation meets for worship every Sunday and visitors are welcome to join. The Sacrament of the Lords Supper is observed on 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 and prayer meetings, also from October to April Café Church has been introduced on the second Sunday evening each month. This gives an opportunity for worship in a more informal setting and speakers are invited to give personal testimony and talk about their work. The congregation has a wide range of organisations including

- Sunday School
- Youth Club
- Bowling Club
- Boys' Brigade
- Girls' Brigade
- PW
- Youth Fellowship (Ignite)

ACHIEVEMENTS AND PERFORMANCE

Worship and prayer

The congregation normally meets for worship each Sunday at 11.30am. 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 8 Sacraments of Baptism, we conducted 3 marriage services and gave thanks for faithful service and sought to comfort those who had been bereaved during the year.

At 31 December 2022 there were 332 communicant members and 172 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 or elders.

Mission and outreach

At a local level the congregation made donations in excess of £5,000 to various external missions and charities.

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

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

The congregation also contributes to the denominations annual World Development Appeal, Sunday School project and any other special appeals.

Presbytery

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

General Assembly

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

Property

7 Derg Road was purchased as a new manse and has been occupied since March 2022.

Organisations

Youth Club meets on a Saturday evening from 8.00 - 10.30pm from September to March.

Bowling Club meets each Tuesday evening.

Girls' Brigade meets each Monday night: Explorers at 5.30 – 6.30pm, Juniors at 6.15 – 7.30pm, Seniors & Brigader's 7.30 – 9.00pm from September to March.

Boys' Brigade meets each week Anchor Boys on Tuesday at 6.30pm, Juniors on Thursday 6.30 – 8.00pm, Company and Seniors on Wednesday 7.00 – 9.00pm.

Youth Fellowship Group (Ignite) meets on the 1st and 3rd Sunday nights of the month.

PW meets on 2nd Thursday of the month from October to April.

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

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 noticeboards, printed material, press advertisement, websites, and social media or in other ways.

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

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

ARDSTRAW 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 155 contributors during the year (161 in previous year, 2021] donating a total of £48,871 (£46,813 in previous year, 2021)

Total Income of the congregation during the year was £137,308, compared to £109,439 in the previous year.

Expenditure increased from £75,348 to £143,338.

During the year the manse was sold for £180,396 which is shown separately under sale of fixed assets. The loan received in 2021 to purchase the new manse was fully repaid.

STATEMENT OF TRUSTEE RESPONSIBILITIES

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

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

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

Approved by the Kirk Session at a meeting on 6/11/2023 and signed on its behalf by

David W. Reid (Minister)

David W. Reid

Robert Oliver (Ivor) McFarland (Clerk of Session)

Robert M^c Farland

Ardstraw Congregation of the Presbyterian Church in Ireland

Northern Ireland - Charity number 105590

Annual return

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

We report on the financial statements of Ardstraw Presbyterian Church for the year ended 31 December 2022 which comprise statement of financial activities, 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 financial statements in accordance with the Charities Act (Northern Ireland) 2008. It is our responsibility to:-

- Examine the financial statements under section 65 of the Charities Act (NI) 2008.
- 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 (NI) 2008.
- State whether particular matters have come to our attention.

Basis of independent examiner's report

We have examined your charity financial statements as required under section 65 of the Charities Act (NI) 2008 and our 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 (NI) 2008. The examination included a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the financial statements presented with those records. It also included consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the financial statements and seeking explanations from you as charity trustees concerning any such matters.

Our role is to state whether any material matters have come to our attention giving us cause to believe:

1. That accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 63 of the Charities Act (NI) 2008.
2. That the financial statements do not accord with those accounting records.
3. That the financial statements do not comply with the accounting requirements of the Charities Act (NI) 2008 and with the methods and principles of the Charities Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their financial statements in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland.
4. That there is further information needed for a proper understanding of the financial statements to be reached.

Independent examiner's statement

We have completed our 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, we have found no matters that require drawing to your attention.

McFarland Arnold & Co.

Chartered Accountants

Dated: *11 December 2023.*

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