

# Upper Andersonstown Community Forum

Northern Ireland · Charity number 105782

## Details

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**Known as** Tullymore Community Centre

**Status** Received

**Registered** 2018-02-02

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

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## Activities

**Purposes:** OBJECTS 4. The Charity's objects ("Objects") are specifically restricted to the following:- To promote the benefit of the inhabitants of Upper Andersonstown and surrounding district (the "area of benefit") without distinction of sex, sexual orientation, age, race, ethnicity, or political, religious or other opinion by associating with the statutory authorities, voluntary and community organisations and inhabitants in a common effort to: (a) advance community development and, in particular, the promotion of the community and voluntary sector for the benefit of the public by providing support, information, services, facilities and amenities to community and voluntary groups and encouraging such organisations to co-operate to achieve their aims; (b) provide and maintain a Forum where member organisations can join together to find mutual support, exchange views, share common issues and information, create a collective voice for the community and voluntary sector and work in partnership with statutory agencies and authorities; (c) relieve those in need by reason of youth, age, ill-health, disability, financial hardship or other disadvantage; (d) advance education and training and promote the physical, intellectual and social development of young children, including by means of early years intervention to build the capacity of individuals, families and communities; (e) advance health and promote participation in healthy recreation; (f) promote the arts, culture and heritage; (g) advance environmental protection and improvement; (h) promote good community relations, religious and racial harmony and equality and diversity; (i) provide facilities in the interests of social welfare for recreation and other leisure time occupations with the object of improving the conditions of life for the said inhabitants; (j) promote the social economy and social enterprises within the area of benefit for the benefit of the general public

**What the charity does:** The advancement of education,The advancement of education,The advancement of religion,The advancement of health or the saving of lives,The advancement of citizenship or community development,The advancement of the arts, culture, heritage or science,The advancement of human rights, conflict resolution or reconciliation or the promotion of religious or racial harmony or equality and diversity,The advancement of environmental protection or improvement,The relief of those in need by reason of youth, age, ill-health, disability, financial hardship or other disadvantage,Other charitable purposes

**How the charity works:** Community development,Community enterprise,Education/training,Playgroup/after schools,Relief of poverty,Volunteer development,Youth development

**Who the charity helps:** Adult training,Children (5-13 year olds),Older people,Parents,Preschool (0-5 year olds),Unemployed/low income,Volunteers,Women,Youth (14-25 year olds)

## Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-03-31	£783,964	£829,313	£-21,757	26

## Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Mr Barney Kane		
Mr Dominic Mooney		
Mr Gerard Meehan		
Mr Sean Lennon		
Mr William Groves		
Ms Christine Mc Donagh		
Ms Emma Groves		
Ms Margaret Lawlor		
Ms Martha Lavery		
Ms Nuala Hutton		

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# Accounts

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REGISTERED COMPANY NUMBER: NI032258 (Northern Ireland)  
REGISTERED CHARITY NUMBER: NIC105782

**Report of the Trustees and**  
**Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 March 2025**

**for**

**Upper Andersonstown Community Forum Ltd**  
**(A Company Limited by Guarantee)**

Lynn Drake & Co Ltd  
Statutory Auditors  
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**Upper Andersonstown Community Forum Ltd**

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**for the Year Ended 31 March 2025**

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**Reference and Administrative Details**  
**for the Year Ended 31 March 2025**

**TRUSTEES**

Barney Kane  
William Groves  
Sean Lennon  
Emma Groves  
Gerard Meehan  
Angela Mervyn (resigned 8/5/2024)  
Dominic Mooney  
Michelle Kelly (resigned 16/5/2025)  
Christine McDonagh  
Martha Lavery (appointed 2/5/2025)  
Margaret Lawlor (appointed 2/5/2025)

**COMPANY SECRETARY**

Nuala Hutton

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**KEY PERSONNEL**

Chief Executive Officer - Michael George  
Finance Manager - Aine Maguire

**Upper Andersonstown Community Forum Ltd**

**Report of the Trustees**  
**for the Year Ended 31 March 2025**

The trustees who are also directors of the charity for the purposes of the Companies Act 2006, present their report with the financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31 March 2025. The trustees have adopted the provisions of Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019).

## Upper Andersonstown Community Forum Ltd

### Report of the Trustees for the Year Ended 31 March 2025

#### **OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES**

##### **Objectives and aims**

###### **Vision**

The Upper Andersonstown Neighbourhood is a dynamic and inclusive community providing opportunities for all ages of people to become actively involved in raising the quality of life for all the residents, through community and economic regeneration of the area.

###### **Aims**

'To increase participation of local people in community development by creating developmental Opportunities through the provision of inclusive, quality services which have life- long benefits for the community.'

###### **Strategic Plan**

UACF led an in-depth Community Support Plan in place with the support of all our key stakeholders relating to the organisation. The objectives of our Strategic Plan include:

1. Building a robust business model with social values at its core  
Key Strategic Aim - To enhance the social economy, organizational and financial mode.
2. Supporting Families - Supporting Children  
Key Strategic Aim - To support families by providing the highest quality, professional care, and educational development
3. Releasing the potential of all our young people  
Key Strategic Aim - Young people will be supported to achieve their full potential
4. Working, learning and living here  
Key Strategic Aim - To support adults with their lifelong learning, employability and health journey
5. Positively support people to live actively as they age  
Key Strategic Aim - To enhance the life experience for people to age well
6. Supporting Communities through a community development approach  
Key Strategic Aim - To support communities in the economic, social and physical regeneration and ensure our organisation supports those in most need, during the cost of living crisis.

###### **Strategic Theme 1 - Building a robust business model with social values at its core**

###### **Key Strategic Aim**

To enhance the social economy, organizational and financial model  
Key strategic objectives are:

To achieve the ISO 9001:2015 quality standards

- I. To centralise all policy, procedures and operational frameworks
- II. To continue with the inspire and professionalise the staff and management committee
- III. To increase the social economy income of the organisation

###### **Key Outcomes 2022-25**

- I. To have accredited quality standards - ISO 9001 Standards
- II. To increase the social economy business to generate 50% of the organisational income
- III. All staff to be paid living wage.

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#### **Strategic Theme 2 - Supporting Families - Supporting Children**

##### Key Strategic Aim

To support families by providing the highest quality, professional care, and educational development.

##### Key strategic objectives are:

Providing the highest quality of Childcare to ensure each child meets their personalise developmental milestone

- I. To offer families affordable Daycare
- II. To support children at each stage of their transition
- III. To provide a rich communication for learning and development
- IV. All staff to be trained in the most up to update techniques for child development.

##### Key Outcomes 2022-25

- I. To achieve the All-Ireland Centre of Excellence
- II. All senior daycare staff to have achieved their level 5 in CCLD
- III. An outcomes score card will be developed to showcase child development milestones
- IV. A sustainability model will be developed and implemented.

#### **Strategic Theme 3 - Releasing the potential of all our young people**

##### Key Strategic Aim

Young people will be supported to achieve their full potential

##### Key strategic objectives are:

- I. Supporting young people's physical and mental health
- II. To create fun and enjoyable leisure and play programmes
- III. Young people will enjoy learning and achieving
- IV. Young people will be encouraged to make positive contribution to society
- V. Young people will know their rights
- VI. Promote equality and good relations with young people.

##### Key Outcomes 2022-25

- I. Young people will be more confident
- II. Young people will experience summer and seasonal educational, health and recreational programmes
- III. More young people will be supported with learning and achieving
- IV. To reduce the Impact, the recent Pandemic and cost of living crisis had on our youths mental wellbeing
- V. To secure Education Authority core funding.

#### **Strategic Theme 4 - Working, learning and living here.**

##### Key Strategic Aim

To support adults with their lifelong learning, employability and health journey.

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Key strategic objectives are:

- I. To provide the highest lifelong learning opportunities for adults
- II. To support and signpost adults into employment
- III. To reduce health inequalities
- IV. To provide additional support for those most affected by food and fuel poverty.

Key Outcomes 2022-25

- I. To deliver high quality literacy, numeracy and ICT programmes
- II. To support adults into employment
- III. To deliver both mental and physical health programmes
- IV. To provide high quality lifelong learning initiatives.

#### **Strategic Theme 5 - Positively support people to live actively as they age**

Key Strategic Aim

To enhance the life experience for people to age well

Key strategic objectives are:

- I. To provide a range of services to combat social isolation
- II. To listen and reflect the views of older people to local and central government
- III. To support older people living in poverty
- IV. To provide a range of active aging programmes
- V. Older people have better access to statutory, voluntary and community services.

Key Outcomes 2022-25

- I. To reduce social isolation
- II. To develop a social economy model for people who have access to self-directed payments
- III. To build pathways to support older people in all aspects of their lives.

#### **Strategic Theme 6 - Supporting Communities through a community development approach.**

Key Strategic Aim

To support communities in the economic, social and physical regeneration.

Key strategic objectives are:

- I. To develop the Andersonstown Neighbourhood Partnerships membership, vision and operational plans
- II. To ensure capital programmes are designed and developed in partnership with local communities
- III. To respond to government policies and consultations
- IV. To promote UACF by sitting on a range of boards which will enhance the lives of the residents
- V. To develop seasonal programmes across the Andersonstown area such as Christmas, St Patrick's Day, Halloween, Summer
- VI. To lobby for additional resources for the Andersonstown area

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VII. To support community interest groups who support residents including people from across section 75 groups.

VIII. To Support The Development of Andersonstown /Glen Road area

#### Key Outcomes 2022-25

I. To support residents through physical regeneration projects

II. To work closely with government to develop an anti-poverty strategy

III. To work with community, voluntary and statutory partners to bring additional resources into the area.

The underlying principle of the Forum is inclusiveness and this ethos is translated into practice throughout the entire organisation and is reflected in the provision of quality services for children with special needs. In physical terms the building is designed to be fully accessible for people with disabilities thereby ensuring full inclusion of all members of the community.

#### **Principal Activities**

The UACF was formed in 1995 and is a community led, community driven organisation that has developed and succeeded in delivering a comprehensive Community Development Strategy for over 25 years.

The Forum has a sound record in managing projects, we provide a comprehensive range of Community and Family Support Services including, Social Economy Day-care provision, Youth Services, Youth Training and Employment Scheme, Essential Skills Programme for parents and long termed unemployed, ICT Training, Training Placements, Employment support Programme, support programme for People with disabilities, community education programme and the Utopia older people's project..

The UACF are the Lead and Accountable Agency for the Andersonstown Neighbourhood Renewal Partnership and the chair of the Outer West Sure Start and a member of the local Family Support Hub.

The Forum operates a Financial Management System based on NI audit Green Book guidance and ESF guidelines and criteria. The Forum works to support the Belfast City Council Community Plan and the DfC People in Place Strategy. We work in partnership with a wide variety of government departments, statutory bodies and community and voluntary bodies.

The Upper Andersonstown Community Forum are the Lead and Accountable Agency for Andersonstown Neighbourhood Renewal Partnership which is the delivery agent of Neighbourhood Renewal in the Greater Andersonstown Area and are in a working partnership with all other West Belfast Neighbourhood Renewal Partnerships to implement area action plans in conjunction with Department of Communities.

The Department of Communities is the lead department in relation to Neighbourhood Renewal strategy across the region. The Community Empowerment Divisions of the Department of Communities is specifically tasked with ensuring that the City's most deprived communities are regenerated through targeting the most acute areas of deprivation, leveraging mainstream funding, empowering local communities and developing innovative partnerships.

The UACF has brought to the ANP a track record of experience in community development and accessed additional extra funding for a range of community projects.

The UACF is tasked to work with the ANP to implement the current Neighbourhood Renewal Action Plan for the greater Andersonstown / Glen Road area. In this last year, Upper Andersonstown Community Forum continued to have an ongoing positive impact in our community.

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### **Report of the Trustees** **for the Year Ended 31 March 2025**

The UACF in 2024/25, despite the challenges of the austerity agenda and the negative impact of THE Cost of Living crisis, continued to deliver real and significant benefits to the community. The Upper Andersonstown Community Forum worked through a very challenging and productive year, and we continue to deliver services to our local community namely, (UTOPIA) Older Peoples Services, Youth services, Daycare, Afterschool's, Tullymore Women's groups, Syrian family support group, training services and Welfare & Advice support.

Throughout 2024/25 the Forum was involved in dealing with the realities of the cost of living crisis and the strain socially, economically and mentally it had on our local people. We continued our partnership with The National Energy Agency, Bryson House and the Belfast City Council and facilitated the distribution of fuel Hardship vouchers to the most vulnerable, while providing a "Warm Hub" facility for our seniors.

Over the last year, we have continued supporting those most affected by the ongoing cost of living crisis and formed a stronger partnership with Housing providers across the Greater Andersonstown area. We delivered a very well attended summer scheme (over 100 young people and oversubscribed) alongside summer activities for our seniors, with shopping trips, centre based art and creativity classes. Following last summer's hate crimes and racist attacks in South Belfast, we provided logistical and practical support to our Newcomer community, providing a welcoming hub to those, mainly from the Syrian community. All in all, a very productive year.

#### **Supporting Families - Supporting Children**

Over the past 12 months had a very successful year in supporting the emotional, physical and social well-being of children using our facility. Our dedicated and professional team worked tirelessly with families and children to provide the highest quality and services, support and care.

We successfully delivered upon our social services contracts which helped support children to reach their milestones and provide a safe, caring and developmental setting.

We worked with our partners in Outer West Sure Start to support families with young children. We have the pleasure to sit on the management committee to help design and deliver support to families most in need from within the area.

Through our Outer West Sure Start contract, we delivered upon our programme for 2 year olds which seen us supporting children to reach their developmental milestones and support parents with the challenges which they face as parents.

Through our Afterschool provision, we were able to help and support children in Key stage 1 and 2, and also to have a fun, social and educational experience.

The holistic approach we adopt in supporting the entire family unit helps to support both the child and parent/guardian to reach their potential.

#### **Releasing the potential of all our young people.**

We continued to be supported by the Education. We want to thank our funders for allowing a flexible approach to supporting children and young people through this very difficult period.

We continued to provide generic youth work through our youth club, which operated 4 nights per week for over 100 children and young people. The youth club gave a safe space for children and young people to come together socialise, learn and play.

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The young people completed a range of projects to tackle mental health and create positive well-being. Our Youth participated in Resilience awareness, anger management, mindfulness and personal development. This has helped build self-esteem and reduce isolation in our young people.

We have also developed an intense model of youth mentoring to support young people on a one to one basis to work through their problems and issues. This mentoring has been very effective in delivering a person centred approach to helping young people through their life journey and helping to make positive choices.

Throughout the year, we delivered our amazing seasonal programmes to support children and young people. The summer programme seen over 100 children and young people participate in the summer scheme, which was based around tackling poverty, isolation and equality. The children and young people had an enriched experience over the summer period. Over this period, we completed youth divisionary programme (over 11th July and 8th August) which created positive alternatives at historical times of tension.

Over the Halloween period we had a range of children and young people's programme (over 100 participants) to provide fun activities and a sense of normality as we move away from the Pandemic. We delivered a highly successful Christmas carnival event, incorporating Santa sleigh rides around the area, with over 500 participants with Santa visits and traditional carol singing at our centre creating a positive spirit of community at the end of the year.

Our youth team helped to deliver a number of accredited and non-accredited training to young people to help with their education journey. The courses completed included OCN's in mental health, diversity and youth work. The non-accredited courses ranged from anti bullying, invisible trafficking, transition support and being active.

#### **Working, learning and living here**

The services we provided helped to support adults with their lifelong learning, employability and health journey. This year we have helped and supported residents and offered numerous and varied training and alternate provisions.

- I. Money Matters
- II. Mentoring support
- III. Stress management
- IV. Life coaching / Life skills
- V. Personal Development
- VI. Environmental
- VII. Personal development
- VIII. Health Check MOT
- IX. OCN Level 1 ICT
- X. iPad classes
- XI. Basic ICT
- XII. Driving Theory
- XIII. Job search skills
- XIV. Adult mental health one to one mentoring
- XV. Adult self-esteem classes
- XVI. Access NI

**Positively support people to live actively as they age**

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The project provides opportunities for our older generation to socialise, to meet people their own age, to make friends, to feel part of the community, to get to grips with information technology, increase confidence, be stimulated physically, mentally and emotionally and to engage in creative, cultural and healthy recreational activities.

Within our traditional Utopia Over 60's Programme we have continued to deliver a varied programme of activities. We are currently working with over 100 people participating on our weekly programme, who attend one or more activities per week.

- I. Participation in social activities / tea dances
- II. Health related activities, Tai Chi, Pilates, walking, cycling, gardening, bowling
- III. Creative activities acrylic art, knitting, crafts, ceramics
- IV. Air-fryer / cooking classes
- V. Craft Class
- VI. Flower arranging
- VII. Drop in tablet support one - one
- VIII. Gardening group
- IX. Line dancing
- X. 3 Tablet/computer classes per week
- XI. Winter Warm Packs Distributed to elderly
- XII. St Patrick's Celebrations / Christmas Party celebrations, Eid celebration.
- XIII. Walk Leader Training
- XIV. Volunteers -gardening group
- XV. UTOPIA's social tea
- XVI. UTOPIA celebration events
- XVII. Attending day trips
- XVIII. Nature Walks
- XIX. Museum tours

### **Supporting Communities through a community development approach**

Upper Andersonstown Community Forum has a robust ethos of community development approaches to supporting individuals, families and communities. Over the past year we have continued to work in partnership with our community to identify their needs and to advocate on their behalf to ensure they receive quality, professional and assessable services.

Over the winter period, 2024/25, we worked with both Bryson House and The National Energy Agency to deliver a "Warm and Well initiative, providing over 100 of our elderly and vulnerable community with additional programmes and Home insulating consultations. We will enhance this in the year ahead, to provide local residents with up to date assessment of their home insulation needs.

Upper Andersonstown Community Forum continue to be the coordination body for the Andersonstown Neighbourhood Partnership. This work continues to coordinate, support, advocate and connect all citizens to improve the social, environmental, and physical regeneration of the locality.

We delivered:

- 16 youth EmpowHER programme
- 100 Health days
- 45 Song circles
- 26 Pottery workshop
- 24 Line dancing

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**for the Year Ended 31 March 2025**

12 Firework awareness course  
100+ Santa carnival event  
30 Halloween camp  
100 St. Patrick's Day event  
445 people have accessed benefit advice/UC  
25 Tai Chi class  
26 Tablet class  
30 Bryson House winter voucher scheme  
60 applications to warm and well voucher scheme (NEA)  
10 Referrals to counselling  
175 places, with over 40 sessions per week in day care & after schools  
15 participated in conflict resolution training  
30 attended a coffee morning  
25 Christmas wreath making workshop  
10 photography class  
13 Art classes  
25 craft workshops  
35 participated in Pilates  
14 UTOPIA social tea  
18 youth outreach in schools  
100 attended the summer scheme  
7 took part in ICT classes  
18 women's group  
30 Money matters  
11 participated in a personal development programme  
12 attended the volunteering programme  
12 reading group  
12 gardening group  
12 crafty mouse classes  
20 participated in the story and rhyme time  
20 Youth diversionary residential- adventure camp with cross community group  
20 Emerald park- diversionary activity  
40 Coffee morning  
22 completed child protection training  
12 OCN community development  
12 OCN Good relations  
10 GCSE Maths support  
13 Mindfulness class  
8 Confidence & self-esteem building workshop  
12 Stress management workshop  
10 Drug and alcohol awareness course  
21 1 to 1 life skill support  
10 Financial wellbeing workshop  
10 people took part in an anti- vaping and smoking workshop  
100 attended a health day  
12 participated in healthy eating and nutrition workshops  
23- Mindfulness classes  
40 participated in sports coaching  
10 completed a yoga course  
12 attend a walking group  
10 completed a healthy relationship workshop  
30 Anti-spiking campaign

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16- Level 1 in hairdressing  
12- Level 1 barbering  
12- OCN Level 1 youth work  
6- Basic first aid  
16- Adult safeguarding training  
10- Level 3 first aid  
8- STAR model training  
16- Keeping children safe  
2- Level 2 English essential skills

#### **UACF strategic work included:**

- I. DfC West Coordinator to develop the Neighbourhood Renewal Report structure (OBA Cards)
- II. West Coordinator for National Energy Agency
- III. An active member on the Casement Park Community Engagement Committee
- IV. An active member on Féile Community Engagement Sub Group
- V. Worked with Translink on Community Safety Initiatives/ Glider Safety
- VI. People and Place Strategy on Outcomes Based Accountability
- VII. DfC workshops on place making and planning
- VIII. Outer West coordination of the Executive Office CIT (Communities in Transition) Initiative
- IX. Lead Partner/Coordinator in Andersonstown Neighbourhood Partnership
- X. Partner organisation in the "Resilient West" Health initiative.
- XI. Board member of Outerwest Surestart
- XII. Member of the West wide Unwanted Bonfire Committee

#### **Achievement & Performance**

The Upper Andersonstown Community Forum (UACF) is a company limited by guarantee and as stated in the Governing document works collectively to establish a multi- agency approach that tackles the legacy of inequalities in Health, Education, Training and Employment within the Andersonstown/ Glen road area. The UACF proactively promotes the ethos of Community Development and the process of building a strong Community Infrastructure. Our core principles encourage ongoing consultations and engagement with local people, facilitating involvement and participation in decision making, promoting empowerment and innovation and measuring impact. This approach ensures that our projects are strategically and successfully implemented maximising the benefits and impacts for the local community.

At a community level we endeavour to link our projects into a range of Government Strategies and initiatives including the Programme for Government, the Anti-poverty Strategy, Children and Young Peoples Strategic Partnership, People and Place strategy, Family Support Hub, Surestart and numerous Department of Economy, Department of Community and Belfast City Council initiatives.

As stated above, UACF had another successful year, delivering real and significant benefits to the community; particularly those in most need, who have benefitted significantly from our advice and support. In spite of the many challenges facing the sector, UACF has continued to provide high quality services and programmes that make a measurable difference to the lives of our residents and those seeking support from our neighbouring communities.

## Upper Andersonstown Community Forum Ltd

### Report of the Trustees for the Year Ended 31 March 2025

The Tullymore Community Centre is the main community centre within the Greater Andersonstown area. Our strength is local people who are fully committed to delivering and maintaining social and economic changes within the area. The community engages and participates in the design, delivery and evaluation of all of the UACF projects and they are represented on the Board of Directors of the UACF. Each Project is carefully planned, seeking the opinions of local people and other relevant stakeholders by involving them in a consultation process that will help them contribute to and participate in decision-making about the types of services that would make a difference to their lives.

We have proven that not only do we deliver, but we also exceed our targets, achieve our outcomes, are better placed and more cost effective than many Government funded schemes. The UACF are members of the Equality Commission, a registered umbrella centre for Access N.I. and the Lead and Accountable Agency for the Andersonstown Neighbourhood Partnership Board. We also sit on the Board of the West Belfast Partnership Board and are playing a consultative role with all local Housing providers on the development of the Glenmona Social Housing project. The Glen View Development (Radius) and on providing support for the Blacks Gate Development

#### **Relevant Agencies and Partnerships**

- I. Department for Communities
- II. Belfast City Council
- III. Belfast Health and Social Care Trust
- IV. The N.I. Executive Office (Communities in Transition)
- V. Health and Social Care commissioning
- VI. Belfast Trust's Community Development, Health Improvement and User Engagement Strategy
- VII. Belfast City Council and Community Planning Partnership
- VIII. Education Authority
- IX. Neighbourhood Renewal Forum
- X. Surestart
- XI. Family Support Hub
- XII. Community Investment Fund
- XIII. Local Primary and Post Primary's (9)
- XIV. National Energy Agency

Report of the Trustees  
for the Year Ended 31 March 2025

**OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES**

**Public benefit**

**Purpose A**

Advance community development and, in particular, the promotion of the community and voluntary sector for the benefit of the public by providing

1. support,
2. information,
3. services,
4. facilities and amenities to community and voluntary groups
5. and encouraging such organisations to co-operate to achieve their aim.

The direct benefits flowing from this purpose include

1. the strengthening of individual and community relationships,
2. the dissemination of information and services that improve the quality of life and range of opportunities available to individuals and the community,
3. the development of campaigning and networking skills within the community and the availability of "fit for purpose" community centre.

These benefits can be demonstrated by the amount of people utilizing the local community centre for a variety of programmes and the improved opportunities for people to develop social contacts at a variety of different stages in their life, for example, through attendance at our youth project or as a senior citizen in our Utopia project. The community centre enables the community to organise campaigns on issue of importance. The varieties of meetings, workshops and courses have the benefit of increasing community engagement and community solidarity.

**Purpose B**

Provide and maintain a Forum where member organisations can join together to find mutual support, exchange views, share common issues and information, create a collective voice for the community and voluntary sector and work in partnership with statutory agencies and authorities.

The direct benefits flowing from this purpose include

1. The ability to mobilise the community on issues of mutual concern to campaign for change.
2. The reduction of social isolation through collective action is another direct benefit.
3. The establishment of community-based mechanism for directly engaging and working with government departments, statutory bodies and other community and voluntary organisations.

These benefits can be demonstrated by;

1. Successful campaigns to improve disability access to the community centre,
2. The extension of Surestart 2 year old programme to the community centre
3. The delivery of a bespoke "One to One" service to local schools and our input into the Andersonstown Neighbourhood Renewal Plan.
4. The delivery of a Well-Being strategy for the Greater Andersonstown Community
5. Delivery of a Belfast City Council, Fuel Hardship Fund

## OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

### Purpose C

Relieve those in need by reason of;

1. Youth,
2. Age,
3. Ill-health,
4. Disability,
5. Financial hardship or other disadvantage.

The direct benefits flowing from this purpose are:

1. That we can offer a range of youth activities to our young people through our Youth Project.
2. Our senior Citizens project works to reduce social isolation and build community networks by engaging seniors in a range of stimulating social, intellectual and physical activities.
3. We offer a range of health activities with a preventative objective in terms of local health outcomes, for example, the "Cook It and Physical" activities programme delivered to local primary schools.
4. We work with the local family hub in offering support to Families and children who have disabilities and we offer a base for the local Parkinson's support group and a local group whose members have a learning disability.
5. We also offer welfare advice two days per week to assist in addressing financial hardship and or other detriments suffered by welfare reforms.

These benefits can be demonstrated by

1. The popularity of our youth project with young people.
2. The rapidly increasing success of our "Beacon's" Womens Group
3. Also we have we are in the process of establishing a senior citizens committee to campaign on issues that concern them and to participate in the design, delivery and decision making process around our Utopia senior citizens programme.
4. We have facilitated the meetings for the local Parkinson's support group, which has enabled the group to offer a range of activities in our centre.
5. We have a walking group that encourages local people to engage in physical exercise as a way of preventing or delaying the onset of illness.
6. Our Afterschool offers additional support to children with learning difficulties.

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### Report of the Trustees for the Year Ended 31 March 2025

#### **FINANCIAL REVIEW**

##### **Financial position**

The company had net outgoing resources for the year of £45,349 (2024: net outgoing resources of £141,414, which reflected the completion of a number of projects during the year. Unrestricted funds decreased by £60,595, while restricted funds increased by £15,246.

The charity continues to work tirelessly to secure income from sources in addition to its grant funding to provide new or complementary programmes, services and venues that meet emerging local needs but cannot be funded through the core budget that has been reducing in real terms for the last three years. These additional sources of funding are grants received from various bodies as disclosed in note 4 in the financial statements.

##### **Reserves Policy**

UACF's reserves policy is to maintain a sufficient level of reserves to enable operating activities to be maintained for a period of at least six months in the event of major funding streams ending. It also takes account of potential risks and contingencies that may arise from time to time. The Directors review the policy annually.

UACF's total unrestricted reserves include its designated fund and is consequently excluded from free reserves.

In addition, amounts are set aside to meet financial risks associated with potential contingencies and uncertainties relating to the charity's operating activities. These include:

The provision for an orderly winding-down of operations in the event of a significant adverse event that is outside the control of the charity.

The funding of unforeseen major projects that have not been provided for in the normal financial planning process.

The unrestricted reserves of the charity are designated and allocated to meet the above risks and contingencies and are summarised in our annual audited accounts.

Voluntary and community sector organisations that hold reserves are able:

To absorb set backs and to take advantage of change and opportunity;

To demonstrate that they have thought through how they might secure their viability beyond the immediate future and provide reliable services over the longer term.

To demonstrate to potential funders that they are effectively managing their resources and have given consideration to their long-term plans and viability.

How secure is the organisation's present funding?

How long would it take to find alternative sources of funding?

If the organisation had to close, how long would it take to wind up in an orderly manner?

What costs could be involved in winding up. Consider:

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redundancy costs, legal and accountancy costs defined benefit pension scheme (see Charity Commission guidance on Reserves and Defined Benefit). This will centre on identifying, cash flow implications, the time to the expiry of leases on property and office equipment.

As a general guide (the following should not be applied without due consideration of the circumstances in each organisation), an acceptable level of free reserve might be considered to be:

Sufficient free reserves to provide cover for between 3 - 6 months in relation to known liabilities

A smaller additional provision of free reserves for unforeseen liabilities

#### **Future Plans**

UACF will continue to work towards our strategic plan for the next 3 years. This will be a difficult process due to the ongoing cost of living crisis and the community sectors growing dependence on philanthropists, Lottery grants etc to replace European and long-term Government support. That said, we will continue to serve and advance the aspirations of our local population.

Throughout the next financial period, we will work with Department of Communities and Belfast City Council as a strategic partner, to help shape and guide local government policy in supporting residents. We will help with the support of essential needs, mental health support, work to address the disturbing rise in racism and delivering key services.

We aim to continue to provide a first class service within our Daycare that will help support local people to continue to work and help children reach their key milestones.

We will continue to engage with central and local government to obtain resources to support the work we provide. We will also work with our funding partners to meet our contractual obligations.

#### **Impact of Cost of Living Crisis.**

Throughout the year we supported all those dealing with the effects of rising fuel prices, heating costs and the rising cost of basic food items. The "cost of living crisis", saw our in house numbers continue to increase, as our elderly residents sought a friendly hub, where they could keep warm, socialise and seek additional support. Our dynamic team of staff, Board and volunteers re-booted and up scaled our services to meet the additional community need, provide support toward heating and basic day-to-day needs. As throughout our organisational history, we shape our strategic vision, principles and values, to meet the most pressing community need.

The development of key operational and financial plans are devised in partnership with Board members, staff and funders. The plans completed will evolve and flow during the next financial period in line with government advice/guidelines, funder's requirements and operational ability.

We continue to monitor and evaluate this economic crisis on a regular basis and take decisions, which are based on evidence at hand and will do all in our power to mitigate against any negative impact upon our services, finances and staff.

As Lead and Accountable Agency for the Andersonstown Neighbourhood Partnership, the UACF remains the central vehicle for overseeing the delivery of the area plan. Key principles for effective delivery include:

An agreed and practical plan of action that can change and respond to needs and opportunities as they arise:-

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- a) The ANP as a driving force for making decisions and taking actions forward. Clear communications channels are established with all stakeholders of the action plan.
- b) A Social Audit to ensure we meet the needs of our local community with their input.
- c) A realistic and genuine approach to the allocation of resources and expenditure by Departments and Agencies working in the Andersonstown area to meet the locality expressed need.
- d) Positive and timely monitoring of progress in relation to the actions, and appropriate engagement with the community / funders / stakeholders where necessary.
- e) Ongoing engagement and involvement of the local community in the renewal process.
- f) Develop an action plan which will provide a clear basis for partnership delivery and buy-in from all of the stakeholders needed to deliver positive and long-term change in Andersonstown.
- g) The UACF will link in with the Neighbourhood Renewal Forum through the West Belfast Partnership Board to ensure the effective delivery of area plans and consultation processes with Government initiatives.
- h) Deliver an area plan for developing and improving the community, economic, social and environmental infrastructure of the Andersonstown neighbourhood.
- i) Work with all relevant agencies (particularly DfC and the GAA) to ensure a smooth transition, in planning and developing the Casement Park Stadium.
- j) Developing an Andersonstown/Glen Wide Housing Providers forum, strengthening partnerships with all main Housing Providers ( Apex, Choice, Clanmil, Radius).

The UACF will continue to maintain the highest standard of management, financial planning, monitoring and evaluation ensuring that all the projects and programmes continue to meet their targets and objectives while providing best value for money. The UACF complies with the Charity Commission NI and our new charity number is NIC105782.

In terms of impacts and outcomes, we will continue to target our work on both the individual and the community. The individual outcomes will focus on increasing confidence, social cooperation, increasing the ability to avail of educational and training opportunities and strengthening family relationships. The outcomes for the community in the future will include improved social cohesion, a reduction in anti-social behaviour, more involvement of children and young people in community life, user-friendly services for young people, gains in skills and knowledge that increase employability and improved opportunities for senior citizens to engage and participate in community life.

## **CONCLUSION**

On a personal note, I would like to thank all staff, volunteers, management and local politicians and residents for their hard work, energy and commitment in achieving the ongoing regeneration of this local area. Their expertise is to be commended and congratulated and I believe through collective teamwork we will expand in the near future to create a dynamic and safe environment for all local people.

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#### **STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT**

##### **Governing document**

Upper Andersonstown Community Forum is a company registered in N. Ireland, which was incorporated under Companies (NI) Order 1986 on 15 April 1997. The company is governed by a Memorandum and Articles of Association. The company's objectives are charitable in nature and it has established charitable status.

The charitable company's activities are managed by the Directors/Trustees who are considered to be the members of the company.

##### **Board and Accountability**

###### **Trustee's Appointment and Training**

The trustee's recruit and select new members as set out in the governing document. The Board holds annual general meeting which is open to members of the community to hear the work of the organisation. The public who agree with the values and ethos of the organisation can nominate themselves onto the Board.

The Board predicates trustee's appointments on our organisational values and make new members aware of their legal responsibilities under charity and company law. Our members' induction pack outlines our Articles of Association, board structure, organisational structure, decision making processes and financial management. Our formal induction provides new board members with the information and training they need to take up their appointment as effectively as possible.

###### **Finance, Pay and Remuneration**

Upper Andersonstown Community Forum operates a robust financial policy and procedures which the Board regularly review and independently assess. We have clear financial management systems to ensure effective and appropriate use of spend, administering resources cost effectively, transparently and accountably with clear audit trails.

All Board members give their time freely and no member received any remuneration during the year.

UACF base the senior staff team's pay on the NJC Salary Scale as a guide to appropriate remuneration for all staff pay.

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#### **STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT**

##### **Risk management & analysis**

The UACF Risk Analysis is a process that enables us to identify and manage potential problems that could undermine key initiatives and projects. Senior staff members carry out a risk analysis which identifies the possible threats that we face, and then estimate the likelihood that these threats will materialize.

Risk Analysis is used when we are planning projects, to help identify threats, anticipate and neutralize possible problems. This enables us to check the systems, processes, structures and analyze risks to any part of these.

Building on improving people's lives is a continual, ever changing, journey that will not end. This is the reason why capacity building is central to community development. Continual learning and keeping your eye on the ball in terms of the raft of strategies and statutory obligations is again central to consolidation and expansion of community regeneration.

We continue to forward plan and we plan to review our Neighbourhood Renewal Plan. The Networks we have collectively built up over the years are central to future survival of all community led organisations within West Belfast. Securing funding for much needed services within the community take priority and to this effect it is our firm belief that as part of the wider social economy within West Belfast, and as lead partner of the Andersonstown Neighbourhood Partnership, we will collectively continue to make a positive and ongoing contribution to community, economic and social development.

##### **Risk Management**

The UACF have a long track record of successful Management and operate a Financial Management System based on NIO audit and ESF guidelines and criteria. The UACF Directors are local people with the necessary experience and knowledge to act in the best interest of the organisation and community. The Forum's policies and procedures are essential elements in the day-to-day management of the organisation. These are revised and updated on a regular basis ensuring that all Management, Staff, Volunteers and participants share codes of good practice.

The UACF has a risk management policy which forms the basis of our approach. Internal review systems are a necessary pre-requisite for each project as risks can be associated with the implementation of any project. Risks are minimised through establishing a fall back, plan which is both flexible and adaptable. For example, the target number of participants may fall short or the project may have difficulties in meeting the timescale. Monthly monitoring can identify gaps, and these can be addressed when required. Internal and external communications through meetings, weekly and quarterly reports, reviews will ensure the project information is shared and decisions are made on a collective basis.

SMART objectives will be established for the project. Monitoring criteria will be implemented at the start of the project, both quantitative and qualitative targets for achievement will be set. Targets will be set against objectives and be measured and reviewed by the Project Management Team on a monthly basis. Through monitoring and evaluation mechanisms, the number of people using and benefiting from the project will be recorded. Satisfaction levels will be quantified through continuous feedback sessions.

In addition, the views of people are collated by using questionnaires, surveys and interviews. Internal evaluations assist the team develop methods that assess the impact of each project in the short, medium and long term. We have in place registers to collect details of attendance and we identify baselines and match individual learning plans to needs of each participant.

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Quantitative results will be monitored e.g. numbers attending; numbers entering employment or further training, numbers of women or other target groups participating etc. Qualitative results will be monitored through recording soft outcomes such as increased confidence, changes in attitude and social skills development.

#### **EVENTS SINCE THE END OF THE YEAR**

Information relating to events since the end of the year is given in the notes to the financial statements.

#### **STATEMENT OF TRUSTEES' RESPONSIBILITIES**

The trustees (who are also the directors of Upper Andersonstown Community Forum Ltd for the purposes of company law) are responsible for preparing the Report of the Trustees and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice) including Financial Reporting Standard 102 "The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland".

Company law requires the trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year. Under that law, the trustees have elected to prepare the financial statements in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice (United Kingdom Accounting Standards and applicable law).

Under company law the trustees must not approve the financial statements unless they are satisfied that they give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charitable company and of the incoming resources and application of resources, including the income and expenditure, of the charitable company for that period. In preparing those financial statements, the trustees are required to

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles in the Charities SORP;
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charitable company will continue in business.

The trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charitable company and to enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Companies Act 2006. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charitable company and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

In so far as the trustees are aware:

- there is no relevant audit information of which the charitable company's auditors are unaware; and
- the trustees have taken all steps that they ought to have taken to make themselves aware of any relevant audit information and to establish that the auditors are aware of that information.

#### **AUDITORS**

The auditors, Lynn Drake & Co Ltd, will be proposed for re-appointment at the forthcoming Annual General Meeting.

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**Report of the Trustees**  
**for the Year Ended 31 March 2025**

This report has been prepared in accordance with the special provisions of Part 15 of the Companies Act 2006 relating to small companies.

Approved by order of the board of trustees on 8 October 2025 and signed on its behalf by:

Barney Kane - Trustee

**Report of the Independent Auditors to the Trustees and Members of  
Upper Andersonstown Community Forum Ltd**

**Opinion**

We have audited the financial statements of Upper Andersonstown Community Forum Ltd (the 'charitable company') for the year ended 31 March 2025 which comprise the Statement of Financial Activities, the Statement of Financial Position, the Statement of Cash Flows and notes to the financial statements, including a summary of significant accounting policies. The financial reporting framework that has been applied in their preparation is applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice), including Financial Reporting Standard 102 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland'.

In our opinion the financial statements:

- give a true and fair view of the state of the charitable company's affairs as at 31 March 2025 and of its incoming resources and application of resources, including its income and expenditure, for the year then ended;
- have been properly prepared in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice, including Financial Reporting Standard 102 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland'; and
- have been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006.

**Basis for opinion**

We conducted our audit in accordance with International Standards on Auditing (UK) (ISAs (UK)) and applicable law. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditors' responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements section of our report. We are independent of the charitable company in accordance with the ethical requirements that are relevant to our audit of the financial statements in the UK, including the FRC's Ethical Standard, and the provisions available for small entities, in the circumstances set out in note 17 to the financial statements, and we have fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with these requirements. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

**Conclusions relating to going concern**

In auditing the financial statements, we have concluded that the trustees' use of the going concern basis of accounting in the preparation of the financial statements is appropriate.

Based on the work we have performed, we have not identified any material uncertainties relating to events or conditions that, individually or collectively, may cast significant doubt on the charitable company's ability to continue as a going concern for a period of at least twelve months from when the financial statements are authorised for issue.

Our responsibilities and the responsibilities of the trustees with respect to going concern are described in the relevant sections of this report.

## **Report of the Independent Auditors to the Trustees and Members of Upper Andersonstown Community Forum Ltd**

### **Other information**

The trustees are responsible for the other information. The other information comprises the information included in the Annual Report, other than the financial statements and our Report of the Independent Auditors thereon.

Our opinion on the financial statements does not cover the other information and, except to the extent otherwise explicitly stated in our report, we do not express any form of assurance conclusion thereon.

In connection with our audit of the financial statements, our responsibility is to read the other information and, in doing so, consider whether the other information is materially inconsistent with the financial statements or our knowledge obtained in the audit or otherwise appears to be materially misstated. If we identify such material inconsistencies or apparent material misstatements, we are required to determine whether this gives rise to a material misstatement in the financial statements themselves. If, based on the work we have performed, we conclude that there is a material misstatement of this other information, we are required to report that fact. We have nothing to report in this regard.

### **Opinions on other matters prescribed by the Companies Act 2006**

In our opinion, based on the work undertaken in the course of the audit:

- the information given in the Report of the Trustees for the financial year for which the financial statements are prepared is consistent with the financial statements; and
- the Report of the Trustees has been prepared in accordance with applicable legal requirements.

### **Matters on which we are required to report by exception**

In the light of the knowledge and understanding of the charitable company and its environment obtained in the course of the audit, we have not identified material misstatements in the Report of the Trustees.

We have nothing to report in respect of the following matters where the Companies Act 2006 requires us to report to you if, in our opinion:

- adequate accounting records have not been kept or returns adequate for our audit have not been received from branches not visited by us; or
- the financial statements are not in agreement with the accounting records and returns; or
- certain disclosures of trustees' remuneration specified by law are not made; or
- we have not received all the information and explanations we require for our audit; or
- the trustees were not entitled to take advantage of the small companies exemption from the requirement to prepare a Strategic Report or in preparing the Report of the Trustees.

### **Responsibilities of trustees**

As explained more fully in the Statement of Trustees' Responsibilities, the trustees (who are also the directors of the charitable company for the purposes of company law) are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements and for being satisfied that they give a true and fair view, and for such internal control as the trustees determine is necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the financial statements, the trustees are responsible for assessing the charitable company's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless the trustees either intend to liquidate the charitable company or to cease operations, or have no realistic alternative but to do so.

**Report of the Independent Auditors to the Trustees and Members of  
Upper Andersonstown Community Forum Ltd**

**Our responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements**

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue a Report of the Independent Auditors that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance, but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with ISAs (UK) will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of these financial statements.

The extent to which our procedures are capable of detecting irregularities, including fraud is detailed below:

Irregularities, including fraud, are instances of non-compliance with laws and regulations. We design procedures in line with our responsibilities, outlined above, to detect material misstatements in respect of irregularities, including fraud. In particular, we looked at where management made subjective judgements, for example in respect of accounting estimates that involved making assumptions and considering future events that are inherently uncertain. We also considered potential financial or other pressures, opportunity and motivations for fraud. As part of this discussion, we identified the internal controls established to mitigate risks related to fraud or non-compliance with laws and regulations and how management monitor these processes. Appropriate procedures included the review and testing of manual journals and key estimates and judgements made by management for risk of fraud.

Based on our understanding of the company and industry, we identified the principal risks of non-compliance with laws and regulations as those that have a direct impact on the determination of material amounts and disclosures in the financial statements.

We evaluated management's incentives and opportunities for fraudulent manipulation of the financial statements and identified the greatest potential for fraud. We communicated the identified laws and regulations throughout the audit team and remained alert to any indications of non-compliance throughout the audit. Audit procedures performed included, but were not limited to:

Discussions with management including consideration of known or suspected instances of non-compliance with laws and regulation and fraud;

Reviewing the financial statement disclosures and testing to supporting documentation;

Review of board meeting minutes of those charged with governance;

In addressing the risk of fraud through management override of controls, testing the appropriateness of journal entries and other adjustments;

As part of an audit in accordance with ISAs (UK), we exercise professional judgment and maintain professional scepticism throughout the audit. We also:-

Identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error, design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks, and obtain audit evidence that is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion. The risk of not detecting a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than for one resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control.

Obtain an understanding of internal control relevant to the audit in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the charities internal control.

**Report of the Independent Auditors to the Trustees and Members of  
Upper Andersonstown Community Forum Ltd**

Evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates and related disclosures made by the trustees.

Perform analytical procedures to identify any unusual or unexpected relationships that may indicate risks of material misstatement due to fraud or error.

Conclude on the appropriateness of the trustees' use of the going concern basis of accounting and based on the audit evidence obtained, whether a material uncertainty exists related to events or conditions that may cast significant doubt on the charities ability to continue as a going concern. If we conclude that a material uncertainty exists, we are required to draw attention in our auditor's report to the related disclosures in the financial statements or, if such disclosures are inadequate, to modify our opinion. Our conclusions are based on the audit evidence obtained up to the date of our auditor's report. However, future events or conditions may cause the charity to cease to continue as a going concern.

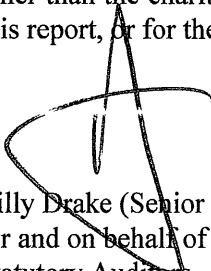
Evaluate the overall presentation, structure, and content of the financial statements, including the disclosures and whether the financial statements represent the underlying transactions and events in a manner that achieves fair presentation.

We communicate with those charged with governance regarding, among other matters, the planned scope and timing of the audit and significant audit findings, including significant deficiencies in internal control that we identify during our audit.

A further description of our responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements is located on the Financial Reporting Council's website at [www.frc.org.uk/auditorsresponsibilities](http://www.frc.org.uk/auditorsresponsibilities). This description forms part of our Report of the Independent Auditors.

**Use of our report**

This report is made solely to the charitable company's members, as a body, in accordance with Chapter 3 of Part 16 of the Companies Act 2006. Our audit work has been undertaken so that we might state to the charitable company's members those matters we are required to state to them in an auditors' report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, we do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the charitable company and the charitable company's members as a body, for our audit work, for this report, or for the opinions we have formed.



Billy Drake (Senior Statutory Auditor)  
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8 October 2025

**Upper Andersonstown Community Forum Ltd**

**Statement of Financial Activities**  
**(Incorporating an Income and Expenditure Account)**  
**for the Year Ended 31 March 2025**

	Notes	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	31.3.25 Total funds £	31.3.24 Total funds £
<b>INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM</b>					
<b>Charitable activities</b>	3				
Grants Receivable		-	562,754	562,754	533,099
Other trading activities	2	221,210	-	221,210	221,351
<b>Total</b>		<u>221,210</u>	<u>562,754</u>	<u>783,964</u>	<u>754,450</u>
<b>EXPENDITURE ON</b>					
<b>Charitable activities</b>	4				
Direct Charitable Expenses		269,590	547,508	817,098	891,707
Governance		12,215	-	12,215	4,157
<b>Total</b>		<u>281,805</u>	<u>547,508</u>	<u>829,313</u>	<u>895,864</u>
<b>NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)</b>		(60,595)	15,246	(45,349)	(141,414)
<b>RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS</b>					
Total funds brought forward		399,517	157,659	557,176	698,590
<b>TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD</b>		<u><u>338,922</u></u>	<u><u>172,905</u></u>	<u><u>511,827</u></u>	<u><u>557,176</u></u>

The notes form part of these financial statements

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**Statement of Financial Position**

**31 March 2025**

	Notes	31.3.25 £	31.3.24 £
<b>FIXED ASSETS</b>			
Tangible assets	10	135,234	191,346
<b>CURRENT ASSETS</b>			
Debtors	11	109,560	74,008
Cash at bank		288,790	308,186
		<u>398,350</u>	<u>382,194</u>
<b>CREDITORS</b>			
Amounts falling due within one year	12	(21,757)	(16,364)
		<u>376,593</u>	<u>365,830</u>
<b>NET CURRENT ASSETS</b>			
		<u>511,827</u>	<u>557,176</u>
<b>TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES</b>			
		<u>511,827</u>	<u>557,176</u>
<b>NET ASSETS</b>		<u>511,827</u>	<u>557,176</u>
<b>FUNDS</b>	14		
Unrestricted funds		338,922	399,517
Restricted funds		172,905	157,659
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>		<u>511,827</u>	<u>557,176</u>

These financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the provisions applicable to charitable companies subject to the small companies regime.

The financial statements were approved by the Board of Trustees and authorised for issue on 8 October 2025 and were signed on its behalf by:



Barney Kane - Trustee

Gerard Meehan - Trustee



**Upper Andersonstown Community Forum Ltd**

**Statement of Cash Flows**  
**for the Year Ended 31 March 2025**

	Notes	31.3.25 £	31.3.24 £
<b>Cash flows from operating activities</b>			
Cash generated from operations	1	(19,396)	(161,212)
Net cash used in operating activities		(19,396)	(161,212)
<b>Change in cash and cash equivalents in the reporting period</b>		(19,396)	(161,212)
<b>Cash and cash equivalents at the beginning of the reporting period</b>		308,186	469,398
<b>Cash and cash equivalents at the end of the reporting period</b>		288,790	308,186

The notes form part of these financial statements

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**Notes to the Statement of Cash Flows**  
**for the Year Ended 31 March 2025**

**1. RECONCILIATION OF NET EXPENDITURE TO NET CASH FLOW FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES**

	31.3.25	31.3.24
	£	£
<b>Net expenditure for the reporting period (as per the Statement of Financial Activities)</b>	(45,349)	(141,414)
<b>Adjustments for:</b>		
Depreciation charges	56,112	56,114
Increase in debtors	(35,552)	(64,341)
Increase/(decrease) in creditors	5,393	(11,571)
	<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>
<b>Net cash used in operations</b>	<u>(19,396)</u>	<u>(161,212)</u>

**2. ANALYSIS OF CHANGES IN NET FUNDS**

	At 1/4/24	Cash flow	At 31/3/25
	£	£	£
<b>Net cash</b>			
Cash at bank	308,186	(19,396)	288,790
	<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>
	308,186	(19,396)	288,790
	<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>
<b>Total</b>	<u>308,186</u>	<u>(19,396)</u>	<u>288,790</u>

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## Upper Andersonstown Community Forum Ltd

### Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 March 2025

#### 1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

##### **Basis of preparing the financial statements**

##### **(a) General information and basis of preparation**

Upper Andersonstown Community Forum Ltd is constituted as a company limited by guarantee incorporated in Northern Ireland (NI 032258). In the event of the charity being wound up, the liability in respect of the guarantee is limited to £1 per member of the charity.

The charity constitutes a public benefit entity as defined by FRS 102. The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102), the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the United Kingdom and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102), the Charities Act (Northern Ireland) 2013, the Companies Act 2006 and UK Generally Accepted Practice as it applies from 1 January 2015.

The financial statements are prepared on a going concern basis under the historical cost convention, modified to include certain items at fair value. The financial statements are presented in sterling which is the functional currency of the charity.

The significant accounting policies applied in the preparation of these financial statements are set out below. These policies have been consistently applied to all years presented unless otherwise stated.

##### **(b) Funds**

Unrestricted funds are available for use at the discretion of the trustees in furtherance of the general objectives of the charity and which have not been designated for other purposes.

Designated funds comprise unrestricted funds that have been set aside by the trustees for particular purposes. The aim and use of each designated fund is set out in the notes to the financial statements.

Restricted funds are funds which are to be used in accordance with specific restrictions imposed by donors or which have been raised by the charity for particular purposes. The cost of raising and administering such funds are charged against the specific fund. The aim and use of each restricted fund is set out in the notes to the financial statements.

Further explanation of the nature and purpose of each fund is included in the notes to the financial statements.

##### **(c) Income recognition**

All incoming resources are included in the Statement of Financial Activities (SoFA) when the charity is legally entitled to the income after any performance conditions have been met, the amount can be measured reliably and it is probable that the income will be received.

**Notes to the Financial Statements - continued**  
**for the Year Ended 31 March 2025**

**1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES - continued**

**Basis of preparing the financial statements**

For donations to be recognised the charity will have been notified of the amounts and the settlement date in writing. If there are conditions attached to the donation and this requires a level of performance before entitlement can be obtained then income is deferred until those conditions are fully met or the fulfilment of those conditions is within the control of the charity and it is probable that they will be fulfilled. Voluntary income is received by way of grants, donations and gifts and is included in full in the Statement of Financial Activities (SoFA) when receivable. Income received from collections is recognised when received.

Donated facilities and donated professional services are recognised in income at their fair value when their economic benefit is probable, it can be measured reliably and the charity has control over the item. Fair value is determined on the basis of the value of the gift to the charity. For example the amount the charity would be willing to pay in the open market for such facilities and services. A corresponding amount is recognised in expenditure.

No amount is included in the financial statements for volunteer time in line with the SORP (FRS 102). Further detail is given in the Trustees' Annual Report.

For legacies, entitlement is the earlier of the charity being notified of an impending distribution or the legacy being received. At this point income is recognised. On occasion legacies will be notified to the charity however it is not possible to measure the amount expected to be distributed. On these occasions, the legacy is treated as a contingent asset and disclosed.

Income from trading activities includes income earned from fundraising events and trading activities to raise funds for the charity. Income is received in exchange for supplying goods and services in order to raise funds and is recognised when entitlement has occurred.

The charity receives government grants which are detailed within the notes to these financial statements. Income from government and other grants are recognised at fair value when the charity has entitlement after any performance conditions have been met, it is probable that the income will be received and the amount can be measured reliably. If entitlement is not met then these amounts are deferred.

**(D) Expenditure recognition**

All expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis, inclusive of VAT which cannot be recovered and has been classified under headings that aggregate all costs related to the category. Expenditure is recognised where there is a legal or constructive obligation to make payments to third parties, it is probable that the settlement will be required and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably. It is categorised under the following headings:

Costs of raising funds includes the costs associated with attracting voluntary incomes;  
Expenditure on charitable activities includes those costs incurred by the charity in the delivery of its activities and services for its beneficiaries. It includes both costs that can be allocated directly to such activities and those costs of an indirect nature necessary to support them; and  
Other expenditure represents those items not falling into the categories above.

Irrecoverable VAT is charged as an expense against the activity for which expenditure arose.

**Notes to the Financial Statements - continued**  
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**1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES - continued**

**Basis of preparing the financial statements**

Grants payable to third parties are within the charitable objectives. Where unconditional grants are offered, this is accrued as soon as the recipient is notified of the grant, as this gives rise to a reasonable expectation that the recipient will receive the grants. Where grants are conditional relating to performance then the grant is only accrued when any unfulfilled conditions are outside of the control of the charity.

**(e) Support costs allocation**

Support costs are those that assist the work of the charity but do not directly represent charitable activities and include office costs, governance costs, administrative payroll costs. They are incurred directly in support of expenditure on the objects of the charity and include project management carried out at Headquarters. Where support costs cannot be directly attributed to particular headings they have been allocated to cost of raising funds and expenditure on charitable activities on a basis consistent with use of the resources. Premises overheads have been allocated on an insert detail basis and other overheads have been allocated on a basis consistent with the use of resources.

Fund-raising costs are those incurred in seeking voluntary contributions and do not include the costs of disseminating information in support of the charitable activities.

**(f) Tangible fixed assets**

Tangible fixed assets are stated at cost less accumulated depreciation and accumulated impairment losses. Cost includes costs directly attributable to making the asset capable of operating as intended.

Depreciation is provided on all tangible fixed assets, at rates calculated to write off the cost, less estimated residual value, of each asset on a systematic basis over its expected useful life as follows:

New Building	- 4% Straight Line
Fixtures & Fittings	- 20% Straight Line
Minibus	- 20% Straight Line

**(g) Financial Instruments**

A financial asset or a financial liability is recognised only when the charity becomes a party to the contractual provision of the instrument.

Basic financial instruments are initially recognised at the amounts receivable or payable including any related transaction costs.

Current assets and current liabilities are subsequently measured at the cash or other consideration expected to be paid or relived and not discounted.

Debt instruments are subsequently measured at amortised cost.

Where investments in shares are publicly traded or their fair value can otherwise be measured reliably, the investment is subsequently measured at fair value with changes in fair value recognised in income and expenditure. All other such investments are subsequently measured at cost less impairment.

**Notes to the Financial Statements - continued**  
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**1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES - continued**

**Basis of preparing the financial statements**

Other financial instruments, including derivatives, are initially recognised at fair value, unless payment for an asset is deferred beyond normal business terms or financed at a rate of interest that is not a market rate, in which case the asset is measured at the present value of the future payments discounted at a market rate of interest for a similar debt instrument.

Other financial instruments are subsequently measured at fair value with any changes recognised in the statement of financial activities, with the exception of hedging instruments in a designed hedging relationship.

Financial assets that are measured at cost or amortised cost are reviewed for objective evidence of impairment at the end of each reporting date. If there is objective evidence of impairment an impairment loss is recognised under the appropriate heading in the statement of financial activities in which the initial gain is recognised.

For all equity instruments regardless of significance, and other financial assets that are individually significant, these are assessed individually for impairment. Other financial assets are either assessed individually or grouped on the basis of similar credit risk characteristics.

Any reversals of impairment are recognised immediately, to the extent that the reversal does not result in a carrying amount of the financial asset that exceeds what the carrying amount would have been had the impairment not previously been recognised.

**(h) Impairment**

Assets not measured at fair value are reviewed for any indication that the asset may be impaired at each balance sheet date. If such indication exists, the recoverable amount of the asset, or the asset's cash generating unit, is estimated and compared to the carrying amount. Where the carrying amount exceeds its recoverable amount, an impairment loss is recognised in profit or loss unless the asset is carried at a revalued amount where the impairment loss is a revaluation decrease.

**(i) Provisions**

Provisions are recognised when the charity has an obligation at the balance sheet date as a result of a past event, it is probable that an outflow of economic benefits will be required in settlement and the amount can be reliably estimated.

**(j) Leases**

Assets acquired under finance leases are capitalised and depreciated over the shorter of the lease term and the expected useful life of the asset. Minimum lease payments are apportioned between the finance charge and the reduction of the outstanding lease liability using the effective interest method. The related obligations, net of future finance charges, are included in creditors.

Rentals payable and receivable under operating leases are charged to the SoFA on a straight line basis over the period of the lease.

**(k) Tax**

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### Notes to the Financial Statements - continued for the Year Ended 31 March 2025

#### 1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES - continued

##### **Basis of preparing the financial statements**

No provision is required for taxation as the company is defined as a charity for taxation purposes. The charity is a registered charity and so such is entitled to certain tax exemptions on income and profits from investments and surpluses on any trading activities carried on in furtherance of the charity's primary objectives, if these profits and surpluses are applied solely for charitable purposes.

##### **(l) Going concern**

The financial statements have been prepared on a going concern basis as the trustees believe that no material uncertainties exist. The trustees have considered the level of funds held and the expected level of income and expenditure for 12 months from authorising these financial statements. The budgeted income and expenditure is sufficient with the level of reserves for the charity to be able to continue as a going concern.

##### **(m) Accounting estimates and areas of judgement**

The preparation of the financial statements requires management to make judgements, estimates and assumptions that affect the amounts reported. These estimates and judgements are continually reviewed and are based on experience and other factors, including expectations of future events that are believed to be reasonable under the circumstances.

The items in the financial statements where these judgements and estimates have been made include:

- (i) estimating the useful economic life of tangible fixed assets
- (ii) property valuation
- (iii) allocation of expenditure and support costs

##### **Taxation**

The company is a registered charity and so such is entitled to certain tax exemptions on income and profits from investments and surpluses on any trading activities carried on in furtherance of the charity's primary objectives, if these profits and surpluses are applied solely for charitable purposes.

##### **Fund accounting**

The Charity has various types of funds for which it is responsible, and which require separate disclosure. These are as follows:

##### **Restricted Funds**

Grants or donations received, which are earmarked by the donor for specific purposes within the overall aims of the organisation.

##### **Unrestricted Funds**

Funds which are expendable at the discretion of the Directors in furtherance of the objects of the charity.

Such funds may be held in order to finance capital investment and working capital.

##### **Pension costs and other post-retirement benefits**

The charitable company operates a defined contribution pension scheme. Contributions payable to the charitable company's pension scheme are charged to the Statement of Financial Activities in the period to which they relate.

**Notes to the Financial Statements - continued**  
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**2. OTHER TRADING ACTIVITIES**

	31.3.25	31.3.24
	£	£
Vetting Income	973	1,004
BHSCT Sponsored Daycare	29,140	60,643
Creche Fees	141,202	125,463
Hospitality and Room Hire	6,226	-
Tutors & Training	840	14,598
Fundraising & Donations	11,606	10,981
CIT Health Wellbeing	15,781	8,662
Afterschools	15,442	-
	<u>221,210</u>	<u>221,351</u>

**3. INCOME FROM CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES**

	31.3.25	31.3.24
	£	£
Grants	562,754	533,099
	<u>562,754</u>	<u>533,099</u>

Grants received, included in the above, are as follows:

	31.3.25	31.3.24
	£	£
Awards for All re Youth	-	10,000
Belfast City Council re Revenue	20,629	41,001
Belfast City Council re Summer Scheme	18,027	11,624
Brightstart	15,155	12,162
Education Authority - Belfast Region	53,941	63,605
Henry Smith	87,200	58,100
Department for Communities - Infrastructure	122,713	114,631
Department For Communities - Education	57,884	75,517
Department for Communities - Running Costs	23,600	-
Department for Communities - Investment Fund	65,443	107,000
Pathways Fund	31,981	29,981
Clear Project	4,680	4,684
National Energy Action	11,860	4,794
Apex Housing Association	1,250	-
BHSCT - 2 YO Programme	27,257	-
BHSCT - Surestart	17,454	-
PHA - Take 5	680	-
Department for Communities - Support	3,000	-
	<u>562,754</u>	<u>533,099</u>

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**4. CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES COSTS**

	Direct Costs £	Support costs (see note 5) £	Totals £
Direct Charitable Expenses	817,098	-	817,098
Governance	-	12,215	12,215
	<u>817,098</u>	<u>12,215</u>	<u>829,313</u>

**5. SUPPORT COSTS**

	Governance costs £
Governance	<u>12,215</u>

**6. NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)**

Net income/(expenditure) is stated after charging/(crediting):

	31.3.25	31.3.24
	£	£
Accountancy Fee	3,000	2,940
Audit Fee	3,000	3,000
Depreciation - owned assets	<u>56,112</u>	<u>56,114</u>

**7. TRUSTEES' REMUNERATION AND BENEFITS**

There were no trustees' remuneration or other benefits for the year ended 31 March 2025 nor for the year ended 31 March 2024.

**Trustees' expenses**

There were no trustees' expenses paid for the year ended 31 March 2025 nor for the year ended 31 March 2024.

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**8. STAFF COSTS**

	31.3.25	31.3.24
	£	£
Wages and salaries	514,858	578,496
Social security costs	32,655	23,983
Other pension costs	12,477	12,442
	<u>559,990</u>	<u>614,921</u>

The average monthly number of employees during the year was as follows:

	31.3.25	31.3.24
Management & Administration	<u>26</u>	<u>32</u>

No employees received emoluments in excess of £60,000.

The key management personnel of the charity comprise of the Chief Executive Officer and Senior management team. The salaries paid to key management personnel being the Chief Executive Officer, Centre Manger, Programme and Childcare Co-ordinators and Finance Manager, during the year totalled £138,807 (2024: £129,594).

**9. COMPARATIVES FOR THE STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES**

	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Total funds £
<b>INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM</b>			
<b>Charitable activities</b>			
Grants Receivable	41,001	492,098	533,099
Other trading activities	221,351	-	221,351
<b>Total</b>	<u>262,352</u>	<u>492,098</u>	<u>754,450</u>
<b>EXPENDITURE ON</b>			
<b>Charitable activities</b>			
Direct Charitable Expenses	265,719	625,988	891,707
Governance	4,157	-	4,157
<b>Total</b>	<u>269,876</u>	<u>625,988</u>	<u>895,864</u>
<b>NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)</b>	(7,524)	(133,890)	(141,414)
<b>RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS</b>			
Total funds brought forward	407,041	291,549	698,590

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**9. COMPARATIVES FOR THE STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES - continued**

	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Total funds £
	<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>
<b>TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD</b>	399,517	157,659	557,176
	<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>

**10. TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS**

	New Building £	Fixtures and fittings £	Totals £
	<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>
<b>COST</b>			
At 1 April 2024 and 31 March 2025	1,211,040	316,200	1,527,240
	<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>
<b>DEPRECIATION</b>			
At 1 April 2024	1,029,847	306,047	1,335,894
Charge for year	48,442	7,670	56,112
	<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>
At 31 March 2025	1,078,289	313,717	1,392,006
	<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>
<b>NET BOOK VALUE</b>			
At 31 March 2025	132,751	2,483	135,234
	<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>
At 31 March 2024	181,193	10,153	191,346
	<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>

**11. DEBTORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR**

	31.3.25	31.3.24
	£	£
Trade debtors	25,216	11,943
Department for Communities	83,700	58,495
BHSCT	644	2,660
Prepayments	-	910
	<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>
	109,560	74,008
	<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>

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**12. CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR**

	31.3.25	31.3.24
	£	£
Trade creditors	-	375
Social security and other taxes	3,233	-
Accruals and deferred income	18,524	15,989
	<u>21,757</u>	<u>16,364</u>

**13. ANALYSIS OF NET ASSETS BETWEEN FUNDS**

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	31.3.25 Total funds	31.3.24 Total funds
	£	£	£	£
Fixed assets	21,467	113,767	135,234	191,346
Current assets	326,491	71,859	398,350	382,194
Current liabilities	(9,036)	(12,721)	(21,757)	(16,364)
	<u>338,922</u>	<u>172,905</u>	<u>511,827</u>	<u>557,176</u>

**14. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS**

	At 1/4/24	Net movement in funds	At 31/3/25
	£	£	£
<b>Unrestricted funds</b>			
General fund	319,517	(60,595)	258,922
Designated Fund	80,000	-	80,000
	<u>399,517</u>	<u>(60,595)</u>	<u>338,922</u>
<b>Restricted funds</b>			
Capital Grant Fund	150,369	(46,061)	104,308
Belfast City Council re Summer Scheme	-	264	264
Belfast City Council - Capital Henry Smith	400	(400)	-
Big Lottery Awards for All - Capital	-	38,521	38,521
Big Lottery new Youth Account - Capital	2,229	(479)	1,750
Community Fund - Capital	1,600	(1,600)	-
Halifax for Northern Ireland - Capital	1,596	(1,596)	-
Rural Community Network - Capital	69	(69)	-
Tudor Trust - Capital	396	(396)	-
Apex Housing Association	1,000	(1,000)	-
BHSCT - 2 YO Programme	-	805	805
	<u>157,659</u>	<u>15,246</u>	<u>172,905</u>
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>	<u>557,176</u>	<u>(45,349)</u>	<u>511,827</u>

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**14. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued**

Net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
<b>Unrestricted funds</b>			
General fund	221,210	(281,805)	(60,595)
<b>Restricted funds</b>			
Capital Grant Fund	-	(46,061)	(46,061)
Belfast City Council re Revenue	20,629	(20,629)	-
Belfast City Council re Summer Scheme	18,027	(17,763)	264
Brightstart	15,155	(15,155)	-
Belfast City Council - Capital	-	(400)	(400)
Education Authority - Belfast Region	53,941	(53,941)	-
Henry Smith	87,200	(48,679)	38,521
Big Lottery Awards for All - Capital	-	(479)	(479)
Big Lottery new Youth Account - Capital	-	(1,600)	(1,600)
Community Fund - Capital	-	(1,596)	(1,596)
Halifax for Northern Ireland - Capital	-	(69)	(69)
Rural Community Network - Capital	-	(396)	(396)
Tudor Trust - Capital	-	(1,000)	(1,000)
Department for Communities - Infrastructure	122,713	(122,713)	-
Department For Communities - Education	57,884	(57,884)	-
Department for Communities - Running Costs	23,600	(23,600)	-
Investment Fund	65,443	(65,443)	-
Pathways Fund	31,981	(31,981)	-
Clear Project	4,680	(4,680)	-
National Energy Action	11,860	(11,860)	-
Apex Housing Association	1,250	(445)	805
BHSCT - 2 YO Programme	27,257	-	27,257
BHSCT - Surestart	17,454	(17,454)	-
PHA - Take 5	680	(680)	-
Department for Communities - Support	3,000	(3,000)	-
	<u>562,754</u>	<u>(547,508)</u>	<u>15,246</u>
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>	<u><u>783,964</u></u>	<u><u>(829,313)</u></u>	<u><u>(45,349)</u></u>

**Notes to the Financial Statements - continued**  
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**14. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued**

**Comparatives for movement in funds**

	At 1/4/23 £	Net movement in funds £	At 31/3/24 £
<b>Unrestricted funds</b>			
General fund	327,041	(7,524)	319,517
Designated Fund	80,000	-	80,000
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	407,041	(7,524)	399,517
<b>Restricted funds</b>			
Capital Grant Fund	196,430	(46,061)	150,369
Belfast City Council - Capital	800	(400)	400
Education Authority - Belfast Region	10,833	(10,833)	-
Henry Smith	29,000	(29,000)	-
Big Lottery - New Youth Account	3,886	(3,886)	-
Big Lottery Awards for All - Capital	2,709	(480)	2,229
Big Lottery new Youth Account - Capital	3,200	(1,600)	1,600
Community Fund - Capital	3,192	(1,596)	1,596
Halifax for Northern Ireland - Capital	139	(70)	69
Rural Community Network - Capital	792	(396)	396
Tudor Trust - Capital	2,000	(1,000)	1,000
BHSCT Home Help	38,568	(38,568)	-
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	291,549	(133,890)	157,659
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>	<hr/> <hr/>	<hr/> <hr/>	<hr/> <hr/>
	698,590	(141,414)	557,176

**Notes to the Financial Statements - continued**  
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**14. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued**

Comparative net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
<b>Unrestricted funds</b>			
General fund	262,352	(269,876)	(7,524)
<b>Restricted funds</b>			
Capital Grant Fund	-	(46,061)	(46,061)
Awards for All	10,000	(10,000)	-
Belfast City Council re Summer Scheme	11,624	(11,624)	-
Brightstart	12,162	(12,162)	-
Belfast City Council - Capital	-	(400)	(400)
Education Authority - Belfast Region Henry Smith	63,605	(74,438)	(10,833)
Big Lottery - New Youth Account	-	(3,886)	(3,886)
Big Lottery Awards for All - Capital	-	(480)	(480)
Big Lottery new Youth Account - Capital	-	(1,600)	(1,600)
Community Fund - Capital	-	(1,596)	(1,596)
Halifax for Northern Ireland - Capital	-	(70)	(70)
Rural Community Network - Capital	-	(396)	(396)
Tudor Trust - Capital	-	(1,000)	(1,000)
Department for Communities - Infrastructure	114,631	(114,631)	-
Department For Communities - Education	75,517	(75,517)	-
BHSCT Home Help	-	(38,568)	(38,568)
Department for Communities - Investment Fund	107,000	(107,000)	-
Pathways Fund	29,981	(29,981)	-
Clear Project	4,684	(4,684)	-
National Energy Action	4,794	(4,794)	-
	<u>492,098</u>	<u>(625,988)</u>	<u>(133,890)</u>
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>	<u>754,450</u>	<u>(895,864)</u>	<u>(141,414)</u>

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**15. CONTINGENT LIABILITIES**

A contingent liability exists to repay grants received should certain conditions not be fulfilled by the charity.

**16. RELATED PARTY DISCLOSURES**

There were no related party transactions for the year ended 31 March 2025.

**17. FRC ETHICAL STANDARD - PROVISIONS AVAILABLE FOR SMALL ENTITIES**

In common with many other businesses of our size and nature we use our auditors to prepare and submit returns to the tax authorities and assist with the preparation of the financial statements.

**18. POST BALANCE SHEET EVENTS**

There were no events after the reporting period therefore no material issues need disclosed.

**19. DESIGNATED FUNDS**

In accordance with best practice the company directors have agreed a comprehensive reserves policy. As such, the designated fund is the result of the company's strategic objective to establish reserves which can be used to fund future expenditure on refurbishment or replacement of capital items. Such capital items include the new lift, toilets and safety and disability doors..

The aim is also to provide sufficient funds to cover any working capital requirements associated with receiving grant funding in arrears, any unforeseen costs which may arise, as well as allowing for the payment of any liabilities which would arise should the company cease to operate. Although Upper Andersonstown Community Forum may not be in a position to maintain this level of reserves at a particular point in time, it will strive to achieve a reserve which equates to this level.

Designated funds are transferred from Unrestricted funds and are made up as follows -

	<b>31/03/2024</b>	<b>Fund Transfer</b>	<b>31/03/2025</b>
	£	£	£
Contingency Building Reserves	80,000	-	80,000
<b>Total</b>	<b>80,000</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>80,000</b>

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**20. WINDING UP**

Every member of the Company undertakes to contribute to the assets of the Company, in the event of the same being wound up while it is a member, or within one year after it ceases to be a member, for payment of the debts and liabilities of the Company contracted before it ceases to be a member, and of the costs, charges and expenses of winding up, and for the adjustment of the rights of the contributor's among themselves, such amount as may be required not exceeding one pound.

**21. SHARE CAPITAL**

The Company is limited by guarantee and has no Share Capital

**Upper Andersonstown Community Forum Ltd**

**Detailed Statement of Financial Activities**  
**for the Year Ended 31 March 2025**

	31.3.25	31.3.24
	£	£
<b>INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS</b>		
<b>Other trading activities</b>		
Vetting Income	973	1,004
BHSCT Sponsored Daycare	29,140	60,643
Creche Fees	141,202	125,463
Hospitality and Room Hire	6,226	-
Tutors & Training	840	14,598
Fundraising & Donations	11,606	10,981
CIT Health Wellbeing	15,781	8,662
Afterschools	15,442	-
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	221,210	221,351
<b>Charitable activities</b>		
Grants	562,754	533,099
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<b>Total incoming resources</b>	783,964	754,450
<b>EXPENDITURE</b>		
<b>Charitable activities</b>		
Wages	514,858	578,496
Social security	32,655	23,983
Pensions	12,477	12,442
Water Rates	4,508	3,946
Insurance	3,775	9,267
Light and heat	30,316	51,715
Telephone & Internet	6,575	5,500
Postage and stationery	1,039	2,711
Publicity & Advertising	3,162	1,428
Sundries	213	1,917
Repair to Premises & Equipment	16,821	26,412
Transport & Minibus Costs	8,710	16,351
Hospitality & Cleaning	6,311	7,767
Volunteer & Researchers Exp	2,484	3,371
Tutors/ Facilitators	22,511	22,269
Play Resources, Activities & Materials	-	4,070
Affiliation & Membership fees	1,547	1,756
Food	13,850	2,051
Repaid to Funder	37,867	3,424
Local Projects	39,507	37,161
Carried forward	759,186	816,037

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**Upper Andersonstown Community Forum Ltd**

**Detailed Statement of Financial Activities**  
**for the Year Ended 31 March 2025**

	31.3.25	31.3.24
	£	£
<b>Charitable activities</b>		
Brought forward	759,186	816,037
Staff Cost of Living	1,800	5,400
Depreciation of New Building	48,442	48,442
Depreciation of Equipment	7,670	7,672
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	817,098	877,551
 <b>Support costs</b>		
 <b>Governance costs</b>		
Accountancy Fee	3,000	2,940
Audit Fee	3,000	3,000
IT Costs	4,532	8,463
Professional Fees	120	2,117
Bank interest & Charges	1,563	1,793
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	12,215	18,313
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Total resources expended	829,313	895,864
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<b>Net expenditure</b>	<u>(45,349)</u>	<u>(141,414)</u>

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**Upper Andersonstown Community Forum**

Northern Ireland - Charity number 105782

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# Accounts

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REGISTERED COMPANY NUMBER: NI032258 (Northern Ireland)  
REGISTERED CHARITY NUMBER: NIC105782

**Report of the Trustees and**  
**Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 March 2023**  
**for**  
**Upper Andersonstown Community Forum Ltd**  
**(A Company Limited by Guarantee)**

Lynn Drake & Co Ltd  
Statutory Auditors  
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34 B-D Main Street  
Moira  
Co. Armagh  
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**Upper Andersonstown Community Forum Ltd**

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**for the Year Ended 31 March 2023**

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**Reference and Administrative Details**  
**for the Year Ended 31 March 2023**

**TRUSTEES**

Barney Kane  
Bronagh Deeds (resigned 1/11/2022)  
William Groves  
Sean Lennon  
Fionnuala McCaughley (resigned 1/11/2022)  
Emma Groves  
Gerard Meehan  
Angela Mervyn  
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**REGISTERED COMPANY  
NUMBER**

NI032258 (Northern Ireland)

**REGISTERED CHARITY  
NUMBER**

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**AUDITORS**

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**KEY PERSONNEL**

Chief Executive Officer - Michael George

Finance Manager - Aine Maguire

## **Upper Andersonstown Community Forum Ltd**

### **Report of the Trustees** **for the Year Ended 31 March 2023**

The trustees who are also directors of the charity for the purposes of the Companies Act 2006, present their report with the financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31 March 2023. The trustees have adopted the provisions of Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019).

#### **OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES**

##### **Objectives and aims**

###### **Vision**

The Upper Andersonstown Neighbourhood is a dynamic and inclusive community providing opportunities for all ages of people to become actively involved in raising the quality of life for all the residents, through community and economic regeneration of the area.

###### **Aims**

'To increase participation of local people in community development by creating developmental Opportunities through the provision of inclusive, quality services which have life- long benefits for the community.'

## **Upper Andersonstown Community Forum Ltd**

### **Report of the Trustees** **for the Year Ended 31 March 2023**

#### **OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES**

##### **Objectives and Activities**

##### **Strategic Plan**

From October 2022, UACF led an in-depth review (with our strategic partners in the Andersonstown Neighbourhood Partnership) and all key stakeholders relating to the organisation. The out workings allowed the organisation to update our strategic plan, particularly in the aftermath of the 2020-21 Pandemic and the ongoing Cost of Living crisis. The six strategic aims were agreed and set which include:

1. Building a robust business model with social values at its core  
Key Strategic Aim - To enhance the social economy, organizational and financial mode.
2. Supporting Families - Supporting Children  
Key Strategic Aim - To support families by providing the highest quality, professional care, and educational development
3. Releasing the potential of all our young people  
Key Strategic Aim - Young people will be supported to achieve their full potential
4. Working, learning and living here  
Key Strategic Aim - To support adults with their lifelong learning, employability and health journey
5. Positively support people to live actively as they age  
Key Strategic Aim - To enhance the life experience for people to age well
6. Supporting Communities through a community development approach  
Key Strategic Aim - To support communities in the economic, social and physical regeneration and ensure our organisation supports those in most need, during the cost of living crisis.

##### **Strategic Theme 1 - Building a robust business model with social values at its core**

##### **Key Strategic Aim**

To enhance the social economy, organizational and financial model

Key strategic objectives are:

" To achieve the ISO 9001:2015 quality standards

#### **OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES**

1. To centralise all policy, procedures and operational frameworks
2. To continue with the inspire and professionalise the staff and management committee
3. To increase the social economy income of the organisation

##### **Key Outcomes 2022-25**

1. To have accredited quality standards
2. To increase the social economy business to generate 50% of the organisational income
3. All staff to be paid living wage.

##### **Strategic Theme 2 - Supporting Families - Supporting Children**

##### **Key Strategic Aim**

To support families by providing the highest quality, professional care, and educational development.

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**OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES**

**Key strategic objectives are:**

Providing the highest quality of Childcare to ensure each child meets their personalise developmental milestone

1. To offer families affordable Daycare
2. To support children at each stage of their transition
3. To provide a rich communication for learning and development
4. All staff to be trained in the most up to update techniques for child development.

**Key Outcomes 2022-24**

- 1: To achieve the All-Ireland Centre of Excellence
2. All senior daycare staff to have achieved their level 5 in CCLD
3. An outcomes score card will be developed to showcase child development milestones
4. A sustainability model will be developed and implemented.

**Strategic Theme 3 - Releasing the potential of all our young people**

**Key Strategic Aim**

Young people will be supported to achieve their full potential

**Key strategic objectives are:**

1. Supporting young people's physical and mental health
2. To create fun and enjoyable leisure and play programmes
3. Young people will enjoy learning and achieving
4. Young people will be encouraged to make positive contribution to society
5. Young people will know their rights
6. Promote equality and good relations with young people.

**Key Outcomes 2022-25**

1. Young people will be more confident
2. *Young people will experience summer and seasonal educational, health and recreational programmes*
3. More young people will be supported with learning and achieving
4. To reduce the Impact, the recent Pandemic had on our youths mental wellbeing
5. To secure Education Authority core funding.

**Strategic Theme 4 - Working, learning and living here.**

**Key Strategic Aim**

To support adults with their lifelong learning, employability and health journey.

**Key strategic objectives are:**

1. To provide the highest lifelong learning opportunities for adults
2. To support and signpost adults into employment
3. To reduce health inequalities

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**OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES**

4. To support people who are living in poverty.

**Key Outcomes 2022-25**

1. To delivery high quality ICT programmes
2. To support adults into employment
3. To deliver mental health programme to adults
4. To deliver Life Skills support
5. To provide high quality lifelong learning initiatives.

**Strategic Theme 5 - Positively support people to live actively as they age**

**Key Strategic Aim**

To enhance the life experience for people to age well

**Key strategic objectives are:**

1. To provide a range of services to combat social isolation ( particularly Post Covid 19)
2. To listen and reflect the views of older people to local and central government
3. To support older people living in poverty
4. To provide a range of active aging programmes
5. Older people have better access to statutory, voluntary and community services.

**Key Outcomes 2022-25**

1. To reduce social isolation
2. To build pathways to support older people in all aspects of their lives.

**Strategic Theme 6 - Supporting Communities through a community development approach.**

**Key Strategic Aim**

To support communities in the economic, social and physical regeneration.

**Key strategic objectives are:**

1. To develop (reviewed and updated, Sept/Oct 2022) the Andersonstown Neighbourhood Partnerships membership, vision and operational plans
2. To ensure capital programmes are designed and developed in partnership with local communities
3. To respond to government policies and consultations
4. To promote UACF by sitting on a range of boards which will enhance the lives of the residents
5. To develop seasonal programmes across the Andersonstown area such as Christmas, St Patrick's Day, Halloween, Summer
6. To lobby for additional resources for the Andersonstown area
7. To support community interest groups who support residents including people from across section 75 groups.
8. To Support The Development of The Casement Park stadium

**Key Outcomes 2022-25**

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**OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES**

1. To support residents through physical regeneration projects - Casement, Glen 10
2. To work closely with government to develop an anti-poverty strategy
3. To work with community, voluntary and statutory partners to bring additional resources into the area.

The underlying principle of the Forum is inclusiveness and this ethos is translated into practice throughout the entire organisation and is reflected in the provision of quality services for children with special needs. In physical terms the building is designed to be fully accessible for people with disabilities thereby ensuring full inclusion of all members of the community.

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**OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES**

**Public benefit**

**Purpose A**

Advance community development and, in particular, the promotion of the community and voluntary sector for the benefit of the public by providing

1. support,
2. information,
3. services,
4. facilities and amenities to community and voluntary groups
5. and encouraging such organisations to co-operate to achieve their aim.

The direct benefits flowing from this purpose include

1. the strengthening of individual and community relationships,
2. the dissemination of information and services that improve the quality of life and range of opportunities available to individuals and the community,
3. the development of campaigning and networking skills within the community and the availability of "fit for purpose" community centre.

These benefits can be demonstrated by the amount of people utilizing the local community centre for a variety of programmes and the improved opportunities for people to develop social contacts at a variety of different stages in their life, for example, through attendance at our youth project or as a senior citizen in our Utopia project. The community centre enables the community to organise campaigns on issue of importance. The varieties of meetings, workshops and courses have the benefit of increasing community engagement and community solidarity.

**Purpose B**

Provide and maintain a Forum where member organisations can join together to find mutual support, exchange views, share common issues and information, create a collective voice for the community and voluntary sector and work in partnership with statutory agencies and authorities.

The direct benefits flowing from this purpose include

1. The ability to mobilise the community on issues of mutual concern to campaign for change.
2. The reduction of social isolation through collective action is another direct benefit.
3. The establishment of community-based mechanism for directly engaging and working with government departments, statutory bodies and other community and voluntary organisations.

These benefits can be demonstrated by;

1. Successful campaigns to improve disability access to the community centre,
2. The extension of Surestart 2 year old programme to the community centre
3. The delivery of a bespoke "One to One" service to local schools and our input into the Andersonstown Neighbourhood Renewal Plan.
4. The delivery of a Well-Being strategy for the Greater Andersonstown Community
5. Delivery of a Belfast City Council, Fuel Hardship Fund (winter 22-23) of over £260,000

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**OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES**

**Purpose C**

Relieve those in need by reason of;

1. Youth,
2. Age,
3. Ill-health,
4. Disability,
5. Financial hardship or other disadvantage.

The direct benefits flowing from this purpose are:

1. That we can offer a range of youth activities to our young people through our Youth Project.
2. Our senior Citizens project works to reduce social isolation and build community networks by engaging seniors in a range of stimulating social, intellectual and physical activities.
3. We offer a range of health activities with a preventative objective in terms of local health outcomes, for example, the "Cook It and Physical" activities programme delivered to local primary schools.
4. We work with the local family hub in offering support to Families and children who have disabilities and we offer a base for the local Parkinson's support group and a local group whose members have a learning disability.
5. We also offer welfare advice two days per week to assist in addressing financial hardship and or other detriments suffered by welfare reforms.

These benefits can be demonstrated by

1. The popularity of our youth project with young people.
2. The rapidly increasing success of our "Beacon's" Womens Group
3. Also we have we are in the process of establishing a senior citizens committee to campaign on issues that concern them and to participate in the design, delivery and decision making process around our Utopia senior citizens programme.
4. We have facilitated the meetings for the local Parkinson's support group, which has enabled the group to offer a range of activities in our centre.
5. We have a walking group that encourages local people to engage in physical exercise as a way of preventing or delaying the onset of illness.
6. Our Afterschool offers additional support to children with learning difficulties.

## Upper Andersonstown Community Forum Ltd

### Report of the Trustees for the Year Ended 31 March 2023

#### **OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES**

##### **Principal Activities / Objectives / Services**

The UACF was formed in 1995 and is a community led, community driven organisation that has developed and succeeded in delivering a comprehensive Community Development Strategy over 25 years.

The Forum has a sound record in managing projects, we provide a comprehensive range of Community and Family Support Services including, Social Economy Day-care provision, Youth Services, Youth Training and Employment Scheme, Life skills support for parents and long termed unemployed, ICT Training, Training Placements, Employment support Programme, support programme for People with disabilities, community education programme and the Utopia senior citizens project.. The UACF are the Lead and Accountable Agency for the Andersonstown Neighbourhood Renewal Partnership and the chair of the Outer West Sure Start and a member of the local Family Support Hub.

The Forum operates a Financial Management System based on NI audit Green Book guidance and ESF guidelines and criteria. The Forum works with a wide variety of government departments, statutory bodies and community and voluntary bodies.

The Upper Andersonstown Community Forum are the Lead and Accountable Agency for Andersonstown Neighbourhood Renewal Partnership which is the delivery agent of Neighbourhood Renewal in the Greater Andersonstown Area and are in a working partnership with all other West Belfast Neighbourhood Renewal Partnerships to implement area action plans in conjunction with Department of Communities.

The Department of Communities is the lead department in relation to Neighbourhood Renewal strategy across the region. The Community Empowerment Divisions of the Department of Communities is specifically tasked with ensuring that the City's most deprived communities are regenerated through targeting the most acute areas of deprivation, leveraging mainstream funding, empowering local communities and developing innovative partnerships.

The UACF has brought to the ANP a track record of experience in community development and accessed additional extra funding for a range of community projects.

The UACF is tasked to work with the ANP to implement the current Neighbourhood Renewal Action Plan for the greater Andersonstown area. In this last year, covered by this report, Upper Andersonstown Community Forum continued to have an ongoing positive impact in a wide range of thematic areas, which met all our charitable purposes, including delivering a very significant "Fuel hardship fund, on behalf of Belfast City Council ( £260.000 +).

The UACF in 2022/23, despite the challenges of the austerity agenda and the negative impact post COVID-19, continued to deliver real and significant benefits to the community. The Upper Andersonstown Community Forum worked through a very challenging and productive year, and we continue to deliver services to our local community namely, (UTOPIA) Older Peoples Services, Youth services, Daycare, Afterschool's, Tullymore Beacon's women's group, Educational support and Training services and Welfare Advice. As throughout 2021 - 2022 the Forum was involved in dealing with the Post Covid-19 realities and the strain socially, economically and mentally it had on our local people. We (again), headed up a community response team and negotiated the distribution of food packages to the most vulnerable, while providing a "Warm Hub" facility for our seniors. Over the last year, we have been supporting those most affected by the ongoing cost of living crisis and delivered a West Belfast wide Fuel hardship fund, to over 2600 families.

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**for the Year Ended 31 March 2023**

**OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES**

**Supporting Families - Supporting Children-**

Over the past year we had a very successful year in supporting the emotional, physical and social well-being of children using our facility. Our dedicated and professional team worked tirelessly with families and children to provide the highest quality and services, support and care.

With the challenges over the last year, we successfully delivered upon social services contracted which seen over 100 places safeguarded weekly in our Daycare. These sessions helped support children to reach their milestones and provide a safe, caring and developmental setting.

We worked with our partners in Outer West Sure Start to support families who have children between 0 and 4 years old. We have the pleasure to sit on the management committee to help design and deliver support to families most in need from within the area.

Through our Outer West Sure Start contract, we delivered upon our programme for 2 year olds which seen us supporting children to reach their developmental milestones and support parents with the challenges which they face as parents.

We delivered over 100 sessions per week for children within our Afterschool provision to help children in Key stage 1 and 2 to have a fun, social and educational experience.

The holistic approach we adopt in supporting the entire family unit helps to support both the child and parent/guardian to reach their potential.

Releasing the potential of all our young people.

Over the year, we completed youth support through onsite, outreach, and online engagement.

We were able to deliver upon our Big Lottery, Education Authority, Children in Need and Ican contracts. We continued to provide generic youth work through our youth club, which operated 4 nights per week for over 100 children and young people. The youth club gave a safe space for children and young people to come together socialise, learn and play.

The young people completed a range of projects to tackle mental health and create positive well-being as we continue to move out of the Covid-19 impact. The young people participated in Resilience awareness, anger management, mindfulness and personal development. This has helped build self-esteem and reduced isolation in our young people.

We have also developed an intense model of youth mentoring to support young people on a one to one basis to work through their problems and issues. This mentoring has been very effective in delivering a person centred approach to helping young people through their life journey and helping to make positive choices. We have also continued to work with our School outreach programme which includes primary and post primary schools in our area.

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**for the Year Ended 31 March 2023**

**OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES**

Throughout the year, we delivered our amazing seasonal programmes to support children and young people. The summer programme seen over 150 children and young people participate in a 6-week summer scheme, which was based around tackling poverty, isolation and equality. The children and young people had an enriched experience over the summer period. Over this period, we completed youth divisionary programmes (over 11th July and 8th August) which created positive alternatives at historical times of tension and we worked closely with Féile an Phobail ( Europe's biggest community arts festival), providing volunteer support and added activities for our local residents.

Over the Halloween period we had a range of children and young people's programme (over 100 participants) to provide fun activities. We delivered a highly successful Christmas carnival parade with over 500 participants with Santa visits and Christmas carol singing at A'Town leisure centre creating a positive spirit of community at the end of the year.

Our youth team helped to deliver a number of accredited and non-accredited training to young people to help with their educational journey. The courses completed included OCN's in mental health, and youth work. The non-accredited courses ranged from anti bullying, yoga, invisible trafficking, transition support and being active.

- 30- participated in Gym training
- 30- mental health support
- 16- self-esteem support
- 11- self-defence classes
- 12- OCN personal & social development
- 10- OCN in mental health
- 34- Mindfulness workshops
- 42- Healthy eating and nutrition
- 80- Attended a health day
- 32- Holistic therapies
- 18- Aware courses x2
- 11- Heal your life (mental health awareness)
- 12- Healthy cooking classes 'cook it'
- 24- Life skills workshop
- 10- Alcohol & drug awareness
- 14- 1 to 1 stress management support
- GCSE Support classes

Working, learning and living here

The services we provided helped to support adults with their lifelong learning, employability and health journey. This year we have helped and supported residents and offered numerous and varied training and alternate provisions.

1. Introduction to Complimentary Therapy training.
2. Level 1 Reiki Training.
3. OCN level 1 Community Development
4. Money Matters
5. Mentoring support
6. Stress management
7. Life coaching
8. Hair, make-up and nails training

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**OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES**

9. Barbering course
10. Personal development
11. Health Check MOT
12. OCN Level 1 ICT
13. OCN Level 2
14. Basic ICT
15. Driving Theory
16. Job search skills
17. Adult mental health one to one mentoring
18. Adult self-esteem classes
19. Access NI
20. Food and Hygiene
21. First Aid
22. Child protection

Positively support people to live actively as they age

The project provides opportunities for our older generation to socialise, to meet people their own age, to make friends, to feel part of the community, to get to grips with information technology, increase confidence, be stimulated physically, mentally and emotionally and to engage in creative, cultural and healthy recreational activities.

Within our traditional Utopia Over 60's Programme we have continued to deliver a programme of activities. We are currently working with over 100 people who participate in our weekly programme, and who attend one or more activities per week.

1. 100+ benefited from social activities
2. 100+ participant in health related activities, Tai Chi, Pilates, walking, cycling, gardening
3. 60 Participant in creative activities acrylic art, knitting, crafts, ceramics
4. 40 Participating in IT related activity
5. Gardening group
6. Tai Chi
7. 3 Tablet/computer classes per week
8. Art Classes, Acrylic Art, Mosaic, ceramic workshops
9. Social mornings/afternoons
10. 40 Winter Warm Packs Distributed to elderly, vulnerable 12 woman & 13 men
11. 80 people attended St Patrick's Celebration
12. Christmas Party 85 people attended Christmas Party
13. 70+ people participated in the summer school and attended one or more activities
14. 60 people involved in numerous initiatives including Dementia Awareness, AWARE course, Breast screening, Bowel screening etc

Through our constant engagement with older people over the last 10 years and especially during the Covid-19 pandemic, we developed a new initiative "Age Well - Live Well", which has operated up until March 2023.

This initiative involved;

1. Home Help Project household chores, cleaning, shopping, laundry, shopping and appointments, soft respite, for relatives

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**for the Year Ended 31 March 2023**

**OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES**

**2. Employers Support Package using Direct Payments.**

The initiative is under review with Belfast Trust and we will be updating its status in the new financial year.

**Supporting Communities through a community development approach**

Upper Andersonstown Community Forum has a robust ethos of community development approaches to supporting individuals, families and communities. Over the past year we have continued to work in partnership with our community to identify their needs and to advocate on their behalf to ensure they receive quality, professional and assessable services.

Over the winter period, 2022/23, we were appointed by Belfast City Council to be the west Belfast strategic partner in the Fuel Hardship Fund. This partnership has seen us working with the fall's, Upper Springfield, Lenadoon and Colin neighbourhood partnerships to ascertain people's needs and to provide fuel hardship vouchers to over 2,600 residents. Belfast City Council provided funding for Fuel vouchers which UACF coordinated across west Belfast providing individual households with £100 vouchers.

Upper Andersonstown Community Forum continue to be the coordination body for the Andersonstown Neighbourhood Partnership. This work continues to coordinate, support, advocate and connect citizens to improve the social, environmental, and physical regeneration of the locality.

We delivered:

- Vouchers to 2,600 residents
- 40 Winter warmer packs for seniors were given out
- 84 children attended summer activities
- 100 plus attended an information day
- 12 people took part in a wreath making workshop
- 14 participants for a dementia awareness course
- 24 attended art classes
- 18 participated in craft workshops
- 30 seniors participant in Pilates
- 14 social tea
- 24 bowling
- 20 people held a fundraiser
- 22 participant in Tai Chi
- 12 breast cancer awareness
- 6 bowel screen information
- 6 litter & waste management
- 5 volunteers trained in walk trainer training
- 17 people referred to counselling
- 364 accessed benefit advice/universal credit in Tullymore
- 85 UTOPIA participants attended the Christmas dinner
- 300 plus people availed of a community Christmas festival
- 30 children going on residential
- 16 participating in sports coaching
- 69 attended a Halloween camp
- 11 youth outreach
- 20+ people having 1 to 1 support

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**OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES**

242 children attending the summer scheme  
26 children attending summer day care  
190 places with over 40 sessions per week in day care and after schools  
12 attended a young women's group  
12 Young people participated in a virtual baby programme  
24 school children receiving homework support  
8 OCN Level 2 Nails Technicians Course CCEA  
9 Maths GCSE support  
12 OCN youth work  
6 OCN level 1 in ICT  
12 Driving theory  
16 Mental health awareness  
10 OCN level 1 stress management  
17 English GCSE support  
12 completed a course in hairdressing  
12 completed an awareness course with PIPs

**UACF strategic work included:**

1. DfC West Coordinator to develop the Neighbourhood Renewal Report structure (OBA Cards)
2. West Coordinator for the BCC Fuel Hardship Fund (£260,000 +)
3. An active member on the Casement Park Community Engagement Committee
4. Cycle Safe West Belfast Lobby Group.
5. An active member on Féile Community Engagement Sub Group
6. Worked with Translink on Community Safety Initiatives/ Glider Safety
7. People and Place Strategy on Outcomes Based Accountability
8. DfC workshops on place making and planning
9. Independent Chair of the west Belfast DPCSP
10. Outer West coordination of the Executive Office CIT (Communities in Transition) Initiative

## Upper Andersonstown Community Forum Ltd

### Report of the Trustees for the Year Ended 31 March 2023

#### **ACHIEVEMENT AND PERFORMANCE**

##### **Charitable activities**

The Upper Andersonstown Community Forum (UACF) is a company limited by guarantee and as stated in the *Governing document works collectively to establish a multi- agency approach that tackles the legacy of inequalities in Health, Education, Training and Employment within the Andersonstown area. The UACF proactively promotes the ethos of Community Development and the process of building a strong Community Infrastructure. Our core principles encourage ongoing consultations and engagement with local people, facilitating involvement and participation in decision making, promoting empowerment and innovation and measuring impact. This approach ensures that our projects are strategically and successfully implemented maximising the benefits and impacts for the local community.*

At a community level we endeavour to link our projects into a range of Government Strategies and initiatives including the Programme for Government, the Anti-poverty Strategy, Children and Young Peoples Strategic Partnership, People and Place strategy, Family Support Hub, Surestart and numerous Department of Economy, Department of Community and Belfast City Council initiatives. In the coming year, we are delighted to be part of the Casement Park Community Engagement Forum, which will hopefully see the completion of the Casement Stadium, a huge economic boost for the Greater Andersonstown area.

As stated above, UACF had another successful year, delivering real and significant benefits to the community; particularly those in most need (BCC Fuel Hardship fund etc). In spite of the many challenges facing the sector, UACF has continued to provide high quality services and programmes that make a measurable difference to the lives of our residents and those seeking support from our neighbouring communities.

The Tullymore Community Centre is the main community centre within the Greater Andersonstown area. Our strength is local people who are fully committed to delivering and maintaining social and economic changes within the area. The community engages and participates in the design, delivery and evaluation of all of the UACF projects and they are represented on the Board of Directors of the UACF. Each Project is carefully planned, seeking the opinions of local people and other relevant stakeholders by involving them in a consultation process that will help them contribute to and participate in decision-making about the types of services that would make a difference to their lives.

We have proven that not only do we deliver, but we also exceed our targets, achieve our outcomes, are better placed and more cost effective than many Government funded schemes. The UACF are members of the Equality Commission, a registered umbrella centre for Access N.I. and the Lead and Accountable Agency for the Andersonstown Neighbourhood Partnership Board. We also sit on the Board of the West Belfast Partnership Board and are playing a consultative role with APEX Housing, on the development of the Glenmona Social Housing project.

#### **FINANCIAL REVIEW**

##### **Financial position**

The company had net incoming resources for the year of £13,999 (2022 net outgoing resources of £123,904), which reflected the completion of a number of projects during the year. Unrestricted funds increased by £59,881, while restricted funds decreased by £45,822.

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**FINANCIAL REVIEW**

**Relevant Agencies and Partnerships**

1. Department for Communities
2. Belfast City Council
3. Belfast Health and Social Care Trust
4. Belfast Education and Library Board Education Authority (including Nursery, Primary and Post Primary Schools)
5. The N.I. Executive Office (Communities in Transition)
6. Health and Social Care commissioning
7. Belfast Trust's Community Development, Health Improvement and User Engagement Strategy
8. Belfast City Council and Community Planning Partnership
9. Education Authority
10. Neighbourhood Renewal Forum
11. Surestart
12. Family Support Hub
13. Community Investment Fund

**Financial Review**

The charity continues to work tirelessly to secure income from sources in addition to its grant funding to provide new or complementary programmes, services and venues that meet emerging local needs but cannot be funded through the core budget which has been reducing in real terms for the last three years. These additional sources of funding are grants received from various bodies as disclosed in note 3 in the financial statements.

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**FINANCIAL REVIEW**

**Reserves policy**

UACF's reserves policy is to maintain a sufficient level of reserves to enable operating activities to be maintained for a period of at least six months in the event of major funding streams ending. It also takes account of potential risks and contingencies that may arise from time to time. The Directors review the policy annually.

UACF's total unrestricted reserves include its designated fund and is consequently excluded from free reserves.

In addition, amounts are set aside to meet financial risks associated with potential contingencies and uncertainties relating to the charity's operating activities. These include:

The provision for an orderly winding-down of operations in the event of a significant adverse event that is outside the control of the charity.

*The funding of unforeseen major projects that have not been provided for in the normal financial planning process.*

The unrestricted reserves of the charity are designated and allocated to meet the above risks and contingencies and are summarised in our annual audited accounts.

Voluntary and community sector organisations that hold reserves are able:

To absorb setbacks and to take advantage of change and opportunity;

To demonstrate that they have thought through how they might secure their viability beyond the immediate future and provide reliable services over the longer term.

To demonstrate to potential funders that they are effectively managing their resources and have given consideration to their long-term plans and viability.

How secure is the organisation's present funding?

How long would it take to find alternative sources of funding?

If the organisation had to close, how long would it take to wind up in an orderly manner?

What costs could be involved in winding up. Consider:

redundancy costs, legal and accountancy costs defined benefit pension scheme (see Charity Commission guidance on Reserves and Defined Benefit). This will centre on identifying, cash flow implications, the time to the expiry of leases on property and office equipment.

As a general guide (the following should not be applied without due consideration of the circumstances in each organisation), an acceptable level of free reserve might be considered to be:

Sufficient free reserves to provide cover for between 3 - 6 months in relation to known liabilities

A smaller additional provision of free reserves for unforeseen liabilities

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**FUTURE PLANS**

UACF will continue to work towards our strategic plan for the next 3 years. This will be a difficult process due to the current cost of living crisis and lack of an operating Stormont Executive; however, we will continue to serve and advance the aspirations of our local population.

Throughout the next financial period, we will work with Department of Communities and Belfast City Council as a strategic partner, to help shape and guide local government policy in supporting residents. We will help with the support of essential needs, mental health support and delivering key services.

We aim to continue to provide a first class service within our Daycare that will help support local people to continue to work and help children's to reach their key milestones.

We will continue to engage with central and local government to obtain resources to support the work we provide. We will also work with our funding partners to meet our contractual obligations.

**Impact of Cost of Living Crisis.**

As the community sector began to emerge from the Covid-19 pandemic, we, almost immediately witnessed the effects of rising fuel prices, heating costs and basic household food items almost double. The "cost of living crisis", saw our in house numbers almost double, as our elderly residents sought a friendly hub, where they could keep warm, socialise and seek additional support. Our dynamic team of staff, Board and volunteers began the process of re-shaping our services to meet the additional community need, provide support toward heating and basic day to day needs. As throughout our organisational history, we shape our strategic vision, principles and values, to meet the most pressing community need.

The development of key operational and financial plans are devised in partnership with Board members, staff and funders. The plans completed will evolve and flow during the next financial period in line with government advice/guidelines, funder's requirements and operational ability.

We continue to monitor and evaluate this economic crisis on a regular basis and take decisions, which are based on evidence at hand and will do all in our power to mitigate against any negative impact upon our services, finances and staff.

As Lead and Accountable Agency for the Andersonstown Neighbourhood Partnership, the UACF remains the central vehicle for overseeing the delivery of the area plan. Key principles for effective delivery include:

An agreed and practical plan of action that can change and respond to needs and opportunities as they arise:-

1. The ANP as a driving force for making decisions and taking actions forward. Clear communications channels are established with all stakeholders of the action plan.
2. A Social Audit to ensure we meet the needs of our local community with their input.
3. A realistic and genuine approach to the allocation of resources and expenditure by Departments and Agencies working in the Andersonstown area to meet the locality expressed need.
4. Positive and timely monitoring of progress in relation to the actions, and appropriate engagement with the community / funders / stakeholders where necessary.
5. Ongoing engagement and involvement of the local community in the renewal process.
6. Develop an action plan which will provide a clear basis for partnership delivery and buy-in from all of the stakeholders needed to deliver positive and long-term change in Andersonstown.
7. The UACF will link in with the Neighbourhood Renewal Forum through the West Belfast Partnership Board to ensure the effective delivery of area plans and consultation processes with Government initiatives.
8. Deliver an area plan for developing and improving the community, economic, social and environmental infrastructure of the neighbourhood.

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9. Work with all relevant agencies ( particularly DfC and the GAA) to ensure a smooth transition, in planning and developing the Casement Park Stadium.

The UACF will continue to maintain the highest standard of management, financial planning, monitoring and evaluation ensuring that all the projects and programmes continue to meet their targets and objectives while providing best value for money. The UACF complies with the Charity Commission NI.

In terms of impacts and outcomes we will continue to target our work on both the individual and the community. The individual outcomes will focus on increasing confidence, social cooperation, increasing the ability to avail of educational and training opportunities and strengthening family relationships. The outcomes for the community in the future will include improved social cohesion, a reduction in anti-social behaviour, more involvement of children and young people in community life, user friendly services for young people, gains in skills and knowledge that increase employability and improved opportunities for senior citizens to engage and participate in community life.

## **STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT**

### **Governing document**

Upper Andersonstown Community Forum is a company registered in N. Ireland, which was incorporated under Companies (NI) Order 1986 on 15 April 1997. The company is governed by a Memorandum and Articles of Association. The company's objectives are charitable in nature and it has established charitable status.

The charitable company's activities are managed by the Directors/Trustees who are considered to be the members of the company.

### **Board and Accountability**

#### **Trustee's Appointment and Training**

The trustee's recruit and select new members as set out in the governing document. The Board holds annual general meeting which is open to members of the community to hear the work of the organisation. The public who agree with the values and ethos of the organisation can nominate themselves onto the Board.

The Board predicates trustee's appointments on our organisational values and make new members aware of their legal responsibilities under charity and company law. Our members' induction pack outlines our Articles of Association, board structure, organisational structure, decision making processes and financial management. Our formal induction provides new board members with the information and training they need to take up their appointment as effectively as possible.

#### **Finance, Pay and Remuneration**

Upper Andersonstown Community Forum operates a robust financial policy and procedures which the Board regularly review and independently assess. We have clear financial management systems to ensure effective and appropriate use of spend, administering resources cost effectively, transparently and accountably with clear audit trails.

All Board members give their time freely and no member received any remuneration during the year.

UACF base the senior staff team's pay on the NJC Salary Scale as a guide to appropriate remuneration for all staff pay.

## **STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT**

### **Risk management & analysis**

The UACF Risk Analysis is a process that enables us to identify and manage potential problems that could undermine key initiatives and projects. Senior staff members carry out a risk analysis which identifies the possible threats that we face, and then estimate the likelihood that these threats will materialize.

Risk Analysis is used when we are planning projects, to help identify threats, anticipate and neutralize possible problems. This enables us to check the systems, processes, structures and analyze risks to any part of these.

Building on improving people's lives is a continual, ever changing, journey that will not end. This is the reason why capacity building is central to community development. Continual learning and keeping your eye on the ball in terms of the raft of strategies and statutory obligations is again central to consolidation and expansion of community regeneration.

We continue to forward plan and we plan to review our Neighbourhood Renewal Plan. The Networks we have collectively built up over the years are central to future survival of all community led organisations within West Belfast. Securing funding for much needed services within the community take priority and to this effect it is our firm belief that as part of the wider social economy within West Belfast, and as lead partner of the Andersonstown Neighbourhood Partnership, we will collectively continue to make a positive and ongoing contribution to community, economic and social development.

### **Risk Management**

The UACF have a long track record of successful Management and operate a Financial Management System based on NIO audit and ESF guidelines and criteria. The UACF Directors are local people with the necessary experience and knowledge to act in the best interest of the organisation and community. The Forum's policies and procedures are essential elements in the day-to-day management of the organisation. These are revised and updated on a regular basis ensuring that all Management, Staff, Volunteers and participants share codes of good practice.

The UACF has a risk management policy which forms the basis of our approach. Internal review systems are a necessary pre-requisite for each project as risks can be associated with the implementation of any project. Risks are minimised through establishing a fall back, plan which is both flexible and adaptable. For example, the target number of participants may fall short or the project may have difficulties in meeting the timescale. Monthly monitoring can identify gaps, and these can be addressed when required. Internal and external communications through meetings, weekly and quarterly reports, reviews will ensure the project information is shared and decisions are made on a collective basis.

SMART objectives will be established for the project. Monitoring criteria will be implemented at the start of the project, both quantitative and qualitative targets for achievement will be set. Targets will be set against objectives and be measured and reviewed by the Project Management Team on a monthly basis. Through monitoring and evaluation mechanisms, the number of people using and benefiting from the project will be recorded. Satisfaction levels will be quantified through continuous feedback sessions.

In addition, the views of people are collated by using questionnaires, surveys and interviews. Internal evaluations assist the team develop methods that assess the impact of each project in the short, medium and long term. We have in place registers to collect details of attendance and we identify baselines and match individual learning plans to needs of each participant.

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Quantitative results will be monitored e.g. numbers attending; numbers entering employment or further training, numbers of women or other target groups participating etc. Qualitative results will be monitored through recording soft outcomes such as increased confidence, changes in attitude and social skills development.

#### **CONCLUSION**

On a personal note I would like to thank all staff, volunteers, management and local politicians and residents for their hard work, energy and commitment in achieving the ongoing regeneration of this local area. Their expertise is to be commended and congratulated and I believe through collective teamwork we will expand in the near future to create a dynamic and safe environment for all local people.

#### **EVENTS SINCE THE END OF THE YEAR**

Information relating to events since the end of the year is given in the notes to the financial statements.

#### **STATEMENT OF TRUSTEES' RESPONSIBILITIES**

The trustees (who are also the directors of Upper Andersonstown Community Forum Ltd for the purposes of company law) are responsible for preparing the Report of the Trustees and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice) including Financial Reporting Standard 102 "The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland".

Company law requires the trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charitable company and of the incoming resources and application of resources, including the income and expenditure, of the charitable company for that period. In preparing those financial statements, the trustees are required to

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles in the Charity SORP;
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charitable company will continue in business.

The trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charitable company and to enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Companies Act 2006. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charitable company and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

In so far as the trustees are aware:

- there is no relevant audit information of which the charitable company's auditors are unaware; and
- the trustees have taken all steps that they ought to have taken to make themselves aware of any relevant audit information and to establish that the auditors are aware of that information.

#### **AUDITORS**

The auditors, Lynn Drake & Co Ltd, will be proposed for re-appointment at the forthcoming Annual General Meeting.

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**Report of the Trustees**  
**for the Year Ended 31 March 2023**

This report has been prepared in accordance with the special provisions of Part 15 of the Companies Act 2006 relating to small companies.

Approved by order of the board of trustees on 24 November 2023 and signed on its behalf by:

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Barney Kane', written in a cursive style.

Barney Kane - Trustee

**Report of the Independent Auditors to the Trustees and Members of  
Upper Andersonstown Community Forum Ltd**

**Opinion**

We have audited the financial statements of Upper Andersonstown Community Forum Ltd (the 'charitable company') for the year ended 31 March 2023 which comprise the Statement of Financial Activities, the Statement of Financial Position, the Statement of Cash Flows and notes to the financial statements, including a summary of significant accounting policies. The financial reporting framework that has been applied in their preparation is applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice), including Financial Reporting Standard 102 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland'.

In our opinion the financial statements:

- give a true and fair view of the state of the charitable company's affairs as at 31 March 2023 and of its incoming resources and application of resources, including its income and expenditure, for the year then ended;
- have been properly prepared in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice, including Financial Reporting Standard 102 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland'; and
- have been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006.

**Basis for opinion**

We conducted our audit in accordance with International Standards on Auditing (UK) (ISAs (UK)) and applicable law. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditors' responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements section of our report. We are independent of the charitable company in accordance with the ethical requirements that are relevant to our audit of the financial statements in the UK, including the FRC's Ethical Standard, and the provisions available for small entities, in the circumstances set out in note 17 to the financial statements, and we have fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with these requirements. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

**Conclusions relating to going concern**

In auditing the financial statements, we have concluded that the trustees' use of the going concern basis of accounting in the preparation of the financial statements is appropriate.

*Based on the work we have performed, we have not identified any material uncertainties relating to events or conditions that, individually or collectively, may cast significant doubt on the charitable company's ability to continue as a going concern for a period of at least twelve months from when the financial statements are authorised for issue.*

Our responsibilities and the responsibilities of the trustees with respect to going concern are described in the relevant sections of this report.

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**Other information**

The trustees are responsible for the other information. The other information comprises the information included in the Annual Report, other than the financial statements and our Report of the Independent Auditors thereon.

Our opinion on the financial statements does not cover the other information and, except to the extent otherwise explicitly stated in our report, we do not express any form of assurance conclusion thereon.

In connection with our audit of the financial statements, our responsibility is to read the other information and, in doing so, consider whether the other information is materially inconsistent with the financial statements or our knowledge obtained in the audit or otherwise appears to be materially misstated. If we identify such material inconsistencies or apparent material misstatements, we are required to determine whether this gives rise to a material misstatement in the financial statements themselves. If, based on the work we have performed, we conclude that there is a material misstatement of this other information, we are required to report that fact. We have nothing to report in this regard.

**Opinions on other matters prescribed by the Companies Act 2006**

In our opinion, based on the work undertaken in the course of the audit:

- the information given in the Report of the Trustees for the financial year for which the financial statements are prepared is consistent with the financial statements; and
- the Report of the Trustees has been prepared in accordance with applicable legal requirements.

**Matters on which we are required to report by exception**

In the light of the knowledge and understanding of the charitable company and its environment obtained in the course of the audit, we have not identified material misstatements in the Report of the Trustees.

We have nothing to report in respect of the following matters where the Companies Act 2006 requires us to report to you if, in our opinion:

- adequate accounting records have not been kept or returns adequate for our audit have not been received from branches not visited by us; or
- the financial statements are not in agreement with the accounting records and returns; or
- certain disclosures of trustees' remuneration specified by law are not made; or
- we have not received all the information and explanations we require for our audit; or
- the trustees were not entitled to take advantage of the small companies exemption from the requirement to prepare a Strategic Report or in preparing the Report of the Trustees.

**Responsibilities of trustees**

As explained more fully in the Statement of Trustees' Responsibilities, the trustees (who are also the directors of the charitable company for the purposes of company law) are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements and for being satisfied that they give a true and fair view, and for such internal control as the trustees determine is necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the financial statements, the trustees are responsible for assessing the charitable company's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless the trustees either intend to liquidate the charitable company or to cease operations, or have no realistic alternative but to do so.

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Upper Andersonstown Community Forum Ltd**

**Our responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements**

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue a Report of the Independent Auditors that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance, but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with ISAs (UK) will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of these financial statements.

The extent to which our procedures are capable of detecting irregularities, including fraud is detailed below:

Irregularities, including fraud, are instances of non-compliance with laws and regulations. We design procedures in line with our responsibilities, outlined above, to detect material misstatements in respect of irregularities, including fraud. In particular, we looked at where management made subjective judgements, *for example in respect of accounting estimates that involved making assumptions and considering future events that are inherently uncertain*. We also considered potential financial or other pressures, opportunity and motivations for fraud. As part of this discussion, we identified the internal controls established to mitigate risks related to fraud or non-compliance with laws and regulations and how management monitor these processes. Appropriate procedures included the review and testing of manual journals and key estimates and judgements made by management for risk of fraud.

Based on our understanding of the company and industry, we identified the principal risks of non-compliance with laws and regulations as those that have a direct impact on the determination of material amounts and disclosures in the financial statements.

We evaluated management's incentives and opportunities for fraudulent manipulation of the financial statements and identified the greatest potential for fraud. We communicated the identified laws and regulations throughout the audit team and remained alert to any indications of non-compliance throughout the audit. Audit procedures performed included, but were not limited to:

Discussions with management including consideration of known or suspected instances of non-compliance with laws and regulation and fraud;

Reviewing the financial statement disclosures and testing to supporting documentation;

Review of board meeting minutes of those charged with governance;

In addressing the risk of fraud through management override of controls, testing the appropriateness of journal entries and other adjustments;

As part of an audit in accordance with ISAs (UK), we exercise professional judgment and maintain professional scepticism throughout the audit. We also:-

Identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error, design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks, and obtain audit evidence that is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion. The risk of not detecting a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than for one resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control.

Obtain an understanding of internal control relevant to the audit in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the charities internal control.

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Upper Andersonstown Community Forum Ltd**

Evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates and related disclosures made by the trustees.

Perform analytical procedures to identify any unusual or unexpected relationships that may indicate risks of material misstatement due to fraud or error.

Conclude on the appropriateness of the trustees' use of the going concern basis of accounting and based on the audit evidence obtained, whether a material uncertainty exists related to events or conditions that may cast significant doubt on the charities ability to continue as a going concern. If we conclude that a material uncertainty exists, we are required to draw attention in our auditor's report to the related disclosures in the financial statements or, if such disclosures are inadequate, to modify our opinion. Our conclusions are based on the audit evidence obtained up to the date of our auditor's report. However, future events or conditions may cause the charity to cease to continue as a going concern.

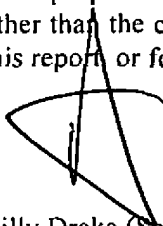
Evaluate the overall presentation, structure, and content of the financial statements, including the disclosures and whether the financial statements represent the underlying transactions and events in a manner that achieves fair presentation.

We communicate with those charged with governance regarding, among other matters, the planned scope and timing of the audit and significant audit findings, including significant deficiencies in internal control that we identify during our audit.

A further description of our responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements is located on the Financial Reporting Council's website at [www.frc.org.uk/auditorsresponsibilities](http://www.frc.org.uk/auditorsresponsibilities). This description forms part of our Report of the Independent Auditors.

**Use of our report**

This report is made solely to the charitable company's members, as a body, in accordance with Chapter 3 of Part 16 of the Companies Act 2006. Our audit work has been undertaken so that we might state to the charitable company's members those matters we are required to state to them in an auditors' report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, we do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the charitable company and the charitable company's members as a body, for our audit work, for this report or for the opinions we have formed.



Billy Drake (Senior Statutory Auditor)  
for and on behalf of Lynn Drake & Co Ltd  
Statutory Auditors  
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24 November 2023

**Upper Andersonstown Community Forum Ltd**

**Statement of Financial Activities**  
**(Incorporating an Income and Expenditure Account)**  
**for the Year Ended 31 March 2023**

	Notes	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	31.3.23 Total funds £	31.3.22 Total funds £
<b>INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM</b>					
<b>Charitable activities</b>	3				
Grants Receivable		-	1,012,837	1,012,837	779,176
Other trading activities	2	263,457	-	263,457	248,733
Other income		500	-	500	-
<b>Total</b>		<b>263,957</b>	<b>1,012,837</b>	<b>1,276,794</b>	<b>1,027,909</b>
<b>EXPENDITURE ON</b>					
<b>Charitable activities</b>	4				
Direct Charitable Expenses		176,192	1,058,719	1,234,911	1,136,275
Governance		27,884	-	27,884	15,538
<b>Total</b>		<b>204,076</b>	<b>1,058,719</b>	<b>1,262,795</b>	<b>1,151,813</b>
<b>NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)</b>		<b>59,881</b>	<b>(45,882)</b>	<b>13,999</b>	<b>(123,904)</b>
<b>RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS</b>					
Total funds brought forward		347,160	337,431	684,591	808,495
<b>TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD</b>		<b>407,041</b>	<b>291,549</b>	<b>698,590</b>	<b>684,591</b>

The notes form part of these financial statements

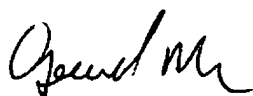
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**Statement of Financial Position**  
**31 March 2023**

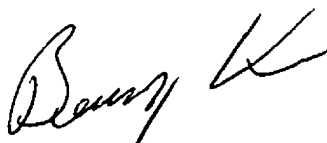
	Notes	31.3.23 £	31.3.22 £
<b>FIXED ASSETS</b>			
Tangible assets	10	247,460	298,465
<b>CURRENT ASSETS</b>			
Debtors	11	9,667	58,714
Cash at bank		469,398	336,279
		<u>479,065</u>	<u>394,993</u>
<b>CREDITORS</b>			
Amounts falling due within one year	12	(27,935)	(8,867)
		<u>451,130</u>	<u>386,126</u>
<b>NET CURRENT ASSETS</b>			
		<u>451,130</u>	<u>386,126</u>
<b>TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES</b>			
		<u>698,590</u>	<u>684,591</u>
<b>NET ASSETS</b>		<u>698,590</u>	<u>684,591</u>
<b>FUNDS</b>	14		
Unrestricted funds		407,041	347,160
Restricted funds		291,549	337,431
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>		<u>698,590</u>	<u>684,591</u>

These financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the provisions applicable to charitable companies subject to the small companies regime.

The financial statements were approved by the Board of Trustees and authorised for issue on 24 November 2023 and were signed on its behalf by:



Gerard Meehan - Trustee



Barney Kane - Trustee

The notes form part of these financial statements

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**Statement of Cash Flows**  
**for the Year Ended 31 March 2023**

	Notes	31.3.23 £	31.3.22 £
<b>Cash flows from operating activities</b>			
Cash generated from operations	1	137,776	(113,961)
Net cash provided by/(used in) operating activities		<u>137,776</u>	<u>(113,961)</u>
<b>Cash flows from investing activities</b>			
Purchase of tangible fixed assets		(5,157)	(2,329)
Sale of tangible fixed assets		500	-
Net cash used in investing activities		<u>(4,657)</u>	<u>(2,329)</u>
<b>Change in cash and cash equivalents in the reporting period</b>		133,119	(116,290)
<b>Cash and cash equivalents at the beginning of the reporting period</b>		<u>336,279</u>	<u>452,569</u>
<b>Cash and cash equivalents at the end of the reporting period</b>		<u><u>469,398</u></u>	<u><u>336,279</u></u>

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**Notes to the Statement of Cash Flows**  
**for the Year Ended 31 March 2023**

**1. RECONCILIATION OF NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE) TO NET CASH FLOW FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES**

	31.3.23	31.3.22
	£	£
<b>Net income/(expenditure) for the reporting period (as per the Statement of Financial Activities)</b>	13,999	(123,904)
<b>Adjustments for:</b>		
Depreciation charges	56,162	55,483
Profit on disposal of fixed assets	(500)	-
Decrease/(increase) in debtors	49,047	(45,341)
Increase/(decrease) in creditors	19,068	(199)
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<b>Net cash provided by/(used in) operations</b>	<b>137,776</b>	<b>(113,961)</b>
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**2. ANALYSIS OF CHANGES IN NET FUNDS**

	At 1/4/22	Cash flow	At 31/3/23
	£	£	£
<b>Net cash</b>			
Cash at bank	336,279	133,119	469,398
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	336,279	133,119	469,398
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<b>Total</b>	<b>336,279</b>	<b>133,119</b>	<b>469,398</b>
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## **Upper Andersonstown Community Forum Ltd**

### **Notes to the Financial Statements** **for the Year Ended 31 March 2023**

#### **1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES**

##### **Basis of preparing the financial statements**

##### **(a) General information and basis of preparation**

Upper Andersonstown Community Forum Ltd is constituted as a company limited by guarantee incorporated in Northern Ireland (NI 032258). In the event of the charity being wound up, the liability in respect of the guarantee is limited to £1 per member of the charity.

The charity constitutes a public benefit entity as defined by FRS 102. The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102), the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the United Kingdom and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102), the Charities Act (Northern Ireland) 2013, the Companies Act 2006 and UK Generally Accepted Practice as it applies from 1 January 2015.

The financial statements are prepared on a going concern basis under the historical cost convention, modified to include certain items at fair value. The financial statements are presented in sterling which is the functional currency of the charity.

The significant accounting policies applied in the preparation of these financial statements are set out below. These policies have been consistently applied to all years presented unless otherwise stated.

##### **(b) Funds**

Unrestricted funds are available for use at the discretion of the trustees in furtherance of the general objectives of the charity and which have not been designated for other purposes.

Designated funds comprise unrestricted funds that have been set aside by the trustees for particular purposes. The aim and use of each designated fund is set out in the notes to the financial statements.

Restricted funds are funds which are to be used in accordance with specific restrictions imposed by donors or which have been raised by the charity for particular purposes. The cost of raising and administering such funds are charged against the specific fund. The aim and use of each restricted fund is set out in the notes to the financial statements.

Further explanation of the nature and purpose of each fund is included in the notes to the financial statements.

##### **(c) Income recognition**

All incoming resources are included in the Statement of Financial Activities (SoFA) when the charity is legally entitled to the income after any performance conditions have been met, the amount can be measured reliably and it is probable that the income will be received.

**Notes to the Financial Statements - continued**  
**for the Year Ended 31 March 2023**

**1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES - continued**

**Basis of preparing the financial statements**

For donations to be recognised the charity will have been notified of the amounts and the settlement date in writing. If there are conditions attached to the donation and this requires a level of performance before entitlement can be obtained then income is deferred until those conditions are fully met or the fulfilment of those conditions is within the control of the charity and it is probable that they will be fulfilled. Voluntary income is received by way of grants, donations and gifts and is included in full in the Statement of Financial Activities (SoFA) when receivable. Income received from collections is recognised when received.

Donated facilities and donated professional services are recognised in income at their fair value when their economic benefit is probable, it can be measured reliably and the charity has control over the item. Fair value is determined on the basis of the value of the gift to the charity. For example the amount the charity would be willing to pay in the open market for such facilities and services. A corresponding amount is recognised in expenditure.

No amount is included in the financial statements for volunteer time in line with the SORP (FRS 102). Further detail is given in the Trustees' Annual Report.

For legacies, entitlement is the earlier of the charity being notified of an impending distribution or the legacy being received. At this point income is recognised. On occasion legacies will be notified to the charity however it is not possible to measure the amount expected to be distributed. On these occasions, the legacy is treated as a contingent asset and disclosed.

Income from trading activities includes income earned from fundraising events and trading activities to raise funds for the charity. Income is received in exchange for supplying goods and services in order to raise funds and is recognised when entitlement has occurred.

The charity receives government grants which are detailed within the notes to these financial statements. Income from government and other grants are recognised at fair value when the charity has entitlement after any performance conditions have been met, it is probable that the income will be received and the amount can be measured reliably. If entitlement is not met then these amounts are deferred.

**(D) Expenditure recognition**

All expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis, inclusive of VAT which cannot be recovered and has been classified under headings that aggregate all costs related to the category. Expenditure is recognised where there is a legal or constructive obligation to make payments to third parties, it is probable that the settlement will be required and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably. It is categorised under the following headings:

Costs of raising funds includes the costs associated with attracting voluntary incomes;

Expenditure on charitable activities includes those costs incurred by the charity in the delivery of its activities and services for its beneficiaries. It includes both costs that can be allocated directly to such activities and those costs of an indirect nature necessary to support them; and

Other expenditure represents those items not falling into the categories above.

Irrecoverable VAT is charged as an expense against the activity for which expenditure arose.

**Notes to the Financial Statements - continued**  
**for the Year Ended 31 March 2023**

**1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES - continued**

**Basis of preparing the financial statements**

Grants payable to third parties are within the charitable objectives. Where unconditional grants are offered, this is accrued as soon as the recipient is notified of the grant, as this gives rise to a reasonable expectation that the recipient will receive the grants. Where grants are conditional relating to performance then the grant is only accrued when any unfulfilled conditions are outside of the control of the charity.

**(e) Support costs allocation**

Support costs are those that assist the work of the charity but do not directly represent charitable activities and include office costs, governance costs, administrative payroll costs. They are incurred directly in support of expenditure on the objects of the charity and include project management carried out at Headquarters. Where support costs cannot be directly attributed to particular headings they have been allocated to cost of raising funds and expenditure on charitable activities on a basis consistent with use of the resources. Premises overheads have been allocated on an insert detail basis and other overheads have been allocated on a basis consistent with the use of resources.

Fund-raising costs are those incurred in seeking voluntary contributions and do not include the costs of disseminating information in support of the charitable activities.

**(f) Tangible fixed assets**

Tangible fixed assets are stated at cost less accumulated depreciation and accumulated impairment losses. Cost includes costs directly attributable to making the asset capable of operating as intended.

Depreciation is provided on all tangible fixed assets, at rates calculated to write off the cost, less estimated residual value, of each asset on a systematic basis over its expected useful life as follows:

New Building	- 4% Straight Line
Fixtures & Fittings	- 20% Straight Line
Minibus	- 20% Straight Line

**(g) Financial Instruments**

A financial asset or a financial liability is recognised only when the charity becomes a party to the contractual provision of the instrument.

Basic financial instruments are initially recognised at the amounts receivable or payable including any related transaction costs.

Current assets and current liabilities are subsequently measured at the cash or other consideration expected to be paid or relived and not discounted.

Debt instruments are subsequently measured at amortised cost.

Where investments in shares are publicly traded or their fair value can otherwise be measured reliably, the investment is subsequently measured at fair value with changes in fair value recognised in income and expenditure. All other such investments are subsequently measured at cost less impairment.

**Notes to the Financial Statements - continued**  
**for the Year Ended 31 March 2023**

**1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES - continued**

**Basis of preparing the financial statements**

Other financial instruments, including derivatives, are initially recognised at fair value, unless payment for an asset is deferred beyond normal business terms or financed at a rate of interest that is not a market rate, in which case the asset is measured at the present value of the future payments discounted at a market rate of interest for a similar debt instrument.

Other financial instruments are subsequently measured at fair value with any changes recognised in the statement of financial activities, with the exception of hedging instruments in a designed hedging relationship.

Financial assets that are measured at cost or amortised cost are reviewed for objective evidence of impairment at the end of each reporting date. If there is objective evidence of impairment an impairment loss is recognised under the appropriate heading in the statement of financial activities in which the initial gain is recognised.

For all equity instruments regardless of significance, and other financial assets that are individually significant, these are assessed individually for impairment. Other financial assets are either assessed individually or grouped on the basis of similar credit risk characteristics.

Any reversals of impairment are recognised immediately, to the extent that the reversal does not result in a carrying amount of the financial asset that exceeds what the carrying amount would have been had the impairment not previously been recognised.

**(h) Impairment**

Assets not measured at fair value are reviewed for any indication that the asset may be impaired at each balance sheet date. If such indication exists, the recoverable amount of the asset, or the asset's cash generating unit, is estimated and compared to the carrying amount. Where the carrying amount exceeds its recoverable amount, an impairment loss is recognised in profit or loss unless the asset is carried at a revalued amount where the impairment loss is a revaluation decrease.

**(i) Provisions**

Provisions are recognised when the charity has an obligation at the balance sheet date as a result of a past event, it is probable that an outflow of economic benefits will be required in settlement and the amount can be reliably estimated.

**(j) Leases**

Assets acquired under finance leases are capitalised and depreciated over the shorter of the lease term and the expected useful life of the asset. Minimum lease payments are apportioned between the finance charge and the reduction of the outstanding lease liability using the effective interest method. The related obligations, net of future finance charges, are included in creditors.

Rentals payable and receivable under operating leases are charged to the SoFA on a straight line basis over the period of the lease.

**(k) Tax**

**Notes to the Financial Statements - continued**  
**for the Year Ended 31 March 2023**

**1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES - continued**

**Basis of preparing the financial statements**

No provision is required for taxation as the company is defined as a charity for taxation purposes. The charity is a registered charity and so such is entitled to certain tax exemptions on income and profits from investments and surpluses on any trading activities carried on in furtherance of the charity's primary objectives, if these profits and surpluses are applied solely for charitable purposes.

**(l) Going concern**

The financial statements have been prepared on a going concern basis as the trustees believe that no material uncertainties exist. The trustees have considered the level of funds held and the expected level of income and expenditure for 12 months from authorising these financial statements. The budgeted income and expenditure is sufficient with the level of reserves for the charity to be able to continue as a going concern.

**(m) Accounting estimates and areas of judgement**

The preparation of the financial statements requires management to make judgements, estimates and assumptions that affect the amounts reported. These estimates and judgements are continually reviewed and are based on experience and other factors, including expectations of future events that are believed to be reasonable under the circumstances.

The items in the financial statements where these judgements and estimates have been made include:

- (i) estimating the useful economic life of tangible fixed assets
- (ii) property valuation
- (iii) allocation of expenditure and support costs

**Taxation**

The company is a registered charity and so such is entitled to certain tax exemptions on income and profits from investments and surpluses on any trading activities carried on in furtherance of the charity's primary objectives, if these profits and surpluses are applied solely for charitable purposes.

**Fund accounting**

The Charity has various types of funds for which it is responsible, and which require separate disclosure. These are as follows:

**Restricted Funds**

Grants or donations received, which are earmarked by the donor for specific purposes within the overall aims of the organisation.

**Unrestricted Funds**

Funds which are expendable at the discretion of the Directors in furtherance of the objects of the charity.

Such funds may be held in order to finance capital investment and working capital.

**Pension costs and other post-retirement benefits**

The charitable company operates a defined contribution pension scheme. Contributions payable to the charitable company's pension scheme are charged to the Statement of Financial Activities in the period to which they relate.

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**Notes to the Financial Statements - continued**  
**for the Year Ended 31 March 2023**

**2. OTHER TRADING ACTIVITIES**

	31.3.23	31.3.22
	£	£
Shop income	156	2,909
Vetting Income	228	527
BHSCT Sponsored Daycare	57,173	57,535
Crèche Fees	180,108	164,065
Tutors & Training	7,073	5,574
Insurance Proceeds	4,500	-
Fundraising & Donations	8,179	1,060
CIT Health Wellbeing	6,040	16,567
Radius Housing	-	496
	<u>263,457</u>	<u>248,733</u>

**3. INCOME FROM CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES**

	31.3.23	31.3.22
	£	£
Grants	1,012,837	779,176
	<u>1,012,837</u>	<u>779,176</u>

Grants received, included in the above, are as follows:

	31.3.23	31.3.22
	£	£
Children in Need	21,788	31,303
Community Investment Fund	-	63,098
Volunteer Now	-	2,435
Belfast City Council re Revenue	18,000	18,000
Belfast City Council re Festival	85	3,348
West Belfast Partnership Board	1,760	-
Belfast Health And Social Care Trust	76,790	-
Brightstart	15,733	15,387
Early Years - Pathway Fund	-	29,904
Education Authority - Belfast Region	67,451	67,001
Henry Smith	87,000	-
Big Lottery - New Youth Account	30,953	30,953
Big Lottery Awards for All - Capital	-	1,750
Early Years Pathway Fund - Covid Grant	10,167	10,167
Belfast City Council - Covid Grant	-	262,225
Department for Communities - Infrastructure	108,776	119,693
Department For Communities - Education	59,347	62,444
Belfast City Council - Community Recovery	-	4,995
Department For Communities - Job Start	4,577	4,619
Education Authority - Summer Scheme	-	15,000
Education Authority - TBUC	-	1,500
Community Fund Bike Shelters	-	3,150
Education Authority - Capacity	-	2,337
	<u>502,427</u>	<u>749,309</u>
Carried forward	502,427	749,309

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**Notes to the Financial Statements - continued**  
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**3. INCOME FROM CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES - continued**

	31.3.23	31.3.22
	£	£
Brought forward	502,427	749,309
BHSCT Home Help	71,346	28,654
Active Community Network	51,487	1,213
CIT Community Safety	2,400	-
Department for Communities - Running Costs	16,411	-
Department for Communities - Investment Fund	60,820	-
Pathways Fund	29,904	-
Keep Northern Ireland Beautiful	2,972	-
Belfast City Council - Medium	3,968	-
Clear Project	2,736	-
Belfast City Council - Cost of Living	267,866	-
Belfast City Council - Small	500	-
	<u>1,012,837</u>	<u>779,176</u>

**4. CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES COSTS**

	Direct Costs £	Support costs (see note 5) £	Totals £
Direct Charitable Expenses	1,234,911	-	1,234,911
Governance	-	27,884	27,884
	<u>1,234,911</u>	<u>27,884</u>	<u>1,262,795</u>

**5. SUPPORT COSTS**

	Governance costs £
Governance	<u>27,884</u>

**6. NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)**

Net income/(expenditure) is stated after charging/(crediting):

	31.3.23	31.3.22
	£	£
Accountancy Fee	2,880	2,787
Audit Fee	3,000	3,000
Depreciation - owned assets	56,162	55,483
Surplus on disposal of fixed assets	(500)	-
	<u>62,542</u>	<u>114,667</u>

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**Notes to the Financial Statements - continued**  
**for the Year Ended 31 March 2023**

**7. TRUSTEES' REMUNERATION AND BENEFITS**

There were no trustees' remuneration or other benefits for the year ended 31 March 2023 nor for the year ended 31 March 2022.

**Trustees' expenses**

There were no trustees' expenses paid for the year ended 31 March 2023 nor for the year ended 31 March 2022.

**8. STAFF COSTS**

	31.3.23	31.3.22
	£	£
Wages and salaries	627,406	600,393
Social security costs	32,934	33,288
Other pension costs	24,856	22,738
	<u>685,196</u>	<u>656,419</u>

The average monthly number of employees during the year was as follows:

	31.3.23	31.3.22
Management & Administration	<u>35</u>	<u>34</u>

No employees received emoluments in excess of £60,000.

The key management personnel of the charity comprise of the Chief Executive Officer and Senior management team. The salaries paid to key management personnel being the Chief Executive Officer, Centre Manger, Programme and Childcare Co-ordinators and Finance Manager, during the year totalled £121,431 (2022: £148,874).

**9. COMPARATIVES FOR THE STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES**

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Total funds
	£	£	£
<b>INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM</b>			
<b>Charitable activities</b>			
Grants Receivable	-	779,176	779,176
Other trading activities	248,733	-	248,733
<b>Total</b>	<u>248,733</u>	<u>779,176</u>	<u>1,027,909</u>
<b>EXPENDITURE ON</b>			
<b>Charitable activities</b>			
Direct Charitable Expenses	249,860	886,415	1,136,275
Governance	15,538	-	15,538
<b>Total</b>	<u>265,398</u>	<u>886,415</u>	<u>1,151,813</u>

**Notes to the Financial Statements - continued**  
**for the Year Ended 31 March 2023**

**9. COMPARATIVES FOR THE STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES - continued**

	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Total funds £
<b>NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)</b>	(16,665)	(107,239)	(123,904)
<b>RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS</b>			
Total funds brought forward	363,825	444,670	808,495
<b>TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD</b>	<u>347,160</u>	<u>337,431</u>	<u>684,591</u>

**10. TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS**

	New Building £	Fixtures and fittings £	Minibus £	Totals £
<b>COST</b>				
At 1 April 2022	1,211,040	311,043	6,500	1,528,583
Additions	-	5,157	-	5,157
Disposals	-	-	(6,500)	(6,500)
At 31 March 2023	<u>1,211,040</u>	<u>316,200</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,527,240</u>
<b>DEPRECIATION</b>				
At 1 April 2022	932,963	290,655	6,500	1,230,118
Charge for year	48,442	7,720	-	56,162
Eliminated on disposal	-	-	(6,500)	(6,500)
At 31 March 2023	<u>981,405</u>	<u>298,375</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,279,780</u>
<b>NET BOOK VALUE</b>				
At 31 March 2023	<u>229,635</u>	<u>17,825</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>247,460</u>
At 31 March 2022	<u>278,077</u>	<u>20,388</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>298,465</u>

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**Notes to the Financial Statements - continued  
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**11. DEBTORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR**

	31.3.23	31.3.22
	£	£
Trade debtors	5,181	3,541
Brightstart	3,847	3,847
Department for Communities	-	5,369
Children in Need	-	13,772
Active Community Network	-	1,213
Belfast City Council	-	1,577
BHSCT	-	28,654
Prepayments	639	741
	<u>9,667</u>	<u>58,714</u>

**12. CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR**

	31.3.23	31.3.22
	£	£
Trade creditors	1,441	-
Accruals and deferred income	26,494	8,867
	<u>27,935</u>	<u>8,867</u>

**13. ANALYSIS OF NET ASSETS BETWEEN FUNDS**

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	31.3.23 Total funds	31.3.22 Total funds
	£	£	£	£
Fixed assets	29,357	218,103	247,460	298,465
Current assets	405,619	73,446	479,065	394,993
Current liabilities	(27,935)	-	(27,935)	(8,867)
	<u>407,041</u>	<u>291,549</u>	<u>698,590</u>	<u>684,591</u>

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**Notes to the Financial Statements - continued**  
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**14. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS**

	At 1/4/22 £	Net movement in funds £	Transfers between funds £	At 31/3/23 £
<b>Unrestricted funds</b>				
General fund	307,160	59,881	(40,000)	327,041
Designated Fund	40,000	-	40,000	80,000
	<u>347,160</u>	<u>59,881</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>407,041</u>
<b>Restricted funds</b>				
Capital Grant Fund	242,491	(46,061)	-	196,430
Volunteer Now	75	(75)	-	-
Brightstart	10,197	(10,197)	-	-
Belfast City Council - Capital	1,200	(400)	-	800
Volunteer Now	400	(400)	-	-
Utopia - Self funded	1,337	(1,337)	-	-
Education Authority - Belfast Region	-	10,833	-	10,833
Henry Smith	26,603	2,397	-	29,000
Big Lottery - New Youth Account	23,577	(19,691)	-	3,886
Big Lottery Awards for All - Capital	3,189	(480)	-	2,709
Big Lottery new Youth Account - Capital	4,800	(1,600)	-	3,200
Community Fund - Capital	4,788	(1,596)	-	3,192
Halifax for Northern Ireland - Capital	209	(70)	-	139
Rural Community Network - Capital	1,188	(396)	-	792
Tudor Trust - Capital	3,000	(1,000)	-	2,000
Covid Food Donations	1,793	(1,793)	-	-
Belfast City Council - Covid Grant	2,410	(2,410)	-	-
Covid Pathway Fund	1,281	(1,281)	-	-
Department for Communities - Infrastructure	2,653	(2,653)	-	-
Education Authority - TBUC	753	(753)	-	-
Community Fund Bike Shelters	3,150	(3,150)	-	-
Education Authority - Capacity	2,337	(2,337)	-	-
BHSCT Home Help	-	38,568	-	38,568
	<u>337,431</u>	<u>(45,882)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>291,549</u>
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>	<u><u>684,591</u></u>	<u><u>13,999</u></u>	<u><u>-</u></u>	<u><u>698,590</u></u>

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**Notes to the Financial Statements - continued**  
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**14. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued**

Net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
<b>Unrestricted funds</b>			
General fund	263,957	(204,076)	59,881
<b>Restricted funds</b>			
Capital Grant Fund	-	(46,061)	(46,061)
Children in Need	21,788	(21,788)	-
Belfast City Council re Revenue	18,000	(18,000)	-
Belfast City Council re Festival	85	(85)	-
Volunteer Now	-	(75)	(75)
West Belfast Partnership Board	1,760	(1,760)	-
Belfast Health and Social Care Trust	76,790	(76,790)	-
Brightstart	15,733	(25,930)	(10,197)
Belfast City Council - Capital	-	(400)	(400)
Volunteer Now	-	(400)	(400)
Utopia - Self funded	-	(1,337)	(1,337)
Education Authority - Belfast Region	67,451	(56,618)	10,833
Henry Smith	87,000	(84,603)	2,397
Big Lottery - New Youth Account	30,953	(50,644)	(19,691)
Big Lottery Awards for All - Capital	-	(480)	(480)
Big Lottery new Youth Account - Capital	-	(1,600)	(1,600)
Community Fund - Capital	-	(1,596)	(1,596)
Halifax for Northern Ireland - Capital	-	(70)	(70)
Rural Community Network - Capital	-	(396)	(396)
Tudor Trust - Capital	-	(1,000)	(1,000)
Early Years Pathway Fund - Covid Grant	10,167	(10,167)	-
Covid Food Donations	-	(1,793)	(1,793)
Belfast City Council - Covid Grant	-	(2,410)	(2,410)
Covid Pathway Fund	-	(1,281)	(1,281)
Department for Communities - Infrastructure	108,776	(111,429)	(2,653)
Department For Communities - Education	59,347	(59,347)	-
Department For Communities - Job Start	4,577	(4,577)	-
Education Authority - TBUC	-	(753)	(753)
Community Fund Bike Shelters	-	(3,150)	(3,150)
Education Authority - Capacity	-	(2,337)	(2,337)
BHSCT Home Help	71,346	(32,778)	38,568
Active Community Network	51,487	(51,487)	-
CIT Community Safety	2,400	(2,400)	-
Department for Communities - Running Costs	16,411	(16,411)	-

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**Notes to the Financial Statements - continued**  
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**14. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued**

Department for Communities -

Investment Fund

60,820 (60,820) -

Pathways Fund

29,904 (29,904) -

Keep Northern Ireland Beautiful

2,972 (2,972) -

Belfast City Council - Medium

3,968 (3,968) -

Clear Project

2,736 (2,736) -

Belfast City Council - Cost of Living

267,866 (267,866) -

Belfast City Council - Small

500 (500) -

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1,012,837 (1,058,719) (45,882)

**TOTAL FUNDS**

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**1,276,794 (1,262,795) 13,999**

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**Upper Andersonstown Community Forum Ltd**

**Notes to the Financial Statements - continued**  
**for the Year Ended 31 March 2023**

**14. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued**

**Comparatives for movement in funds**

	At 1/4/21 £	Net movement in funds £	At 31/3/22 £
<b>Unrestricted funds</b>			
General fund	323,825	(16,665)	307,160
Designated Fund	40,000	-	40,000
	<u>363,825</u>	<u>(16,665)</u>	<u>347,160</u>
<b>Restricted funds</b>			
Capital Grant Fund	288,552	(46,061)	242,491
Children in Need	6,977	(6,977)	-
Community Investment Fund	15,353	(15,353)	-
Volunteer Now	-	75	75
Brightstart	10,763	(566)	10,197
Belfast City Council - Capital	1,600	(400)	1,200
Volunteer Now	400	-	400
Utopia - Self funded	1,337	-	1,337
Henry Smith	26,603	-	26,603
Big Lottery - New Youth Account	44,249	(20,672)	23,577
Big Lottery Awards for All - Capital	1,919	1,270	3,189
Big Lottery new Youth Account - Capital	6,400	(1,600)	4,800
Community Fund - Capital	6,384	(1,596)	4,788
Halifax for Northern Ireland - Capital	279	(70)	209
Rural Community Network - Capital	1,584	(396)	1,188
Tudor Trust - Capital	4,000	(1,000)	3,000
Early Years Pathway Fund - Covid Grant	14,986	(14,986)	-
Covid Food Donations	1,793	-	1,793
Belfast City Council - Covid Grant	9,492	(7,082)	2,410
Department for Communities - Heritage Fund	79	(79)	-
Covid Pathway Fund	1,920	(639)	1,281
Department for Communities - Infrastructure	-	2,653	2,653
Education Authority - TBUC	-	753	753
Community Fund Bike Shelters	-	3,150	3,150
Education Authority - Capacity	-	2,337	2,337
	<u>444,670</u>	<u>(107,239)</u>	<u>337,431</u>
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>	<u>808,495</u>	<u>(123,904)</u>	<u>684,591</u>

**Upper Andersonstown Community Forum Ltd**

**Notes to the Financial Statements - continued  
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**14. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued**

Comparative net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
<b>Unrestricted funds</b>			
General fund	248,733	(265,398)	(16,665)
<b>Restricted funds</b>			
Capital Grant Fund	-	(46,061)	(46,061)
Children in Need	31,303	(38,280)	(6,977)
Community Investment Fund	63,098	(78,451)	(15,353)
Belfast City Council re Revenue	18,000	(18,000)	-
Belfast City Council re Festival	3,348	(3,348)	-
Volunteer Now	2,435	(2,360)	75
Brightstart	15,387	(15,953)	(566)
Belfast City Council - Capital	-	(400)	(400)
Early Years - Pathway Fund	29,904	(29,904)	-
Education Authority - Belfast Region	67,001	(67,001)	-
Big Lottery - New Youth Account	30,953	(51,625)	(20,672)
Big Lottery Awards for All - Capital	1,750	(480)	1,270
Big Lottery new Youth Account - Capital	-	(1,600)	(1,600)
Community Fund - Capital	-	(1,596)	(1,596)
Halifax for Northern Ireland - Capital	-	(70)	(70)
Rural Community Network - Capital	-	(396)	(396)
Tudor Trust - Capital	-	(1,000)	(1,000)
Early Years Pathway Fund - Covid Grant	10,167	(25,153)	(14,986)
Belfast City Council - Covid Grant	262,225	(269,307)	(7,082)
Department for Communities - Heritage Fund	-	(79)	(79)
Covid Pathway Fund	-	(639)	(639)
Department for Communities - Infrastructure	119,693	(117,040)	2,653
Department For Communities - Education	62,444	(62,444)	-
Belfast City Council - Community Recovery	4,995	(4,995)	-
Department For Communities - Job Start	4,619	(4,619)	-
Education Authority - Summer Scheme	15,000	(15,000)	-
Education Authority - TBUC	1,500	(747)	753
Community Fund Bike Shelters	3,150	-	3,150
Education Authority - Capacity	2,337	-	2,337
BHSCT Home Help	28,654	(28,654)	-
Active Community Network	1,213	(1,213)	-
	<u>779,176</u>	<u>(886,415)</u>	<u>(107,239)</u>

**Upper Andersonstown Community Forum Ltd**

**Notes to the Financial Statements - continued**  
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<b>14. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued</b>			
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>	<u>1,027,909</u>	<u>(1,151,813)</u>	<u>(123,904)</u>

**15. CONTINGENT LIABILITIES**

A contingent liability exists to repay grants received should certain conditions not be fulfilled by the charity.

**16. RELATED PARTY DISCLOSURES**

There were no related party transactions for the year ended 31 March 2022.

**17. FRC ETHICAL STANDARD - PROVISIONS AVAILABLE FOR SMALL ENTITIES**

In common with many other businesses of our size and nature we use our auditors to prepare and submit returns to the tax authorities and assist with the preparation of the financial statements.

**18. POST BALANCE SHEET EVENTS**

There were no events after the reporting period therefore no material issues need disclosed.

**19. DESIGNATED FUNDS**

In accordance with best practice the company directors have agreed a comprehensive reserves policy. As such, the designated fund is the result of the company's strategic objective to establish reserves which can be used to fund future expenditure on refurbishment or replacement of capital items. Such capital items include the new lift, toilets and safety and disability doors..

The aim is also to provide sufficient funds to cover any working capital requirements associated with receiving grant funding in arrears, any unforeseen costs which may arise, as well as allowing for the payment of any liabilities which would arise should the company cease to operate. Although Upper Andersonstown Community Forum may not be in a position to maintain this level of reserves at a particular point in time, it will strive to achieve a reserve which equates to this level.

Designated funds are transferred from Unrestricted funds and are made up as follows -

	31/03/2022	Fund Transfer	31/03/2023
	£	£	£
Contingency Building Reserves	40,000	40,000	80,000
<b>Total</b>	<b>40,000</b>	<b>40,000</b>	<b>80,000</b>

**Upper Andersonstown Community Forum Ltd**

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**20. WINDING UP**

Every member of the Company undertakes to contribute to the assets of the Company, in the event of the same being wound up while it is a member, or within one year after it ceases to be a member, for payment of the debts and liabilities of the Company contracted before it ceases to be a member, and of the costs, charges and expenses of winding up, and for the adjustment of the rights of the contributor's among themselves, such amount as may be required not exceeding one pound.

**21. SHARE CAPITAL**

The Company is limited by guarantee and has no Share Capital

**22. COVID-19**

The trustees continue to monitor the impact of Covid 19. The trustees believe there is no adjusting events to report after the reporting date. The trustees will continue to monitor the situation closely to secure the viability of the organisation.

**Upper Andersonstown Community Forum Ltd**

**Detailed Statement of Financial Activities**  
**for the Year Ended 31 March 2023**

	31.3.23	31.3.22
	£	£
<b>INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS</b>		
<b>Other trading activities</b>		
Shop income	156	2,909
Vetting Income	228	527
BHSCT Sponsored Daycare	57,173	57,535
Crèche Fees	180,108	164,065
Tutors & Training	7,073	5,574
Insurance Proceeds	4,500	-
Fundraising & Donations	8,179	1,060
CIT Health Wellbeing	6,040	16,567
Radius Housing	-	496
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	263,457	248,733
<b>Charitable activities</b>		
Grants	1,012,837	779,176
<b>Other income</b>		
Gain on sale of tangible fixed assets	500	-
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<b>Total incoming resources</b>	<b>1,276,794</b>	<b>1,027,909</b>
 <b>EXPENDITURE</b>		
<b>Charitable activities</b>		
Wages	627,406	600,393
Social security	32,934	33,288
Pensions	24,856	22,738
Water Rates	2,853	3,537
Insurance	9,392	8,626
Light and heat	39,010	31,697
Telephone & Internet	5,273	4,625
Postage and stationery	1,608	2,624
Publicity & Advertising	1,194	3,322
Sundries	172	170
Repair to Premises & Equipment	29,579	16,130
Transport & Minibus Costs	10,076	9,123
Donations	1,300	1,800
Hospitality & Cleaning	20,047	8,259
Grant Income Refunded	2,654	15,432
Volunteer & Researchers Exp	892	1,605
Carried forward	809,246	763,369

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**Upper Andersonstown Community Forum Ltd**

**Detailed Statement of Financial Activities**  
**for the Year Ended 31 March 2023**

	31.3.23	31.3.22
	£	£
<b>Charitable activities</b>		
Brought forward	809,246	763,369
Staff Travel	620	48
Training	9,620	4,476
Tutors/ Facilitators	38,093	11,516
Play Resources, Activities & Materials	25,716	25,107
Affiliation & Membership fees	1,691	1,484
Rental Costs	500	78
Food	6,666	6,326
Covid Emergency Food Distribution	268,900	268,388
Outreach Work	10,991	-
Local Projects	6,406	-
Hire of Equipment	300	-
Depreciation of New Building	48,442	48,442
Depreciation of Equipment	7,720	7,041
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	1,234,911	1,136,275
 <b>Support costs</b>		
 <b>Governance costs</b>		
Accountancy Fee	2,880	2,787
Audit Fee	3,000	3,000
IT Costs	6,541	5,477
Professional Fees	13,540	1,972
Bank interest & Charges	1,923	2,302
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	27,884	15,538
 Total resources expended	<hr/>	<hr/>
	1,262,795	1,151,813
 Net income/(expenditure)	<hr/>	<hr/>
	13,999	(123,904)

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**Upper Andersonstown Community Forum**

Northern Ireland - Charity number 105782

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# Annual report

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UPPER  
ANDERSONSTOWN  
COMMUNITY FORUM

## ANNUAL REPORT 2023-24



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*'To tackle social exclusion, poverty and disadvantage through encouraging all sections of the community to participate and contribute in the design and implementation of co-ordinated services to meet the identified needs of the community.'*

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## BARNEY KANE - CHAIRPERSON

Once again, as Chairperson of the Upper Andersonstown Community Forum and on behalf of the Board, I want to thank our team, for their commitment and tireless efforts over the last 12 months. Continuing to deliver top quality service delivery, childcare, youth engagement, training programmes and the increased support for our many seniors across the Greater Andersonstown area, raising the bar in health and physical well-being, both in centre activities and in Outreach support, made all the more difficult with the Cost of Living Crisis. Our management committee within Upper Andersonstown Community Forum have worked tirelessly along with the staff team to support, guide and direct the work of the organisation throughout this period. I want to send my appreciation to all my peers within the committee for their continued dedication and support to the organisation.

The development of our strategic plan will be reviewed in the coming weeks, focusing on the ongoing Neighbourhood Renewal review and UACF's future delivery strategy, with new Housing schemes and many new physical projects underway (or upcoming), which will have a massive impact on the Greater Andersonstown area. Our Centre will be central to supporting new and long standing residents in the year ahead.

Over the past year, it was heartening to witness the extremely positive feedback, both locally and from our Partners across the West, on the work carried out by our team.

There is much work to be done in the time ahead and we have the strategic plan, the vision, the team and the dedication to help support our community through these difficult times particularly with funding issues.

### MEET THE BOARD

Position	Name		Name
Chairperson	Barney Kane		Bill Groves
Treasurer	Gerry Meehan		Dominic Mooney
Secretary	Nuala Hutton		Sean Lennon
			Tina McDonagh
	Martha Lavery		Emma Groves
	Margaret Lawlor		

### SPECIAL THANKS TO:-



## **MICHAEL GEORGE - DIRECTOR**

As the Director of UACF/Tullymore CC, It is my honour and privilege to present this year's annual report.

We have come through this last financial year with a great sense of achievement, continuing to deliver for our local community and indeed the wider West Belfast area, through our partnership work with Belfast City Council and our core funder, Department for Communities. That said, along with many of our counterparts in the sector, we have had to deal with the absence of local Government, leading to a downturn in funding opportunities, which will have a short to medium impact, particularly on our work with local schools and our youth. We are however hopeful, with the return of Stormont and lobbying of local and national funding bodies, we will return to full delivery capacity.

Over this last financial year, we have increased our support for those struggling throughout the cost of living crisis. Adapting services to react to people's immediate needs, while continuing to deliver our core Neighbourhood Renewal commitments, encouraging our youth, nurturing our childcare children, providing training and new skills to regular centre users and providing a warm, welcoming hub for our expanding seniors community. Our recent partnership with both The GP Federation and National Energy agency, has not only allowed us to support many facing fuel poverty due to spiralling heating costs, but also to increase our centre activities, with new healthy cooking, pottery and physical activity classes added to our increasing portfolio.

Neighbourhood renewal will see a major change in the year ahead, with the People and Place strategy, likely to come in to effect with The Stormont Executive back in Place. Roisin, our NR Coordinator has been working with all of our team, to outline the new Outcome based Accountability strategic framework and to collate and support its delivery.

Our Childcare service has a well-earned reputation, offering a welcoming, professional and caring environment, where each child is supported to meet their individual milestones. The teamwork in partnership with each parent to support, listen, and signpost to ensure each child is supported, both individually and in activity based group settings.

Our Youth Team continue to deliver an excellent outreach and centre based service, working with children and youth on a needs led basis, and we thank our E.A. partners, for their continued support. Our deputy manager has worked intensely with local schools to help improve educational outcomes, build resilience, support positive mental health and build positive relationships, unfortunately, Nicola will be leaving for pastures new and will be a huge loss for Tullymore.

Our events have again attracted increased numbers with our Christmas carnival (400+ attendees), our community Health, Information and Welfare advice clinics, seeing overall footfall increase by over 1500.,

Training and education remains an important aspect of the work carried out by our team. We have delivered GCSE support, ICT, Driving theory health initiatives, and employability programmes, enhancing our local resident's employment opportunities and the skill set of our large volunteer base. Our welfare advice service and money matters programme has received outstanding feedback, by both service users and practitioners, with £ thousands of unclaimed

or entitled benefits put in the hands of very grateful residents. We thank Tina, Robbie and Bronagh for a much-appreciated service.

Our “Utopia” Programme, funded by the Henry Smith Foundation continues to exceed all expectations with 19 classes a week (catering for over 150 seniors), helping to reduce social isolation, build skills, provide a warm hub and raise community spirit. Along with the quarterly social events, attracting over 100 participants per event, Utopia continues to flourish, with growth continuing in the year ahead.

Health and well-being has a massive role, both in our centre and our surrounding area. Christine and our support team have again reinvigorated group work, one to one advice and therapeutic support, along with our Tullymore Beacons Women’s group, making a hugely positive impact on their own personal development and wider afield.

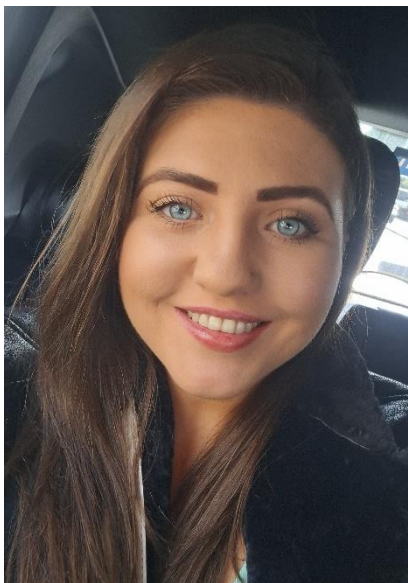
My sincere thanks to all of our outstanding team. In the months ahead, we intend to conduct a strategic planning review with all staff to complement our last 5 year action plan, conducted with residents, service users, staff and management committee. This new framework will guide the work of the organisation in the time ahead and will be critical to our input to the ongoing Neighbourhood Renewal “People & Place review.

An extremely busy year concluded, with a full year’s delivery plan ahead of us.



## SUPPORT & SERVICES

### Supporting Communities through a community development approach



My name is Roisin McLaughlin, I am the neighbourhood renewal coordinator for the Upper Andersonstown area. UACF is the lead partner of the Andersonstown neighbourhood partnership. Within the ANP we work alongside other community, statutory and voluntary organisations in the Andersonstown area. This work continues to coordinate, support and advocate to improve the social, environmental and physical regeneration of the local area. The ANP are renewing membership and drafting a new action plan to coordinate with all relevant and new trends in the area.

I also support the communities in transition, community safety programme ensuring that my community safety role within the forum coordinates with the CIT programmes. We have delivered a number of local and West wide programmes under CIT. These include, the reimaging of the telecom boxes, the Christmas anti-spiking campaign, domestic violence campaign and the home safety and scamming initiatives.

## **ANP Activities 2023**

The Upper Andersonstown Community Forum continue to be the lead partner of the Andersonstown Neighbourhood Partnership. This work continues to coordinate, support, advocate and connect citizens to improve the social, environmental and physical regeneration of the local area.

Throughout the year, we support all sections of the community and work in partnership with other community, voluntary and statutory organisations to engage with people in the community to shape government policy to relieve poverty and improve the conditions within the local area.

At present the ANP is renewing their membership and we are drafting a new action plan to coordinate with all relevant projects in the area.

## **ANP Activities**

- Work with A'town school of music
- PHA/Take 5 programmes
- People and Place OBA/helped support other organisations with the OBA roll out
- Neighbourhood Renewal Action Plan and Strategic Plan with thematic area and structures being looked at and evaluated
- Area plan being updated
- Gardening group set up from Tullymore Community Centre
- BCC hardship fund voucher scheme
- Christmas Carnival
- Working in partnership with local businesses in the Andersonstown area in aid of the community Christmas festival
- Christmas Tree Light Switch on held in Centre
- Wreath making classes
- Santa's Sleigh Trips
- Bike scheme
- Neighbourhood Renewal Meeting with chairs
- Christmas dinner for UTOPIA
- Programme with the half-moon lake men's shed
- Health day with therapies and information stalls
- National energy agency programmes
- Aware- Living life to the full
- Bryson House scheme
- Food parcels
- Winter warmer packs
- Development of north link play park
- Safety packs for seniors
- Pothole issues in the area
- Supporting the initiative to bring in universal credit and welfare support to the community centre
- Health awareness initiatives
- Supporting alcoholics anonymous
- Working with local GAA clubs

- Working with boxing clubs supporting funding applications
- Support local community organisations through access NI
- Firework safety initiatives
- Action trauma network- adverse childhood trauma
- Drug awareness programme
- Information day/stalls
- Balm making workshop

**PHA/Take 5 programmes-** This funding was allocated by PHA to support people in the local area, helping them with their wellbeing, mental health and physical health. It also gives people in the community the opportunity to stay connected, be active, keep learning and to give back to their community. Providing these programmes for people helps increase social inclusion and strengthen the local community. As part of this programme we were able to run 7 workshops including intergenerational workshop, food value workshops, music workshops, a health & information day, community development programme, health and wellbeing workshops and fitness classes with a celebration event at the end to thank all participants.



**National energy agency-** A series of classes over a 6-week period for seniors, families and individuals in need in the Andersonstown area were held. The classes were taught by a number of different facilitators and aimed to help with the cost of living crisis and provide heat, food and a place people felt safe. The programmes that people attended were pottery classes, line dancing, air fryer classes and a book & cinema club.

**Gardening group-**After completing a survey, it was evident that people in the area wanted a community space where they could grow their own vegetables, help with social isolation and the cost of living crisis. A gardening group was set up, we renewed the allotment boxes and tidied up the designated space at the centre. To achieve this, we worked alongside BCC parks and environment team.



**Environmental projects-** Women from Tullymore's Beacon's women's group worked with the half-moon lake men's shed, giving them the opportunity to gain new skills, learn to use new tools and make a variety of different wooden sculptures including bird boxes, planters, window boxes and lanterns.



CIT- Community safety





# Youth Empowerment Project

## Tullymore Youth services

Our Generic Youth provision is delivered to 3 key age groups of young people over 4 nights with current membership of 98 juniors & In-betweeners and 35 Seniors.

## Nightly provision

- Juniors 5-8 years Monday, Tuesday & Friday nights from 6-8pm
- In-betweeners 9-12 years Monday, Tuesday, Thursday & Friday nights from 6-8pm
- Seniors 13 + Years Monday, Tuesday & Thursday 8-10pm and Friday 8-11pm

We deliver programmes such as Tullymore Get Me Out Off Here! Stay-wake Health & wellbeing, Groupwork, accredited training, health & wellbeing, mindfulness and mentoring support sessions.



Our services are designed around need supporting young people in facing challenges in their social, educational and working lives and enabling them to overcome barriers.



The Project ensures that the children & young people feel physically safe and well through providing better access to safe space, engaging with children and young people providing opportunities that will build resilience, confidence and self-esteem.



## Outreach in Schools

## Mid-term Camps

Good relations programme with seniors



Halloween Camp with 30 juniors during mid-term



## Volunteering

Our young people are encouraged to take an active role in our community through our volunteering programme.



Through training, experience and building skills that encouraging our younger members giving them something to aspire too. We have 4 adult volunteers and 10 Youth volunteers that support our services helping and advising on the planning, development, delivery and evaluating.



### Tullymore Youth Network

Our services are youth-led with our Youth network committees steering us in the planning, development, delivery and evaluation. We provide opportunities for young people to be elected on to the youth Network to represent the youth giving them a forum to have their voices heard and provide input into the project.



We have 2 committees covering all age ranges with 22 young people taking part in monthly meetings informing of young people's views and supporting us in programme delivery ensuring that our young people are heard.



### Youth Intervention Services

Youth drop-in services take place on Friday nights from 8-11pm encouraging non-members to become involved in our services.



## Youth Mentoring service

Youth mentoring service was established to support disadvantage or vulnerable young people who are experiencing problems or issues in their daily lives. This service is delivered on a one-to-one basis currently 12 are being supported.



## Tullymore Summer Scheme



Our summer scheme ran for juniors and inbetweeners from 10-1pm for 6 weeks from 10<sup>th</sup> July until 18<sup>th</sup> Aug. 100 young people enjoyed a range of activities, trips and programmes keeping them engaged over the summer months. Improving their health and wellbeing, improving friendships and building confidence.



## Summer Intervention sessions over key dates



We delivered Intervention programmes over 12<sup>th</sup> & 13<sup>th</sup> of July providing positive opportunities for our young people to engage and interact with their peers. We ran a stay-awake on the 12<sup>th</sup> of July from 7pm to 7am steering your young people away from negative influences.



### Youth summer Drop-in sessions

We ran intervention session in the evenings for seniors over the summer months delivering training, health and wellbeing sessions and providing mentoring support.



### CELEBRATION YOUTH EVENT



These events are very important in recognising young people's achievements empowering them and building their confidence for further progression.



## Social Action events



Our young people volunteered in our local foodbank and collected food to help those in need and we ran children in need event to raise funds.



## Schools

We have been working with 5 local primary schools and 3 secondary schools delivering alternative educational programmes support children and young people's health & wellbeing.



## Halloween & Christmas events



We delivered events during Halloween and Christmas for our young people involving our young people in the planning of Halloween fancy dress disco & fireworks display, trips to Crumlin Road Jail and Cloona Hunted house.



At Christmas we supported the forum charismas event with Tullymore light switch on and Santa rides throughout the community spreading the Christmas cheer, Santa party, disco and visit for them and their peers to enjoy.

## Tullymore Daycare

Ailish Flynn – Daycare Manager

## Supporting Families – Supporting Children



Over the past year we had a very successful year in supporting the emotional, physical and social well-being of children using our facility. Tullymore childcare continues to provide a quality service to enable parents to avail of employment, training, respite care and support.



The project addresses barriers faced by: children with additional needs, families in need, women, children 0-11 age range, single parents and factors such as multiple social problems, poverty, abuse, health, housing, inequality and new austerity measures means people are effectively excluded from the social and economic life of the community.

We continue to ensure families are supported to overcome the effects of these barriers such as abuse and alcohol addictions and help to improve their mental health and emotional wellbeing, especially during this ongoing cost of living crisis.

To continue maintain and to improve our services we will strengthen our partnerships with local statutory and community services to address assessed needs early. The earlier the support is provided the more effective this intervention will be, protecting the welfare of our children.

Effective early help relies upon local agencies working together to:

- Identify children and families who would benefit from early help
- Target the service that will help
- Significantly Improve the outcomes for children and their families



Following successful funding secured from Belfast City Council, a one off payment was rolled out to provide a substantial, warm and nutritious afternoon meal to all children attending our facility, on at least a weekly basis.

This initiative proved very popular with both parents and children and we provided at least 2-3 hot meals in the afternoon for 60 children.

- This initiative really helped our children and parents, ensuring children had a good nutritious hot meal in the afternoon before going home.
- We also had the older children help prepare the meal which made it even more enjoyable.



We would be delighted to avail of this scheme again if it comes up as we didn't actually realise the impact this made to our service users. This scheme has made us even more aware of the struggles within the families in our community and I would be more than happy to continue to provide this service, especially in the winter months.





## CONTINUAL OUTCOMES FOR ALL OUR CHILDREN

- Socialization
- Concept of co-operation
- Holistic development
- Enthusiasm for life-long learning
- Conveying the value of education through experience/play
- Respect
- Teamwork
- Resilience
- Concentration skills
- Patience
- Confidence and self esteem
- Exposure to diversity
- Contentment
- Happiness



## GOALS

- To secure and develop employment opportunities and work experience within the area
- To exceed standards and adhere to regulations and legislations stipulated by Social Services, Early Years, Playboard and funders.
- To provide a service that meets the needs of the community.
- To support our staff in training in order to maintain and improve our excellent service



- To continue to set **high standards** of quality care.
- A healthy, competent, and motivated work force.
- Being proud of and appreciate where we work and to have enthusiasm, commitment and loyalty to achieve the best outcomes for our children and their families.



## INSPECTION

The minimum standards and inspection process has been developed to provide higher standards and assurance of a consistent level of quality in childcare services. Health and Social care trusts are responsible for registering and inspecting childcare services against the requirements laid down in the Children (Northern Ireland) Order 1995.

## FUNDING

The grant funding from Pathways and Bright start has helped us to continue to provide quality Childcare for all children accessing our services and has enabled parents to undertake training employment or respite care. The project is community led and receives no mainstream funding from any other source. We also work in partnership with Outer West Sure Start and Belfast Trust to provide additional support to families who need enhanced support to build upon their skills and knowledge.

The holistic approach we adopt in supporting the entire family unit helps to support both the child and parent/guardian to reach their potential.





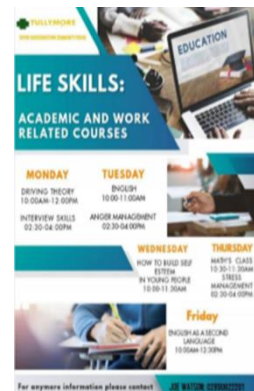
## Education & Courses

### Working, learning and living here

The services we provided helped to support adults with their lifelong learning, employability and health journey.

The bespoke projects which we have developed in partnership with our service users have been:

- GCSE support
- ICT Level 1 & 2
- Employability support
- Accredited OCN training at all levels
- Mental health support
- Stress Management
- Anger Management,
- Self Esteem
- Confidence Building
- Driving Theory
- Interview Skills.
- One-to-one support
- Life Skills
- iPad classes



### Lifeskills

### Christine Poland

In the past year I have worked with 22 people providing several life coaching and mentoring sessions to each person that have helped people with a range of issues including, but not limited to:

- Mental health and wellbeing,
- Restoring relationships,

- Building confidence,
- Goal setting,
- Improving job prospects,
- Changing jobs,
- Assertiveness.
- Understanding our emotions.
- Forgiveness

I have also signposted a lot of them to other services and organisations, for example:

- Falls Women's Centre
- Centre for Health and Wellbeing
- Lenadoon counselling
- Community Restorative Justice
- Conway Education Centre
- Kids together
- Sure Start

I also work with 11 clients for CIT a program from The Executive Office aimed at people in transition from the conflict to a more normalised society. I look for opportunities to help them gain qualifications and have experiences that raise their confidence, awareness and build skills and abilities to help them make good choices, have better opportunities to become more active citizens.

From the first group of 7 I worked with 6 did driving lessons and this year 1 has chosen to get counselling and 3 have chosen OCN wellbeing qualifications. Within this project I have also organised several workshops:

#### **Health and Wellbeing (4 workshops)**

2 for younger people, (1 in a school 1 in the youth club)

2 with older people

#### **Restorative practices (2 workshops)**

2 for volunteers (Conflict management and Conflict resolution)

In November 2022 I set up a women's group here in Tullymore now called Tullymore's Beacons. The purpose of the group was to increase socialization and reduce isolation among women of the area. We did several workshops to identify further needs among the group and to identify social opportunities for them to engage in. The outcome was they wanted learning opportunities that would increase confidence, lead to better choices, improve health outcomes. They also wanted opportunities to learn new skills, and where wanted it could increase employability.

In the past year the group have done a range of activities like:

- We organized a Health Day with Complimentary Therapists and Workshops
- Gym sessions.
- Nutrition course.
- Walking program
- Photography lessons
- Photographic exhibition
- Craft classes resulting in a very successful craft fair for Christmas.
- Men's shed course where we made flower box's, bird boxes and bird feeders.
- Making natural lip balms
- Community development
- Aware – Live life to the full class, we have run this twice due to the success of it.
- Stepping up to CHANGE program

Specifically, for Tullymore's Beacons weekly meeting sessions I have done a range of workshops and covered several topics such as:

- Meditation
- Yoga
- Louise Hay theories and techniques
- Breath work
- Forgiveness
- Acceptance
- Belonging
- Energy balance
- Peer massage

The women even took on a clean up of the front of the building contributing to planting new bulbs and shrubs and cleaning the pathways. They saw this as a way of thanking Tullymore for creating the group and the activities they got to engage in.

I have worked closely with Roisin our Neighbourhood Renewal Worker to assist with organising a whole programme of events based on Take 5 Steps for Mental Health including titled "Developing a Healthy, Strong, Resilient Andersonstown, which has included classes on:

- Health and Wellbeing
- Community Development
- Personal Development
- Food values
- Fitness and personal development
- Music

Along with Roisin I have also organised several other community events like:

Intergenerational workshop with a panel of local people who grew up in Andersonstown.

Health and Information Day with Complimentary Therapists and a range of information stalls

Celebration event

On almost a daily basis I make remedies for staff and users to help them deal with and manage anxiety and stress.

Most recently I organised a Coffee morning with the assistance of Tullymore's Beacons to raise money for Medical Aid in Palestine where we raised around £1400.



Positively support people to live actively as they age

**Deirdre McVeigh Project Manager**

This year I am delighted to report that Utopia project continues to be successful, our activities and classes are in high demand. we operate a waiting list for most activities and continue to see an increase in the number of referrals to the project from health care professionals, social workers, gp federation etc.



Utopia work with older people to improve physical, mental health and wellbeing, building confidence and resilience.

Utopia Project works with people who are over 60 years, who may experience social isolation or loneliness or just feel like they are in rut, want to learn a new skill or hobby, or meet new people.

We utopia delivers a comprehensive programme of activities designed to improve physical, mental health and wellbeing. We offer a weekly programme of activities throughout the year as well as one off events; we also provide tailored individual support to those who need it.

We deliver 12+ activities per week, 5 days per week throughout the year; as well as one off seasonal and thematic events, a summer school for older people and Christmas programme.

Over the past year 197 older people signed up for our weekly activities and one off events:- including: -

- Armchair Exercise
- Tai Chi
- Acrylic Painting
- Men only computer class
- Range of tablet classes from beginners to those with some experience
- Learn how to use iPad or tablet
- 2 Weekly walking group
- Crafty afternoon class – people bring along whatever craft your working on and craft with others over a cup of tea
- Activity mornings Andersonstown Leisure centre
- Breast Screening Awareness & Bowel Screening facilitated by WRDA
- Diabetes UK information session
- Bowling Falls Park
- Online Banking 2 workshops
- Consultation event – Climate Change
- 6 week Summer School
- Celebration events (end of Term/ Christmas/St Patricks lunch, music and dancing
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- 168 people took part in one or more of our social activities end of term celebration events at Christmas, St Patricks events, users enjoy dinner, music and dancing; coffee mornings, lunches etc.
- 75 older people took part in one or more creative activities to include arts & crafts, acrylic painting, knitting/crocheting group, mosaic, wreath making/St Bridgid cross making workshops.
- 105 older people took part health & wellbeing activities that include walking groups, line dancing, arm chair Pilates, tai chi; as well as a number of information days/sessions such as bowel screening/diabetes/ breast cancer awareness
- 70 older people attended one or more of our computer/tablet classes i.e beginners/improvers tablet class, men's computer class, online banking/scam awareness information sessions.

- 120+ older people confident using smartphones/whatsapp
- Utopia users value and support the project and this is demonstrated by the number of beneficiaries who volunteer and support the day to day running of the project i.e helping to set up rooms, helping with class sign ins, providing hospitality, shopping etc. we also have a number of people who support the project through providing peer mentoring/ or helping people to settle into the project.



**Upper Andersonstown Community Forum**

Northern Ireland - Charity number 105782

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# Annual return

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REGISTERED COMPANY NUMBER: NI032258 (Northern Ireland)  
REGISTERED CHARITY NUMBER: NIC105782

**Report of the Trustees and**  
**Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 March 2024**  
**for**  
**Upper Andersonstown Community Forum Ltd**  
**(A Company Limited by Guarantee)**

Lynn Drake & Co Ltd  
Statutory Auditors  
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**Upper Andersonstown Community Forum Ltd**

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**Reference and Administrative Details**  
**for the Year Ended 31 March 2024**

<b>TRUSTEES</b>	Barney Kane William Groves Sean Lennon Emma Groves Gerard Meehan (resigned 8/5/2024) Angela Mervyn (resigned 8/5/2024) Dominic Mooney Michelle Kelly Christine McDonagh
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## **Upper Andersonstown Community Forum Ltd**

### **Report of the Trustees** **for the Year Ended 31 March 2024**

The trustees who are also directors of the charity for the purposes of the Companies Act 2006, present their report with the financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31 March 2024. The trustees have adopted the provisions of Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019).

## **OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES**

### **Objectives and aims**

#### **Vision**

The Upper Andersonstown Neighbourhood is a dynamic and inclusive community providing opportunities for all ages of people to become actively involved in raising the quality of life for all the residents, through community and economic regeneration of the area.

#### **Aims**

'To increase participation of local people in community development by creating developmental Opportunities through the provision of inclusive, quality services which have life- long benefits for the community.'

#### **Strategic Plan**

UACF led an in-depth review (with our strategic partners in the Andersonstown Neighbourhood Partnership) and all key stakeholders relating to the organisation. The out workings allowed the organisation to update our strategic plan, particularly in the aftermath of the 2020-21 Pandemic and the ongoing Cost of Living crisis. The six strategic aims were agreed and set which include:

1. Building a robust business model with social values at its core  
Key Strategic Aim - To enhance the social economy, organizational and financial mode.
2. Supporting Families - Supporting Children  
Key Strategic Aim - To support families by providing the highest quality, professional care, and educational development
3. Releasing the potential of all our young people  
Key Strategic Aim - Young people will be supported to achieve their full potential
4. Working, learning and living here  
Key Strategic Aim - To support adults with their lifelong learning, employability and health journey
5. Positively support people to live actively as they age  
Key Strategic Aim - To enhance the life experience for people to age well
6. Supporting Communities through a community development approach  
Key Strategic Aim - To support communities in the economic, social and physical regeneration and ensure our organisation supports those in most need, during the cost of living crisis.

## **Upper Andersonstown Community Forum Ltd**

### **Report of the Trustees** **for the Year Ended 31 March 2024**

#### **OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES**

##### **Objectives and Activities**

- a) To centralise all policy, procedures and operational frameworks
- b) To continue with the inspire and professionalise the staff and management committee
- c) To increase the social economy income of the organisation

##### **Key Outcomes 2022-25**

To have accredited quality standards - ISO 9001 Standards

To increase the social economy business to generate 50% of the organisational income.

All staff to be paid living wage

#### **Strategic Theme 1 - Building a robust business model with social values at its core**

##### **Key Strategic Aim**

To enhance the social economy, organizational and financial model

Key strategic objectives are:-

- a) to achieve the ISO 9001:2015 quality standards

#### **Strategic Theme 2 - Supporting Families - Supporting Children**

##### **Key Strategic Aim**

To support families by providing the highest quality, professional care, and educational development.

Key strategic objectives are:-

- a) Providing the highest quality of Childcare to ensure each child meets their personalise developmental milestone
- b) To offer families affordable Daycare
- c) To support children at each stage of their transition
- d) To provide a rich communication for learning and development
- e) All staff to be trained in the most up to update techniques for child development.

##### **Key Outcomes 2022-25**

- a) To achieve the All-Ireland Centre of Excellence
- b) All senior daycare staff to have achieved their level 5 in CCLD
- c) An outcomes score card will be developed to showcase child development milestones
- d) A sustainability model will be developed and implemented.

#### **Strategic Theme 3 - Releasing the potential of all our young people**

##### **Key Strategic Aim**

Young people will be supported to achieve their full potential

Key strategic objectives are:

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#### **OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES**

- a) Supporting young people's physical and mental health
- b) To create fun and enjoyable leisure and play programmes
- c) Young people will enjoy learning and achieving
- d) Young people will be encouraged to make positive contribution to society
- e) Young people will know their rights
- f) Promote equality and good relations with young people.

#### Key Outcomes 2022-25

- a) Young people will be more confident
- b) Young people will experience summer and seasonal educational, health and recreational programmes
- c) More young people will be supported with learning and achieving
- d) To reduce the Impact, the recent Pandemic had on our youths mental wellbeing
- e) To secure Education Authority core funding.

#### **Strategic Theme 4 - Working, learning and living here.**

##### **Key Strategic Aim**

To support adults with their lifelong learning, employability and health journey.

Key strategic objectives are:

- a) To provide the highest lifelong learning opportunities for adults
- b) To support and signpost adults into employment
- c) To reduce health inequalities
- d) To support people who are living in poverty.

#### Key Outcomes 2022-25

- a) To delivery high quality literacy, numeracy and ICT programmes
- b) To support adults into employment
- c) To deliver mental health programme to adults
- d) To provide high quality lifelong learning initiatives.

#### **Strategic Theme 5 - Positively support people to live actively as they age**

##### **Key Strategic Aim**

To enhance the life experience for people to age well

Key strategic objectives are:

- a) To provide a range of services to combat social isolation ( particularly Post Covid 19)
- b) To listen and reflect the views of older people to local and central government
- c) To support older people living in poverty
- d) To provide a range of active aging programmes
- e) Older people have better access to statutory, voluntary and community services.

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#### **OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES**

##### Key Outcomes 2022-25

- a) To reduce social isolation
- b) To develop a social economy model for people who have access to self-directed payments
- c) To build pathways to support older people in all aspects of their lives.

#### **Strategic Theme 6 - Supporting Communities through a community development approach.**

##### **Key Strategic Aim**

To support communities in the economic, social and physical regeneration.

Key strategic objectives are:

- a) To develop (reviewed and updated, Sept/Oct 2022) the Andersonstown Neighbourhood Partnerships membership, vision and operational plans
- b) To ensure capital programmes are designed and developed in partnership with local communities
- c) To respond to government policies and consultations
- d) To promote UACF by sitting on a range of boards which will enhance the lives of the residents
- e) To develop seasonal programmes across the Andersonstown area such as Christmas, St Patrick's Day, Halloween, Summer
- f) To lobby for additional resources for the Andersonstown area
- g) To support community interest groups who support residents including people from across section 75 groups.
- h) To Support The Development of The Casement Park stadium

##### Key Outcomes 2022-25

- a) To support residents through physical regeneration projects - Casement, Glenmona
- b) To work closely with government to develop an anti-poverty strategy
- c) To work with community, voluntary and statutory partners to bring additional resources into the area.
- d) The underlying principle of the Forum is inclusiveness and this ethos is translated into practice throughout the entire organisation and is reflected in the provision of quality services for children with special needs. In physical terms the building is designed to be fully accessible for people with disabilities thereby ensuring full inclusion of all members of the community.

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### Report of the Trustees for the Year Ended 31 March 2024

#### **OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES**

##### **Public benefit**

##### **Purpose A**

Advance community development and, in particular, the promotion of the community and voluntary sector for the benefit of the public by providing

1. support,
2. information,
3. services,
4. facilities and amenities to community and voluntary groups
5. and encouraging such organisations to co-operate to achieve their aim.

The direct benefits flowing from this purpose include

1. the strengthening of individual and community relationships,
2. the dissemination of information and services that improve the quality of life and range of opportunities available to individuals and the community,
3. the development of campaigning and networking skills within the community and the availability of "fit for purpose" community centre.

These benefits can be demonstrated by the amount of people utilizing the local community centre for a variety of programmes and the improved opportunities for people to develop social contacts at a variety of different stages in their life, for example, through attendance at our youth project or as a senior citizen in our Utopia project. The community centre enables the community to organise campaigns on issue of importance. The varieties of meetings, workshops and courses have the benefit of increasing community engagement and community solidarity.

##### **Purpose B**

Provide and maintain a Forum where member organisations can join together to find mutual support, exchange views, share common issues and information, create a collective voice for the community and voluntary sector and work in partnership with statutory agencies and authorities.

The direct benefits flowing from this purpose include

1. The ability to mobilise the community on issues of mutual concern to campaign for change.
2. The reduction of social isolation through collective action is another direct benefit.
3. The establishment of community-based mechanism for directly engaging and working with government departments, statutory bodies and other community and voluntary organisations.

These benefits can be demonstrated by;

1. Successful campaigns to improve disability access to the community centre,
2. The extension of Surestart 2 year old programme to the community centre
3. The delivery of a bespoke "One to One" service to local schools and our input into the Andersonstown Neighbourhood Renewal Plan.
4. The delivery of a Well-Being strategy for the Greater Andersonstown Community
5. Delivery of a Belfast City Council, Fuel Hardship Fund

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**OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES**

**Purpose C**

Relieve those in need by reason of;

1. Youth,
2. Age,
3. Ill-health,
4. Disability,
5. Financial hardship or other disadvantage.

The direct benefits flowing from this purpose are:

1. That we can offer a range of youth activities to our young people through our Youth Project.
2. Our senior Citizens project works to reduce social isolation and build community networks by engaging seniors in a range of stimulating social, intellectual and physical activities.
3. We offer a range of health activities with a preventative objective in terms of local health outcomes, for example, the "Cook It and Physical" activities programme delivered to local primary schools.
4. We work with the local family hub in offering support to Families and children who have disabilities and we offer a base for the local Parkinson's support group and a local group whose members have a learning disability.
5. We also offer welfare advice two days per week to assist in addressing financial hardship and or other detriments suffered by welfare reforms.

These benefits can be demonstrated by

1. The popularity of our youth project with young people.
2. The rapidly increasing success of our "Beacon's" Womens Group
3. Also we have we are in the process of establishing a senior citizens committee to campaign on issues that concern them and to participate in the design, delivery and decision making process around our Utopia senior citizens programme.
4. We have facilitated the meetings for the local Parkinson's support group, which has enabled the group to offer a range of activities in our centre.
5. We have a walking group that encourages local people to engage in physical exercise as a way of preventing or delaying the onset of illness.
6. Our Afterschool offers additional support to children with learning difficulties.

## **Upper Andersonstown Community Forum Ltd**

### **Report of the Trustees** **for the Year Ended 31 March 2024**

#### **OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES**

##### **Principal Activities / Objectives / Services**

The UACF was formed in 1995 and is a community led, community driven organisation that has developed and succeeded in delivering a comprehensive Community Development Strategy for over 25 years.

The Forum has a sound record in managing projects, we provide a comprehensive range of Community and Family Support Services including, Social Economy Day-care provision, Youth Services, Youth Training and Employment Scheme, Essential Skills Programme for parents and long termed unemployed, ICT Training, Training Placements, Employment support Programme, support programme for People with disabilities, community education programme and the Utopia senior citizens project.. The UACF are the Lead and Accountable Agency for the Andersonstown Neighbourhood Renewal Partnership and the chair of the Outer West Sure Start and a member of the local Family Support Hub.

The Forum operates a Financial Management System based on NI audit Green Book guidance and ESF guidelines and criteria. The Forum works with a wide variety of government departments, statutory bodies and community and voluntary bodies.

The Upper Andersonstown Community Forum are the Lead and Accountable Agency for Andersonstown Neighbourhood Renewal Partnership which is the delivery agent of Neighbourhood Renewal in the Greater Andersonstown Area and are in a working partnership with all other West Belfast Neighbourhood Renewal Partnerships to implement area action plans in conjunction with Department of Communities.

The Department of Communities is the lead department in relation to Neighbourhood Renewal strategy across the region. The Community Empowerment Divisions of the Department of Communities is specifically tasked with ensuring that the City's most deprived communities are regenerated through targeting the most acute areas of deprivation, leveraging mainstream funding, empowering local communities and developing innovative partnerships.

The UACF has brought to the ANP a track record of experience in community development and accessed additional extra funding for a range of community projects.

The UACF is tasked to work with the ANP to implement the current Neighbourhood Renewal Action Plan for the greater Andersonstown area. In this last year, covered by this report, Upper Andersonstown Community Forum continued to have an ongoing positive impact in a wide range of thematic areas, which met all our charitable purposes, including delivering a series of programmes specifically aimed

The UACF in 2023/24, despite the challenges of the austerity agenda and the negative impact of a suspended N.I Executive, continued to deliver real and significant benefits to the community. The Upper Andersonstown Community Forum worked through a very challenging and productive year, and we continue to deliver services to our local community namely, (UTOPIA) Older Peoples Services, Youth services, Daycare, Afterschool's, Tullymore Beacon's women's group, Training services and Welfare advice clinic. Throughout 2023 the Forum was involved in dealing with the realities of the cost of living crisis and the strain socially, economically and mentally it had on our local people. We continue our partnership with The National Energy Agency and the Belfast City Council and facilitated the distribution of fuel Hardship vouchers to the most vulnerable, while providing a "Warm Hub" facility for our seniors. Over the last year, we have continued supporting those most affected by the ongoing cost of living crisis and formed a stronger partnership with Housing providers across the Greater Andersonstown area. We delivered a very well attended summer scheme (over 100 young people and oversubscribed) alongside summer activities for our seniors, with shopping trips, centre based art and creativity classes. All in all, a very productive year.

#### **Supporting Families - Supporting Children-**

## Upper Andersonstown Community Forum Ltd

### Report of the Trustees for the Year Ended 31 March 2024

#### **OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES**

Over the past 12 months had a very successful year in supporting the emotional, physical and social well-being of children using our facility. Our dedicated and professional team worked tirelessly with families and children to provide the highest quality and services, support and care.

We successfully delivered upon our social services contracts which helped support children to reach their milestones and provide a safe, caring and developmental setting.

We worked with our partners in Outer West Sure Start to support families with young children. We have the pleasure to sit on the management committee to help design and deliver support to families most in need from within the area.

Through our Outer West Sure Start contract, we delivered upon our programme for 2 year olds which seen us supporting children to reach their developmental milestones and support parents with the challenges which they face as parents.

Through our Afterschool provision we were able to help and support children in Key stage 1 and 2, and also to have a fun, social and educational experience.

The holistic approach we adopt in supporting the entire family unit helps to support both the child and parent/guardian to reach their potential.

Releasing the potential of all our young people.

We continued to be supported by the Lottery (Awards for All), Education Authority, Belfast City Council and Ican contracts. We want to thank our funders for allowing a flexible approach to supporting children and young people through this very difficult period.

We continued to provide generic youth work through our youth club, which operated 4 nights per week for over 100 children and young people. The youth club gave a safe space for children and young people to come together socialise, learn and play.

The young people completed a range of projects to tackle mental health and create positive well-being.. Our Youth participated in Resilience awareness, anger management, mindfulness and personal development. This has helped build self-esteem and reduce isolation in our young people.

We have also developed an intense model of youth mentoring to support young people on a one to one basis to work through their problems and issues. This mentoring has been very effective in delivering a person centred approach to helping young people through their life journey and helping to make positive choices.

Throughout the year, we delivered our amazing seasonal programmes to support children and young people. The summer programme seen over 100 children and young people participate in a 6-week summer scheme, which was based around tackling poverty, isolation and equality. The children and young people had an enriched experience over the summer period. Over this period, we completed youth divisionary programme (over 11th July and 8th August) which created positive alternatives at historical times of tension and we worked closely with Féile an Phobail ( Europe's biggest community arts festival), providing volunteer support and added activities for our local residents.

## **Upper Andersonstown Community Forum Ltd**

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#### **OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES**

Over the Halloween period we had a range of children and young people's programme (over 100 participants) to provide fun activities and a sense of normality as we move away from the Pandemic. We delivered a highly successful Christmas carnival event, incorporating Santa sleigh rides around the area, with over 500 participants with Santa visits and traditional carol singing at our centre creating a positive spirit of community at the end of the year.

Our youth team helped to deliver a number of accredited and non-accredited training to young people to help with their education journey. The courses completed included OCN's in mental health, diversity and youth work. The non-accredited courses ranged from anti bullying, yoga, invisible trafficking, transition support and being active.

We continued to work with our Primary School outreach programme, which included (John the Baptist, St Oliver Plunkett, Holy Child, St Theresa's), and Post Primary outreach (St Genevieves, St Gerards, St Marys, De La Salle)

#### **Working, learning and living here**

The services we provided helped to support adults with their lifelong learning, employability and health journey. This year we have helped and supported residents and offered numerous and varied training and alternate provisions.

- a. Introduction to Complimentary Therapy training.
- b. Level 1 Reiki Training.
- c. OCN level 1 Community Development
- d. Money Matters
- e. Mentoring support
- f. Stress management
- g. Life coaching / Life skills
- h. Personal Development
- i. Environmental
- j. Personal development
- k. Health Check MOT
- l. OCN Level 1 ICT
- m. iPad classes
- n. Basic ICT
- o. Driving Theory
- p. Job search skills
- q. Adult mental health one to one mentoring
- r. Adult self-esteem classes
- s. Access NI

#### **Positively support people to live actively as they age**

The project provides opportunities for our older generation to socialise, to meet people their own age, to make friends, to feel part of the community, to get to grips with information technology, increase confidence, be stimulated physically, mentally and emotionally and to engage in creative, cultural and healthy recreational activities.

## **Upper Andersonstown Community Forum Ltd**

### **Report of the Trustees** **for the Year Ended 31 March 2024**

#### **OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES**

Within our traditional Utopia Over 60's Programme we have continued to deliver a hybrid programme of activities:- activities held by zoom, face to face, one to one and group activities. We are currently working with 100+ people participating on our weekly programme, who attend one or more activities per week.

- a. Participation in social activities / tea dances
- b. Health related activities, Tai Chi, Pilates, walking, cycling, gardening, bowling
- c. Creative activities acrylic art, knitting, crafts, ceramics
- d. Air-fryer classes
- e. Craft Class
- f. Flower arranging
- g. Drop in tablet support one - one
- h. Gardening group
- i. Line dancing
- j. 3 Tablet/computer classes per week
- k. Winter Warm Packs Distributed to elderly
- l. St Patrick's Celebrations / Christmas Party celebrations
- m. Walk Leader Training
- n. Volunteers -gardening group
- o. UTOPIA's social tea
- p. UTOPIA celebration events
- q. Attending day trips
- r. Nature Walks
- s. Museum tours

#### **Supporting Communities through a community development approach**

Upper Andersonstown Community Forum has a robust ethos of community development approaches to supporting individuals, families and communities. Over the past year we have continued to work in partnership with our community to identify their needs and to advocate on their behalf to ensure they receive quality, professional and assessable services.

Over the winter period, 2023/24, we worked with The National Energy Agency to deliver a "Warm and Well initiative, providing 90+ of our elderly and vulnerable community with additional programmes and Home insulating consultations. We will enhance this in the year ahead, to provide local residents with up to date assessment of their home insulation needs.

We formed part of the West Belfast " Resilient West" Group, collaborating on all new and essential health initiatives, working toward an online App/Portal for all West residents.

Upper Andersonstown Community Forum continue to be the coordination body for the Andersonstown Neighbourhood Partnership. This work continues to coordinate, support, advocate and connect all citizens to improve the social, environmental, and physical regeneration of the locality.

We delivered:

- 20- completed child protection training
- 8- Driving theory test
- 10- Food and Hygiene
- 10 Autism awareness course
- 10 Job skills training

## Upper Andersonstown Community Forum Ltd

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#### **OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES**

10 Emergency first aid  
27 school children receiving homework support  
12 Maths GCSE support  
6 English GCSE support  
10 OCN youth work  
10 OCN level 1 in ICT  
1 OCN level 2 in ICT  
10 OCN in Mental health awareness  
10 OCN level 2 stress management  
10 completed a suicide prevention course with PIPs  
85 children receiving mindfulness classes through the youth outreach in schools  
10 OCN level 2 in youth work  
11 completed inclusion & diversity training  
70- Participated in Gym training  
15- Mental health awareness workshops  
12- Mindfulness workshops  
25- Healthy eating and nutrition workshops  
45- Aware courses x3  
12- Diabetes information event  
15- Move more & eat well programme  
16- Alcohol & drug awareness  
16- Vaping/smoking/ underage drinking workshop  
18- Health & wellbeing workshop  
26- Football coaching  
22- Life skills support  
28- 1 to 1 stress management support  
50- Health day  
20- Air fryer healthy eating classes  
12- involved with AA  
14- Mind your mate  
14 Dementia awareness course  
24- Art classes  
18 participated in craft workshops  
30 children going on residential  
26 participating in sports coaching  
55 youth outreach in schools  
24 people having 1 to 1 support  
100 children attended the summer scheme  
175 places with over 40 sessions per week in day care and after schools  
15 attended the women's group  
18 Gardening group  
15 attended a workshop with the men's shed  
15 completed a photography classes  
40 attended a photography exhibition  
16 people attended iPad classes  
100+ Santa carnival event  
50 information days x 2  
420 accessed benefit advice/universal credit in Tullymore  
24 money matters  
30 line dancing classes

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#### **OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES**

12 pottery class  
15 community development workshops  
20 involved in a reimaging campaign  
100+ Halloween event  
40 intergenerational workshop  
20 music workshops  
12 crafty mouse classes  
90 certificate celebrations- formal/non-formal  
50+ Health Days x2  
100+ St. Patrick's Day events  
50 Youth stay awake  
20 Wreath making classes  
15 Bach Flower Workshop  
16 Essential oils and aromatherapy workshop

#### **UACF strategic work included:**

- a. DfC West Coordinator to develop the Neighbourhood Renewal Report structure (OBA Cards)
- b. West Coordinator for National Energy Agency
- c. An active member on the Casement Park Community Engagement Committee
- d. Cycle Safe West Belfast Lobby Group.
- e. An active member on Féile Community Engagement Sub Group
- f. Worked with Translink on Community Safety Initiatives/ Glider Safety
- g. People and Place Strategy on Outcomes Based Accountability
- h. DfC workshops on place making and planning
- i. Independent Chair of the west Belfast DPCSP
- j. Outer West coordination of the Executive Office CIT (Communities in Transition) Initiative
- k. Lead Partner/Coordinator in Andersonstown Neighbourhood Partnership
- l. Partner organisation in the "Resilient West" Health initiative.

## **Upper Andersonstown Community Forum Ltd**

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#### **ACHIEVEMENT AND PERFORMANCE**

##### **Charitable activities**

The Upper Andersonstown Community Forum (UACF) is a company limited by guarantee and as stated in the Governing document works collectively to establish a multi- agency approach that tackles the legacy of inequalities in Health, Education, Training and Employment within the Andersonstown area. The UACF proactively promotes the ethos of Community Development and the process of building a strong Community Infrastructure. Our core principles encourage ongoing consultations and engagement with local people, facilitating involvement and participation in decision making, promoting empowerment and innovation and measuring impact. This approach ensures that our projects are strategically and successfully implemented maximising the benefits and impacts for the local community.

At a community level we endeavour to link our projects into a range of Government Strategies and initiatives including the Programme for Government, the Anti-poverty Strategy, Children and Young Peoples Strategic Partnership, People and Place strategy, Family Support Hub, Surestart and numerous Department of Economy, Department of Community and Belfast City Council initiatives. In the coming year, we are delighted to be part of the Casement Park Community Engagement Forum, which will hopefully see the completion of the Casement Stadium, a huge economic boost for the Greater Andersonstown area.

As stated above, UACF had another successful year, delivering real and significant benefits to the community; particularly those in most need, who have benefitted significantly from our "In house" advice and support clinic. In spite of the many challenges facing the sector, UACF has continued to provide high quality services and programmes that make a measurable difference to the lives of our residents and those seeking support from our neighbouring communities.

The Tullymore Community Centre is the main community centre within the Greater Andersonstown area. Our strength is local people who are fully committed to delivering and maintaining social and economic changes within the area. The community engages and participates in the design, delivery and evaluation of all of the UACF projects and they are represented on the Board of Directors of the UACF. Each Project is carefully planned, seeking the opinions of local people and other relevant stakeholders by involving them in a consultation process that will help them contribute to and participate in decision-making about the types of services that would make a difference to their lives.

We have proven that not only do we deliver, but we also exceed our targets, achieve our outcomes, are better placed and more cost effective than many Government funded schemes. The UACF are members of the Equality Commission, a registered umbrella centre for Access N.I. and the Lead and Accountable Agency for the Andersonstown Neighbourhood Partnership Board. We also sit on the Board of the West Belfast Partnership Board and are playing a consultative role with all local Housing providers on the development of the Glenmona Social Housing project. The Glen View Development (Radius) and on providing support for the Blacks Gate Development

#### **FINANCIAL REVIEW**

##### **Financial position**

The company had net outgoing resources for the year of £141,414 (2023: net incoming resources of £13,999, which reflected the completion of a number of projects during the year. Unrestricted funds decreased by £7,524, while restricted funds decreased by £133,890.

The charity continues to work tirelessly to secure income from sources in addition to its grant funding to provide new or complementary programmes, services and venues that meet emerging local needs but cannot be funded through the core budget that has been reducing in real terms for the last three years. These additional sources of funding are grants received from various bodies as disclosed in note 4 in the financial statements.

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**FINANCIAL REVIEW**

**Relevant Agencies and Partnerships**

Department for Communities

Belfast City Council

Belfast Health and Social Care Trust

The N.I. Executive Office (Communities in Transition)

Health and Social Care commissioning

Belfast Trust's Community Development, Health Improvement and User Engagement Strategy

Belfast City Council and Community Planning Partnership

Education Authority

Neighbourhood Renewal Forum

Surestart

Family Support Hub

Community Investment Fund

Local Primary and Post Primary's (9)

National Energy Agency

**Financial Review**

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#### **FINANCIAL REVIEW**

##### **Reserves policy**

UACF's reserves policy is to maintain a sufficient level of reserves to enable operating activities to be maintained for a period of at least six months in the event of major funding streams ending. It also takes account of potential risks and contingencies that may arise from time to time. The Directors review the policy annually.

UACF's total unrestricted reserves include its designated fund and is consequently excluded from free reserves.

In addition, amounts are set aside to meet financial risks associated with potential contingencies and uncertainties relating to the charity's operating activities. These include:

The provision for an orderly winding-down of operations in the event of a significant adverse event that is outside the control of the charity.

The funding of unforeseen major projects that have not been provided for in the normal financial planning process.

The unrestricted reserves of the charity are designated and allocated to meet the above risks and contingencies and are summarised in our annual audited accounts.

Voluntary and community sector organisations that hold reserves are able:

To absorb set backs and to take advantage of change and opportunity;

To demonstrate that they have thought through how they might secure their viability beyond the immediate future and provide reliable services over the longer term.

To demonstrate to potential funders that they are effectively managing their resources and have given consideration to their long-term plans and viability.

How secure is the organisation's present funding?

How long would it take to find alternative sources of funding?

If the organisation had to close, how long would it take to wind up in an orderly manner?

What costs could be involved in winding up. Consider:

redundancy costs, legal and accountancy costs defined benefit pension scheme (see Charity Commission guidance on Reserves and Defined Benefit). This will centre on identifying, cash flow implications, the time to the expiry of leases on property and office equipment.

As a general guide (the following should not be applied without due consideration of the circumstances in each organisation), an acceptable level of free reserve might be considered to be:

Sufficient free reserves to provide cover for between 3 - 6 months in relation to known liabilities

A smaller additional provision of free reserves for unforeseen liabilities

## Upper Andersonstown Community Forum Ltd

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#### **FUTURE PLANS**

UACF will continue to work towards our strategic plan for the next 3 years. This will be a difficult process due to the current cost of living crisis and lack of an operating Stormont Executive; however, we will continue to serve and advance the aspirations of our local population.

Throughout the next financial period, we will work with Department of Communities and Belfast City Council as a strategic partner, to help shape and guide local government policy in supporting residents. We will help with the support of essential needs, mental health support and delivering key services.

We aim to continue to provide a first class service within our Daycare that will help support local people to continue to work and help children's to reach their key milestones.

We will continue to engage with central and local government to obtain resources to support the work we provide. We will also work with our funding partners to meet our contractual obligations.

#### **Impact of Cost of Living Crisis.**

Throughout the year we supported all those dealing with the effects of rising fuel prices, heating costs and the rising cost of basic food items. The "cost of living crisis", saw our in house numbers continue to increase, as our elderly residents sought a friendly hub, where they could keep warm, socialise and seek additional support. Our dynamic team of staff, Board and volunteers re-booted and our services to meet the additional community need, provide support toward heating and basic day-to-day needs. As throughout our organisational history, we shape our strategic vision, principles and values, to meet the most pressing community need.

The development of key operational and financial plans are devised in partnership with Board members, staff and funders. The plans completed will evolve and flow during the next financial period in line with government advice/guidelines, funder's requirements and operational ability.

We continue to monitor and evaluate this economic crisis on a regular basis and take decisions, which are based on evidence at hand and will do all in our power to mitigate against any negative impact upon our services, finances and staff.

As Lead and Accountable Agency for the Andersonstown Neighbourhood Partnership, the UACF remains the central vehicle for overseeing the delivery of the area plan. Key principles for effective delivery include:

An agreed and practical plan of action that can change and respond to needs and opportunities as they arise:-

- a. The ANP as a driving force for making decisions and taking actions forward. Clear communications channels are established with all stakeholders of the action plan.
- b. A Social Audit to ensure we meet the needs of our local community with their input.
- c. A realistic and genuine approach to the allocation of resources and expenditure by Departments and Agencies working in the Andersonstown area to meet the locality expressed need.
- d. Positive and timely monitoring of progress in relation to the actions, and appropriate engagement with the community / funders / stakeholders where necessary.
- e. Ongoing engagement and involvement of the local community in the renewal process.
- f. Develop an action plan which will provide a clear basis for partnership delivery and buy-in from all of the stakeholders needed to deliver positive and long-term change in Andersonstown.
- g. The UACF will link in with the Neighbourhood Renewal Forum through the West Belfast Partnership Board to ensure the effective delivery of area plans and consultation processes with Government initiatives.
- h. Deliver an area plan for developing and improving the community, economic, social and environmental infrastructure of the Andersonstown neighbourhood.
- i. Work with all relevant agencies (particularly DfC and the GAA) to ensure a smooth transition, in planning and developing the Casement Park Stadium.

## **Upper Andersonstown Community Forum Ltd**

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j. Developing an Andersonstown/Glen Wide Housing Providers forum, strengthening partnerships with all main Housing Providers ( Apex, Choice, Clanmil, Radius).

The UACF will continue to maintain the highest standard of management, financial planning, monitoring and evaluation ensuring that all the projects and programmes continue to meet their targets and objectives while providing best value for money. The UACF complies with the Charity Commission NI and our new charity number is NIC105782.

In terms of impacts and outcomes, we will continue to target our work on both the individual and the community. The individual outcomes will focus on increasing confidence, social cooperation, increasing the ability to avail of educational and training opportunities and strengthening family relationships. The outcomes for the community in the future will include improved social cohesion, a reduction in anti-social behaviour, more involvement of children and young people in community life, user-friendly services for young people, gains in skills and knowledge that increase employability and improved opportunities for senior citizens to engage and participate in community life.

## **STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT**

### **Governing document**

Upper Andersonstown Community Forum is a company registered in N. Ireland, which was incorporated under Companies (NI) Order 1986 on 15 April 1997. The company is governed by a Memorandum and Articles of Association. The company's objectives are charitable in nature and it has established charitable status.

The charitable company's activities are managed by the Directors/Trustees who are considered to be the members of the company.

## **Upper Andersonstown Community Forum Ltd**

### **Report of the Trustees** **for the Year Ended 31 March 2024**

#### **STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT**

##### **Board and Accountability**

##### Trustee's Appointment and Training

The trustee's recruit and select new members as set out in the governing document. The Board holds annual general meeting which is open to members of the community to hear the work of the organisation. The public who agree with the values and ethos of the organisation can nominate themselves onto the Board.

The Board predicates trustee's appointments on our organisational values and make new members aware of their legal responsibilities under charity and company law. Our members' induction pack outlines our Articles of Association, board structure, organisational structure, decision making processes and financial management. Our formal induction provides new board members with the information and training they need to take up their appointment as effectively as possible.

##### Finance, Pay and Remuneration

Upper Andersonstown Community Forum operates a robust financial policy and procedures which the Board regularly review and independently assess. We have clear financial management systems to ensure effective and appropriate use of spend, administering resources cost effectively, transparently and accountably with clear audit trails.

All Board members give their time freely and no member received any remuneration during the year.

UACF base the senior staff team's pay on the NJC Salary Scale as a guide to appropriate remuneration for all staff pay.

#### **CONCLUSION**

On a personal note, I would like to thank all staff, volunteers, management and local politicians and residents for their hard work, energy and commitment in achieving the ongoing regeneration of this local area. Their expertise is to be commended and congratulated and I believe through collective teamwork we will expand in the near future to create a dynamic and safe environment for all local people.

## Upper Andersonstown Community Forum Ltd

### Report of the Trustees for the Year Ended 31 March 2024

#### **STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT**

##### **Risk management & analysis**

The UACF Risk Analysis is a process that enables us to identify and manage potential problems that could undermine key initiatives and projects. Senior staff members carry out a risk analysis which identifies the possible threats that we face, and then estimate the likelihood that these threats will materialize.

Risk Analysis is used when we are planning projects, to help identify threats, anticipate and neutralize possible problems. This enables us to check the systems, processes, structures and analyze risks to any part of these.

Building on improving people's lives is a continual, ever changing, journey that will not end. This is the reason why capacity building is central to community development. Continual learning and keeping your eye on the ball in terms of the raft of strategies and statutory obligations is again central to consolidation and expansion of community regeneration.

We continue to forward plan and we plan to review our Neighbourhood Renewal Plan. The Networks we have collectively built up over the years are central to future survival of all community led organisations within West Belfast. Securing funding for much needed services within the community take priority and to this effect it is our firm belief that as part of the wider social economy within West Belfast, and as lead partner of the Andersonstown Neighbourhood Partnership, we will collectively continue to make a positive and ongoing contribution to community, economic and social development.

##### **Risk Management**

The UACF have a long track record of successful Management and operate a Financial Management System based on NIO audit and ESF guidelines and criteria. The UACF Directors are local people with the necessary experience and knowledge to act in the best interest of the organisation and community. The Forum's policies and procedures are essential elements in the day-to-day management of the organisation. These are revised and updated on a regular basis ensuring that all Management, Staff, Volunteers and participants share codes of good practice.

The UACF has a risk management policy which forms the basis of our approach. Internal review systems are a necessary pre-requisite for each project as risks can be associated with the implementation of any project. Risks are minimised through establishing a fall back, plan which is both flexible and adaptable. For example, the target number of participants may fall short or the project may have difficulties in meeting the timescale. Monthly monitoring can identify gaps, and these can be addressed when required. Internal and external communications through meetings, weekly and quarterly reports, reviews will ensure the project information is shared and decisions are made on a collective basis.

SMART objectives will be established for the project. Monitoring criteria will be implemented at the start of the project, both quantitative and qualitative targets for achievement will be set. Targets will be set against objectives and be measured and reviewed by the Project Management Team on a monthly basis. Through monitoring and evaluation mechanisms, the number of people using and benefiting from the project will be recorded. Satisfaction levels will be quantified through continuous feedback sessions.

In addition, the views of people are collated by using questionnaires, surveys and interviews. Internal evaluations assist the team develop methods that assess the impact of each project in the short, medium and long term. We have in place registers to collect details of attendance and we identify baselines and match individual learning plans to needs of each participant.

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#### **STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT**

Quantitative results will be monitored e.g. numbers attending; numbers entering employment or further training, numbers of women or other target groups participating etc. Qualitative results will be monitored through recording soft outcomes such as increased confidence, changes in attitude and social skills development.

#### **EVENTS SINCE THE END OF THE YEAR**

Information relating to events since the end of the year is given in the notes to the financial statements.

#### **STATEMENT OF TRUSTEES' RESPONSIBILITIES**

The trustees (who are also the directors of Upper Andersonstown Community Forum Ltd for the purposes of company law) are responsible for preparing the Report of the Trustees and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice) including Financial Reporting Standard 102 "The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland".

Company law requires the trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charitable company and of the incoming resources and application of resources, including the income and expenditure, of the charitable company for that period. In preparing those financial statements, the trustees are required to

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles in the Charity SORP;
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charitable company will continue in business.

The trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charitable company and to enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Companies Act 2006. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charitable company and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

In so far as the trustees are aware:

- there is no relevant audit information of which the charitable company's auditors are unaware; and
- the trustees have taken all steps that they ought to have taken to make themselves aware of any relevant audit information and to establish that the auditors are aware of that information.

#### **AUDITORS**

The auditors, Lynn Drake & Co Ltd, will be proposed for re-appointment at the forthcoming Annual General Meeting.

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**Report of the Trustees**  
**for the Year Ended 31 March 2024**

This report has been prepared in accordance with the special provisions of Part 15 of the Companies Act 2006 relating to small companies.

Approved by order of the board of trustees on 7 November 2024 and signed on its behalf by:

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Barney Kane".

Barney Kane - Trustee

**Report of the Independent Auditors to the Trustees and Members of  
Upper Andersonstown Community Forum Ltd**

**Opinion**

We have audited the financial statements of Upper Andersonstown Community Forum Ltd (the 'charitable company') for the year ended 31 March 2024 which comprise the Statement of Financial Activities, the Statement of Financial Position, the Statement of Cash Flows and notes to the financial statements, including a summary of significant accounting policies. The financial reporting framework that has been applied in their preparation is applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice), including Financial Reporting Standard 102 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland'.

In our opinion the financial statements:

- give a true and fair view of the state of the charitable company's affairs as at 31 March 2024 and of its incoming resources and application of resources, including its income and expenditure, for the year then ended;
- have been properly prepared in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice, including Financial Reporting Standard 102 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland'; and
- have been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006.

**Basis for opinion**

We conducted our audit in accordance with International Standards on Auditing (UK) (ISAs (UK)) and applicable law. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditors' responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements section of our report. We are independent of the charitable company in accordance with the ethical requirements that are relevant to our audit of the financial statements in the UK, including the FRC's Ethical Standard, and the provisions available for small entities, in the circumstances set out in note 17 to the financial statements, and we have fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with these requirements. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

**Conclusions relating to going concern**

In auditing the financial statements, we have concluded that the trustees' use of the going concern basis of accounting in the preparation of the financial statements is appropriate.

Based on the work we have performed, we have not identified any material uncertainties relating to events or conditions that, individually or collectively, may cast significant doubt on the charitable company's ability to continue as a going concern for a period of at least twelve months from when the financial statements are authorised for issue.

Our responsibilities and the responsibilities of the trustees with respect to going concern are described in the relevant sections of this report.

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**Other information**

The trustees are responsible for the other information. The other information comprises the information included in the Annual Report, other than the financial statements and our Report of the Independent Auditors thereon.

Our opinion on the financial statements does not cover the other information and, except to the extent otherwise explicitly stated in our report, we do not express any form of assurance conclusion thereon.

In connection with our audit of the financial statements, our responsibility is to read the other information and, in doing so, consider whether the other information is materially inconsistent with the financial statements or our knowledge obtained in the audit or otherwise appears to be materially misstated. If we identify such material inconsistencies or apparent material misstatements, we are required to determine whether this gives rise to a material misstatement in the financial statements themselves. If, based on the work we have performed, we conclude that there is a material misstatement of this other information, we are required to report that fact. We have nothing to report in this regard.

**Opinions on other matters prescribed by the Companies Act 2006**

In our opinion, based on the work undertaken in the course of the audit:

- the information given in the Report of the Trustees for the financial year for which the financial statements are prepared is consistent with the financial statements; and
- the Report of the Trustees has been prepared in accordance with applicable legal requirements.

**Matters on which we are required to report by exception**

In the light of the knowledge and understanding of the charitable company and its environment obtained in the course of the audit, we have not identified material misstatements in the Report of the Trustees.

We have nothing to report in respect of the following matters where the Companies Act 2006 requires us to report to you if, in our opinion:

- adequate accounting records have not been kept or returns adequate for our audit have not been received from branches not visited by us; or
- the financial statements are not in agreement with the accounting records and returns; or
- certain disclosures of trustees' remuneration specified by law are not made; or
- we have not received all the information and explanations we require for our audit; or
- the trustees were not entitled to take advantage of the small companies exemption from the requirement to prepare a Strategic Report or in preparing the Report of the Trustees.

**Responsibilities of trustees**

As explained more fully in the Statement of Trustees' Responsibilities, the trustees (who are also the directors of the charitable company for the purposes of company law) are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements and for being satisfied that they give a true and fair view, and for such internal control as the trustees determine is necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the financial statements, the trustees are responsible for assessing the charitable company's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless the trustees either intend to liquidate the charitable company or to cease operations, or have no realistic alternative but to do so.

**Report of the Independent Auditors to the Trustees and Members of  
Upper Andersonstown Community Forum Ltd**

**Our responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements**

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue a Report of the Independent Auditors that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance, but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with ISAs (UK) will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of these financial statements.

The extent to which our procedures are capable of detecting irregularities, including fraud is detailed below:

Irregularities, including fraud, are instances of non-compliance with laws and regulations. We design procedures in line with our responsibilities, outlined above, to detect material misstatements in respect of irregularities, including fraud. The extent to which our procedures are capable of detecting irregularities, including fraud is detailed below:

Based on our understanding of the company and industry, we identified the principal risks of non-compliance with laws and regulations as those that have a direct impact on the determination of material amounts and disclosures in the financial statements.

We evaluated management's incentives and opportunities for fraudulent manipulation of the financial statements and determined that the principal risks related to revenue recognition. We communicated the identified laws and regulations throughout the audit team and remained alert to any indications of non-compliance throughout the audit. Audit procedures performed included, but were not limited to:

Discussions with management including consideration of known or suspected instances of non-compliance with laws and regulation and fraud;

Reviewing the financial statement disclosures and testing to supporting documentation;

Review of board meeting minutes of those charged with governance;

In addressing the risk of fraud through management override of controls, testing the appropriateness of journal entries and other adjustments.

As part of an audit in accordance with ISAs (UK), we exercise professional judgment and maintain professional scepticism throughout the audit. We also:-

Identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error, design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks, and obtain audit evidence that is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion. The risk of not detecting a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than for one resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control.

Obtain an understanding of internal control relevant to the audit in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the charities internal control.

Evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates and related disclosures made by the trustees.

Perform analytical procedures to identify any unusual or unexpected relationships that may indicate risks of material misstatement due to fraud or error.

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Upper Andersonstown Community Forum Ltd**

Conclude on the appropriateness of the trustees' use of the going concern basis of accounting and based on the audit evidence obtained, whether a material uncertainty exists related to events or conditions that may cast significant doubt on the charities ability to continue as a going concern. If we conclude that a material uncertainty exists, we are required to draw attention in our auditor's report to the related disclosures in the financial statements or, if such disclosures are inadequate, to modify our opinion. Our conclusions are based on the audit evidence obtained up to the date of our auditor's report. However, future events or conditions may cause the charity to cease to continue as a going concern.

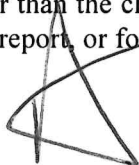
Evaluate the overall presentation, structure, and content of the financial statements, including the disclosures and whether the financial statements represent the underlying transactions and events in a manner that achieves fair presentation.

We communicate with those charge with governance regarding, among other matters, the planned scope and timing of the audit and significant audit findings, including significant deficiencies in internal control that we identify during our audit.

A further description of our responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements is located on the Financial Reporting Council's website at [www.frc.org.uk/auditorsresponsibilities](http://www.frc.org.uk/auditorsresponsibilities). This description forms part of our Report of the Independent Auditors.

**Use of our report**

This report is made solely to the charitable company's members, as a body, in accordance with Chapter 3 of Part 16 of the Companies Act 2006. Our audit work has been undertaken so that we might state to the charitable company's members those matters we are required to state to them in an auditors' report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, we do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the charitable company and the charitable company's members as a body, for our audit work, for this report, or for the opinions we have formed.



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7 November 2024

**Upper Andersonstown Community Forum Ltd**

**Statement of Financial Activities**  
**(Incorporating an Income and Expenditure Account)**  
**for the Year Ended 31 March 2024**

	Notes	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	31.3.24 Total funds £	31.3.23 Total funds £
<b>INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM</b>					
<b>Charitable activities</b>					
Grants Receivable	3	41,001	492,098	533,099	1,012,837
Other trading activities	2	221,351	-	221,351	263,457
Other income		-	-	-	500
<b>Total</b>		<b>262,352</b>	<b>492,098</b>	<b>754,450</b>	<b>1,276,794</b>
<b>EXPENDITURE ON</b>					
<b>Charitable activities</b>					
Direct Charitable Expenses	4	265,719	625,988	891,707	1,234,911
Governance		4,157	-	4,157	27,884
<b>Total</b>		<b>269,876</b>	<b>625,988</b>	<b>895,864</b>	<b>1,262,795</b>
<b>NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)</b>		<b>(7,524)</b>	<b>(133,890)</b>	<b>(141,414)</b>	<b>13,999</b>
<b>RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS</b>					
Total funds brought forward		407,041	291,549	698,590	684,591
<b>TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD</b>		<b>399,517</b>	<b>157,659</b>	<b>557,176</b>	<b>698,590</b>

The notes form part of these financial statements

**Upper Andersonstown Community Forum Ltd**

**Statement of Financial Position**

**31 March 2024**

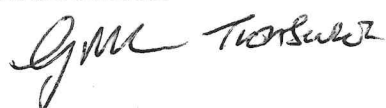
	Notes	31.3.24 £	31.3.23 £
<b>FIXED ASSETS</b>			
Tangible assets	10	191,346	247,460
<b>CURRENT ASSETS</b>			
Debtors	11	74,008	9,667
Cash at bank		308,186	469,398
		<u>382,194</u>	<u>479,065</u>
<b>CREDITORS</b>			
Amounts falling due within one year	12	(16,364)	(27,935)
		<u>365,830</u>	<u>451,130</u>
<b>NET CURRENT ASSETS</b>			
		<u>557,176</u>	<u>698,590</u>
<b>TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES</b>			
		<u>557,176</u>	<u>698,590</u>
<b>NET ASSETS</b>			
		<u>557,176</u>	<u>698,590</u>
<b>FUNDS</b>	14		
Unrestricted funds		399,517	407,041
Restricted funds		157,659	291,549
		<u>557,176</u>	<u>698,590</u>
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>		<u>557,176</u>	<u>698,590</u>

These financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the provisions applicable to charitable companies subject to the small companies regime.

The financial statements were approved by the Board of Trustees and authorised for issue on 7 November 2024 and were signed on its behalf by:

  
Barney Kane - Trustee

Gerard Meehan - Trustee



The notes form part of these financial statements

**Upper Andersonstown Community Forum Ltd**

**Statement of Cash Flows**  
**for the Year Ended 31 March 2024**

	Notes	31.3.24 £	31.3.23 £
<b>Cash flows from operating activities</b>			
Cash generated from operations	1	(161,212)	137,776
Net cash (used in)/provided by operating activities		<u>(161,212)</u>	<u>137,776</u>
<b>Cash flows from investing activities</b>			
Purchase of tangible fixed assets		-	(5,157)
Sale of tangible fixed assets		-	500
Net cash provided by/(used in) investing activities		<u>-</u>	<u>(4,657)</u>
<b>Change in cash and cash equivalents in the reporting period</b>			
		(161,212)	133,119
<b>Cash and cash equivalents at the beginning of the reporting period</b>		<u>469,398</u>	<u>336,279</u>
<b>Cash and cash equivalents at the end of the reporting period</b>		<u><u>308,186</u></u>	<u><u>469,398</u></u>

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**Upper Andersonstown Community Forum Ltd**

**Notes to the Statement of Cash Flows**  
**for the Year Ended 31 March 2024**

**1. RECONCILIATION OF NET (EXPENDITURE)/INCOME TO NET CASH FLOW FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES**

	31.3.24	31.3.23
	£	£
<b>Net (expenditure)/income for the reporting period (as per the Statement of Financial Activities)</b>	(141,414)	13,999
<b>Adjustments for:</b>		
Depreciation charges	56,114	56,162
Profit on disposal of fixed assets	-	(500)
(Increase)/decrease in debtors	(64,341)	49,047
(Decrease)/increase in creditors	(11,571)	19,068
	<u>                    </u>	<u>                    </u>
<b>Net cash (used in)/provided by operations</b>	<u>(161,212)</u>	<u>137,776</u>

**2. ANALYSIS OF CHANGES IN NET FUNDS**

	At 1/4/23	Cash flow	At 31/3/24
	£	£	£
<b>Net cash</b>			
Cash at bank	469,398	(161,212)	308,186
	<u>                    </u>	<u>                    </u>	<u>                    </u>
	469,398	(161,212)	308,186
	<u>                    </u>	<u>                    </u>	<u>                    </u>
<b>Total</b>	<u>469,398</u>	<u>(161,212)</u>	<u>308,186</u>

The notes form part of these financial statements

**Notes to the Financial Statements**  
**for the Year Ended 31 March 2024**

**1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES**

**Basis of preparing the financial statements**

**(a) General information and basis of preparation**

Upper Andersonstown Community Forum Ltd is constituted as a company limited by guarantee incorporated in Northern Ireland (NI 032258). In the event of the charity being wound up, the liability in respect of the guarantee is limited to £1 per member of the charity.

The charity constitutes a public benefit entity as defined by FRS 102. The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102), the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the United Kingdom and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102), the Charities Act (Northern Ireland) 2013, the Companies Act 2006 and UK Generally Accepted Practice as it applies from 1 January 2015.

The financial statements are prepared on a going concern basis under the historical cost convention, modified to include certain items at fair value. The financial statements are presented in sterling which is the functional currency of the charity.

The significant accounting policies applied in the preparation of these financial statements are set out below. These policies have been consistently applied to all years presented unless otherwise stated.

**(b) Funds**

Unrestricted funds are available for use at the discretion of the trustees in furtherance of the general objectives of the charity and which have not been designated for other purposes.

Designated funds comprise unrestricted funds that have been set aside by the trustees for particular purposes. The aim and use of each designated fund is set out in the notes to the financial statements.

Restricted funds are funds which are to be used in accordance with specific restrictions imposed by donors or which have been raised by the charity for particular purposes. The cost of raising and administering such funds are charged against the specific fund. The aim and use of each restricted fund is set out in the notes to the financial statements.

Further explanation of the nature and purpose of each fund is included in the notes to the financial statements.

**(c) Income recognition**

All incoming resources are included in the Statement of Financial Activities (SoFA) when the charity is legally entitled to the income after any performance conditions have been met, the amount can be measured reliably and it is probable that the income will be received.

**Notes to the Financial Statements - continued**  
**for the Year Ended 31 March 2024**

**1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES - continued**

**Basis of preparing the financial statements**

For donations to be recognised the charity will have been notified of the amounts and the settlement date in writing. If there are conditions attached to the donation and this requires a level of performance before entitlement can be obtained then income is deferred until those conditions are fully met or the fulfilment of those conditions is within the control of the charity and it is probable that they will be fulfilled. Voluntary income is received by way of grants, donations and gifts and is included in full in the Statement of Financial Activities (SoFA) when receivable. Income received from collections is recognised when received.

Donated facilities and donated professional services are recognised in income at their fair value when their economic benefit is probable, it can be measured reliably and the charity has control over the item. Fair value is determined on the basis of the value of the gift to the charity. For example the amount the charity would be willing to pay in the open market for such facilities and services. A corresponding amount is recognised in expenditure.

No amount is included in the financial statements for volunteer time in line with the SORP (FRS 102). Further detail is given in the Trustees' Annual Report.

For legacies, entitlement is the earlier of the charity being notified of an impending distribution or the legacy being received. At this point income is recognised. On occasion legacies will be notified to the charity however it is not possible to measure the amount expected to be distributed. On these occasions, the legacy is treated as a contingent asset and disclosed.

Income from trading activities includes income earned from fundraising events and trading activities to raise funds for the charity. Income is received in exchange for supplying goods and services in order to raise funds and is recognised when entitlement has occurred.

The charity receives government grants which are detailed within the notes to these financial statements. Income from government and other grants are recognised at fair value when the charity has entitlement after any performance conditions have been met, it is probable that the income will be received and the amount can be measured reliably. If entitlement is not met then these amounts are deferred.

**(D) Expenditure recognition**

All expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis, inclusive of VAT which cannot be recovered and has been classified under headings that aggregate all costs related to the category. Expenditure is recognised where there is a legal or constructive obligation to make payments to third parties, it is probable that the settlement will be required and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably. It is categorised under the following headings:

Costs of raising funds includes the costs associated with attracting voluntary incomes;  
Expenditure on charitable activities includes those costs incurred by the charity in the delivery of its activities and services for its beneficiaries. It includes both costs that can be allocated directly to such activities and those costs of an indirect nature necessary to support them; and  
Other expenditure represents those items not falling into the categories above.

Irrecoverable VAT is charged as an expense against the activity for which expenditure arose.

**Notes to the Financial Statements - continued**  
**for the Year Ended 31 March 2024**

**1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES - continued**

**Basis of preparing the financial statements**

Grants payable to third parties are within the charitable objectives. Where unconditional grants are offered, this is accrued as soon as the recipient is notified of the grant, as this gives rise to a reasonable expectation that the recipient will receive the grants. Where grants are conditional relating to performance then the grant is only accrued when any unfulfilled conditions are outside of the control of the charity.

**(e) Support costs allocation**

Support costs are those that assist the work of the charity but do not directly represent charitable activities and include office costs, governance costs, administrative payroll costs. They are incurred directly in support of expenditure on the objects of the charity and include project management carried out at Headquarters. Where support costs cannot be directly attributed to particular headings they have been allocated to cost of raising funds and expenditure on charitable activities on a basis consistent with use of the resources. Premises overheads have been allocated on an insert detail basis and other overheads have been allocated on a basis consistent with the use of resources.

Fund-raising costs are those incurred in seeking voluntary contributions and do not include the costs of disseminating information in support of the charitable activities.

**(f) Tangible fixed assets**

Tangible fixed assets are stated at cost less accumulated depreciation and accumulated impairment losses. Cost includes costs directly attributable to making the asset capable of operating as intended.

Depreciation is provided on all tangible fixed assets, at rates calculated to write off the cost, less estimated residual value, of each asset on a systematic basis over its expected useful life as follows:

New Building	- 4% Straight Line
Fixtures & Fittings	- 20% Straight Line
Minibus	- 20% Straight Line

**(g) Financial Instruments**

A financial asset or a financial liability is recognised only when the charity becomes a party to the contractual provision of the instrument.

Basic financial instruments are initially recognised at the amounts receivable or payable including any related transaction costs.

Current assets and current liabilities are subsequently measured at the cash or other consideration expected to be paid or relived and not discounted.

Debt instruments are subsequently measured at amortised cost.

Where investments in shares are publicly traded or their fair value can otherwise be measured reliably, the investment is subsequently measured at fair value with changes in fair value recognised in income and expenditure. All other such investments are subsequently measured at cost less impairment.

**Notes to the Financial Statements - continued**  
**for the Year Ended 31 March 2024**

**1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES - continued**

**Basis of preparing the financial statements**

Other financial instruments, including derivatives, are initially recognised at fair value, unless payment for an asset is deferred beyond normal business terms or financed at a rate of interest that is not a market rate, in which case the asset is measured at the present value of the future payments discounted at a market rate of interest for a similar debt instrument.

Other financial instruments are subsequently measured at fair value with any changes recognised in the statement of financial activities, with the exception of hedging instruments in a designed hedging relationship.

Financial assets that are measured at cost or amortised cost are reviewed for objective evidence of impairment at the end of each reporting date. If there is objective evidence of impairment an impairment loss is recognised under the appropriate heading in the statement of financial activities in which the initial gain is recognised.

For all equity instruments regardless of significance, and other financial assets that are individually significant, these are assessed individually for impairment. Other financial assets are either assessed individually or grouped on the basis of similar credit risk characteristics.

Any reversals of impairment are recognised immediately, to the extent that the reversal does not result in a carrying amount of the financial asset that exceeds what the carrying amount would have been had the impairment not previously been recognised.

**(h) Impairment**

Assets not measured at fair value are reviewed for any indication that the asset may be impaired at each balance sheet date. If such indication exists, the recoverable amount of the asset, or the asset's cash generating unit, is estimated and compared to the carrying amount. Where the carrying amount exceeds its recoverable amount, an impairment loss is recognised in profit or loss unless the asset is carried at a revalued amount where the impairment loss is a revaluation decrease.

**(i) Provisions**

Provisions are recognised when the charity has an obligation at the balance sheet date as a result of a past event, it is probable that an outflow of economic benefits will be required in settlement and the amount can be reliably estimated.

**(j) Leases**

Assets acquired under finance leases are capitalised and depreciated over the shorter of the lease term and the expected useful life of the asset. Minimum lease payments are apportioned between the finance charge and the reduction of the outstanding lease liability using the effective interest method. The related obligations, net of future finance charges, are included in creditors.

Rentals payable and receivable under operating leases are charged to the SoFA on a straight line basis over the period of the lease.

**(k) Tax**

**Notes to the Financial Statements - continued**  
**for the Year Ended 31 March 2024**

**1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES - continued**

**Basis of preparing the financial statements**

No provision is required for taxation as the company is defined as a charity for taxation purposes. The charity is a registered charity and so such is entitled to certain tax exemptions on income and profits from investments and surpluses on any trading activities carried on in furtherance of the charity's primary objectives, if these profits and surpluses are applied solely for charitable purposes.

**(l) Going concern**

The financial statements have been prepared on a going concern basis as the trustees believe that no material uncertainties exist. The trustees have considered the level of funds held and the expected level of income and expenditure for 12 months from authorising these financial statements. The budgeted income and expenditure is sufficient with the level of reserves for the charity to be able to continue as a going concern.

**(m) Accounting estimates and areas of judgement**

The preparation of the financial statements requires management to make judgements, estimates and assumptions that affect the amounts reported. These estimates and judgements are continually reviewed and are based on experience and other factors, including expectations of future events that are believed to be reasonable under the circumstances.

The items in the financial statements where these judgements and estimates have been made include:

- (i) estimating the useful economic life of tangible fixed assets
- (ii) property valuation
- (iii) allocation of expenditure and support costs

**Taxation**

The company is a registered charity and so such is entitled to certain tax exemptions on income and profits from investments and surpluses on any trading activities carried on in furtherance of the charity's primary objectives, if these profits and surpluses are applied solely for charitable purposes.

**Fund accounting**

The Charity has various types of funds for which it is responsible, and which require separate disclosure. These are as follows:

**Restricted Funds**

Grants or donations received, which are earmarked by the donor for specific purposes within the overall aims of the organisation.

**Unrestricted Funds**

Funds which are expendable at the discretion of the Directors in furtherance of the objects of the charity.

Such funds may be held in order to finance capital investment and working capital.

**Pension costs and other post-retirement benefits**

The charitable company operates a defined contribution pension scheme. Contributions payable to the charitable company's pension scheme are charged to the Statement of Financial Activities in the period to which they relate.

**Upper Andersonstown Community Forum Ltd**

**Notes to the Financial Statements - continued**  
**for the Year Ended 31 March 2024**

**2. OTHER TRADING ACTIVITIES**

	31.3.24	31.3.23
	£	£
Shop income	-	156
Vetting Income	1,004	228
BHSCT Sponsored Daycare	60,643	57,173
Crèche Fees	125,463	180,108
Tutors & Training	14,598	7,073
Insurance Proceeds	-	4,500
Fundraising & Donations	10,981	8,179
CIT Health Wellbeing	8,662	6,040
	<u>221,351</u>	<u>263,457</u>

**3. INCOME FROM CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES**

	31.3.24	31.3.23
	£	£
Grants	533,099	1,012,837

Grants received, included in the above, are as follows:

	31.3.24	31.3.23
	£	£
Children in Need	-	21,788
Awards for All re Youth	10,000	-
Belfast City Council re Revenue	41,001	18,000
Belfast City Council re Summer Scheme	11,624	-
Belfast City Council re Festival	-	85
West Belfast Partnership Board	-	1,760
Belfast Health And Social Care Trust	-	76,790
Brightstart	12,162	15,733
Education Authority - Belfast Region	63,605	67,451
Henry Smith	58,100	87,000
Big Lottery - New Youth Account	-	30,953
Early Years Pathway Fund - Covid Grant	-	10,167
Department for Communities - Infrastructure	114,631	108,776
Department For Communities - Education	75,517	59,347
Department For Communities - Job Start	-	4,577
BHSCT Home Help	-	71,346
Active Community Network	-	51,487
CIT Community Safety	-	2,400
Department for Communities - Running Costs	-	16,411
Department for Communities - Investment Fund	107,000	60,820
Pathways Fund	29,981	29,904
Keep Northern Ireland Beautiful	-	2,972
Belfast City Council - Medium	-	3,968
Clear Project	4,684	2,736
	<u>528,305</u>	<u>744,471</u>
Carried forward	528,305	744,471

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**Notes to the Financial Statements - continued**  
**for the Year Ended 31 March 2024**

**3. INCOME FROM CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES - continued**

	31.3.24	31.3.23
	£	£
Brought forward	528,305	744,471
Belfast City Council - Cost of Living	-	267,866
Belfast City Council - Small	-	500
National Energy Action	4,794	-
	<u>533,099</u>	<u>1,012,837</u>

**4. CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES COSTS**

	Direct Costs £	Support costs (see note 5) £	Totals £
Direct Charitable Expenses	877,551	14,156	891,707
Governance	-	4,157	4,157
	<u>877,551</u>	<u>18,313</u>	<u>895,864</u>

**5. SUPPORT COSTS**

	Governance costs £
Direct Charitable Expenses	14,156
Governance	4,157
	<u>18,313</u>

**6. NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)**

Net income/(expenditure) is stated after charging/(crediting):

	31.3.24	31.3.23
	£	£
Accountancy Fee	2,940	2,880
Audit Fee	3,000	3,000
Depreciation - owned assets	56,114	56,162
Surplus on disposal of fixed assets	-	(500)
	<u>62,054</u>	<u>64,342</u>

**Upper Andersonstown Community Forum Ltd**

**Notes to the Financial Statements - continued**  
**for the Year Ended 31 March 2024**

**7. TRUSTEES' REMUNERATION AND BENEFITS**

There were no trustees' remuneration or other benefits for the year ended 31 March 2024 nor for the year ended 31 March 2023.

**Trustees' expenses**

There were no trustees' expenses paid for the year ended 31 March 2024 nor for the year ended 31 March 2023.

**8. STAFF COSTS**

	31.3.24	31.3.23
	£	£
Wages and salaries	578,496	627,406
Social security costs	23,983	32,934
Other pension costs	12,442	24,856
	<u>614,921</u>	<u>685,196</u>

The average monthly number of employees during the year was as follows:

	31.3.24	31.3.23
Management & Administration	<u>32</u>	<u>35</u>

No employees received emoluments in excess of £60,000.

The key management personnel of the charity comprise of the Chief Executive Officer and Senior management team. The salaries paid to key management personnel being the Chief Executive Officer, Centre Manger, Programme and Childcare Co-ordinators and Finance Manager, during the year totalled £129,594 (2023: £121,431).

**9. COMPARATIVES FOR THE STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES**

	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Total funds £
<b>INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM</b>			
<b>Charitable activities</b>			
Grants Receivable	-	1,012,837	1,012,837
Other trading activities	263,457	-	263,457
Other income	500	-	500
<b>Total</b>	<u>263,957</u>	<u>1,012,837</u>	<u>1,276,794</u>
<b>EXPENDITURE ON</b>			
<b>Charitable activities</b>			
Direct Charitable Expenses	176,192	1,058,719	1,234,911
Governance	27,884	-	27,884

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**Notes to the Financial Statements - continued**  
**for the Year Ended 31 March 2024**

**9. COMPARATIVES FOR THE STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES - continued**

	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Total funds £
<b>Total</b>	204,076	1,058,719	1,262,795
<b>NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)</b>	59,881	(45,882)	13,999
<b>RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS</b>			
Total funds brought forward	347,160	337,431	684,591
<b>TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD</b>	407,041	291,549	698,590

**10. TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS**

	New Building £	Fixtures and fittings £	Totals £
<b>COST</b>			
At 1 April 2023 and 31 March 2024	1,211,040	316,200	1,527,240
<b>DEPRECIATION</b>			
At 1 April 2023	981,405	298,375	1,279,780
Charge for year	48,442	7,672	56,114
At 31 March 2024	1,029,847	306,047	1,335,894
<b>NET BOOK VALUE</b>			
At 31 March 2024	181,193	10,153	191,346
At 31 March 2023	229,635	17,825	247,460

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**Notes to the Financial Statements - continued**  
**for the Year Ended 31 March 2024**

**11. DEBTORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR**

	31.3.24	31.3.23
	£	£
Trade debtors	11,943	5,181
Brightstart	-	3,847
Department for Communities	58,495	-
BHSCT	2,660	-
Prepayments	910	639
	<u>74,008</u>	<u>9,667</u>

**12. CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR**

	31.3.24	31.3.23
	£	£
Trade creditors	375	1,441
Accruals and deferred income	15,989	26,494
	<u>16,364</u>	<u>27,935</u>

**13. ANALYSIS OF NET ASSETS BETWEEN FUNDS**

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	31.3.24 Total funds	31.3.23 Total funds
	£	£	£	£
Fixed assets	25,412	165,934	191,346	247,460
Current assets	390,469	(8,275)	382,194	479,065
Current liabilities	(16,364)	-	(16,364)	(27,935)
	<u>399,517</u>	<u>157,659</u>	<u>557,176</u>	<u>698,590</u>

**Upper Andersonstown Community Forum Ltd**

**Notes to the Financial Statements - continued**  
**for the Year Ended 31 March 2024**

**14. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS**

	At 1/4/23 £	Net movement in funds £	At 31/3/24 £
<b>Unrestricted funds</b>			
General fund	327,041	(7,524)	319,517
Designated Fund	80,000	-	80,000
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	407,041	(7,524)	399,517
<b>Restricted funds</b>			
Capital Grant Fund	196,430	(46,061)	150,369
Belfast City Council - Capital	800	(400)	400
Education Authority - Belfast Region	10,833	(10,833)	-
Henry Smith	29,000	(29,000)	-
Big Lottery - New Youth Account	3,886	(3,886)	-
Big Lottery Awards for All - Capital	2,709	(480)	2,229
Big Lottery new Youth Account - Capital	3,200	(1,600)	1,600
Community Fund - Capital	3,192	(1,596)	1,596
Halifax for Northern Ireland - Capital	139	(70)	69
Rural Community Network - Capital	792	(396)	396
Tudor Trust - Capital	2,000	(1,000)	1,000
BHSCT Home Help	38,568	(38,568)	-
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	291,549	(133,890)	157,659
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>	<hr/> <hr/>	<hr/> <hr/>	<hr/> <hr/>
	698,590	(141,414)	557,176

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**Notes to the Financial Statements - continued**  
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**14. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued**

Net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
<b>Unrestricted funds</b>			
General fund	262,352	(269,876)	(7,524)
<b>Restricted funds</b>			
Capital Grant Fund	-	(46,061)	(46,061)
Awards for All	10,000	(10,000)	-
Belfast City Council re Summer Scheme	11,624	(11,624)	-
Brightstart	12,162	(12,162)	-
Belfast City Council - Capital	-	(400)	(400)
Education Authority - Belfast Region Henry Smith	63,605	(74,438)	(10,833)
58,100	58,100	(87,100)	(29,000)
Big Lottery - New Youth Account	-	(3,886)	(3,886)
Big Lottery Awards for All - Capital	-	(480)	(480)
Big Lottery new Youth Account - Capital	-	(1,600)	(1,600)
Community Fund - Capital	-	(1,596)	(1,596)
Halifax for Northern Ireland - Capital	-	(70)	(70)
Rural Community Network - Capital	-	(396)	(396)
Tudor Trust - Capital	-	(1,000)	(1,000)
Department for Communities - Infrastructure	114,631	(114,631)	-
Department For Communities - Education	75,517	(75,517)	-
BHSCT Home Help	-	(38,568)	(38,568)
Department for Communities - Investment Fund	107,000	(107,000)	-
Pathways Fund	29,981	(29,981)	-
Clear Project	4,684	(4,684)	-
National Energy Action	4,794	(4,794)	-
	<u>492,098</u>	<u>(625,988)</u>	<u>(133,890)</u>
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>	<u><u>754,450</u></u>	<u><u>(895,864)</u></u>	<u><u>(141,414)</u></u>

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**Notes to the Financial Statements - continued**  
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**14. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued**

**Comparatives for movement in funds**

	At 1/4/22 £	Net movement in funds £	Transfers between funds £	At 31/3/23 £
<b>Unrestricted funds</b>				
General fund	307,160	59,881	(40,000)	327,041
Designated Fund	40,000	-	40,000	80,000
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	347,160	59,881	-	407,041
<b>Restricted funds</b>				
Capital Grant Fund	242,491	(46,061)	-	196,430
Volunteer Now	75	(75)	-	-
Brightstart	10,197	(10,197)	-	-
Belfast City Council - Capital	1,200	(400)	-	800
Volunteer Now	400	(400)	-	-
Utopia - Self funded	1,337	(1,337)	-	-
Education Authority - Belfast Region	-	10,833	-	10,833
Henry Smith	26,603	2,397	-	29,000
Big Lottery - New Youth Account	23,577	(19,691)	-	3,886
Big Lottery Awards for All - Capital	3,189	(480)	-	2,709
Big Lottery new Youth Account - Capital	4,800	(1,600)	-	3,200
Community Fund - Capital	4,788	(1,596)	-	3,192
Halifax for Northern Ireland - Capital	209	(70)	-	139
Rural Community Network - Capital	1,188	(396)	-	792
Tudor Trust - Capital	3,000	(1,000)	-	2,000
Covid Food Donations	1,793	(1,793)	-	-
Belfast City Council - Covid Grant	2,410	(2,410)	-	-
Covid Pathway Fund	1,281	(1,281)	-	-
Department for Communities - Infrastructure	2,653	(2,653)	-	-
Education Authority - TBUC	753	(753)	-	-
Community Fund Bike Shelters	3,150	(3,150)	-	-
Education Authority - Capacity	2,337	(2,337)	-	-
BHSCT Home Help	-	38,568	-	38,568
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	337,431	(45,882)	-	291,549
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>	<hr/> <hr/>	<hr/> <hr/>	<hr/> <hr/>	<hr/> <hr/>
	684,591	13,999	-	698,590

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**Notes to the Financial Statements - continued**  
**for the Year Ended 31 March 2024**

**14. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued**

Comparative net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
<b>Unrestricted funds</b>			
General fund	263,957	(204,076)	59,881
<b>Restricted funds</b>			
Capital Grant Fund	-	(46,061)	(46,061)
Children in Need	21,788	(21,788)	-
Belfast City Council re Revenue	18,000	(18,000)	-
Belfast City Council re Festival	85	(85)	-
Volunteer Now	-	(75)	(75)
West Belfast Partnership Board	1,760	(1,760)	-
Belfast Health and Social Care Trust	76,790	(76,790)	-
Brightstart	15,733	(25,930)	(10,197)
Belfast City Council - Capital	-	(400)	(400)
Volunteer Now	-	(400)	(400)
Utopia - Self funded	-	(1,337)	(1,337)
Education Authority - Belfast Region	67,451	(56,618)	10,833
Henry Smith	87,000	(84,603)	2,397
Big Lottery - New Youth Account	30,953	(50,644)	(19,691)
Big Lottery Awards for All - Capital	-	(480)	(480)
Big Lottery new Youth Account - Capital	-	(1,600)	(1,600)
Community Fund - Capital	-	(1,596)	(1,596)
Halifax for Northern Ireland - Capital	-	(70)	(70)
Rural Community Network - Capital	-	(396)	(396)
Tudor Trust - Capital	-	(1,000)	(1,000)
Early Years Pathway Fund - Covid Grant	10,167	(10,167)	-
Covid Food Donations	-	(1,793)	(1,793)
Belfast City Council - Covid Grant	-	(2,410)	(2,410)
Covid Pathway Fund	-	(1,281)	(1,281)
Department for Communities - Infrastructure	108,776	(111,429)	(2,653)
Department For Communities - Education	59,347	(59,347)	-
Department For Communities - Job Start	4,577	(4,577)	-
Education Authority - TBUC	-	(753)	(753)
Community Fund Bike Shelters	-	(3,150)	(3,150)
Education Authority - Capacity	-	(2,337)	(2,337)
BHSCT Home Help	71,346	(32,778)	38,568
Active Community Network	51,487	(51,487)	-
CIT Community Safety	2,400	(2,400)	-
Department for Communities - Running Costs	16,411	(16,411)	-

**Upper Andersonstown Community Forum Ltd**

**Notes to the Financial Statements - continued**  
**for the Year Ended 31 March 2024**

**14. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued**

Department for Communities -			
Investment Fund	60,820	(60,820)	-
Pathways Fund	29,904	(29,904)	-
Keep Northern Ireland Beautiful	2,972	(2,972)	-
Belfast City Council - Medium	3,968	(3,968)	-
Clear Project	2,736	(2,736)	-
Belfast City Council - Cost of Living	267,866	(267,866)	-
Belfast City Council - Small	500	(500)	-
	<u>1,012,837</u>	<u>(1,058,719)</u>	<u>(45,882)</u>
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>	<u>1,276,794</u>	<u>(1,262,795)</u>	<u>13,999</u>

**15. CONTINGENT LIABILITIES**

A contingent liability exists to repay grants received should certain conditions not be fulfilled by the charity.

**16. RELATED PARTY DISCLOSURES**

There were no related party transactions for the year ended 31 March 2024.

**17. FRC ETHICAL STANDARD - PROVISIONS AVAILABLE FOR SMALL ENTITIES**

In common with many other businesses of our size and nature we use our auditors to prepare and submit returns to the tax authorities and assist with the preparation of the financial statements.

**18. POST BALANCE SHEET EVENTS**

There were no events after the reporting period therefore no material issues need disclosed.

**19. DESIGNATED FUNDS**

In accordance with best practice the company directors have agreed a comprehensive reserves policy. As such, the designated fund is the result of the company's strategic objective to establish reserves which can be used to fund future expenditure on refurbishment or replacement of capital items. Such capital items include the new lift, toilets and safety and disability doors..

The aim is also to provide sufficient funds to cover any working capital requirements associated with receiving grant funding in arrears, any unforeseen costs which may arise, as well as allowing for the payment of any liabilities which would arise should the company cease to operate. Although Upper Andersonstown Community Forum may not be in a position to maintain this level of reserves at a particular point in time, it will strive to achieve a reserve which equates to this level.

**Upper Andersonstown Community Forum Ltd**

**Notes to the Financial Statements - continued**  
**for the Year Ended 31 March 2024**

**19. DESIGNATED FUNDS - continued**

Designated funds are transferred from Unrestricted funds and are made up as follows -

	<b>31/03/2023</b>	<b>Fund Transfer</b>	<b>31/03/2024</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
Contingency Building Reserves	80,000	-	80,000
<b>Total</b>	<b>80,000</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>80,000</b>

**20. WINDING UP**

Every member of the Company undertakes to contribute to the assets of the Company, in the event of the same being wound up while it is a member, or within one year after it ceases to be a member, for payment of the debts and liabilities of the Company contracted before it ceases to be a member, and of the costs, charges and expenses of winding up, and for the adjustment of the rights of the contributor's among themselves, such amount as may be required not exceeding one pound.

**21. SHARE CAPITAL**

The Company is limited by guarantee and has no Share Capital

**Upper Andersonstown Community Forum Ltd**

**Detailed Statement of Financial Activities**  
**for the Year Ended 31 March 2024**

	31.3.24	31.3.23
	£	£
<b>INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS</b>		
<b>Other trading activities</b>		
Shop income	-	156
Vetting Income	1,004	228
BHSCT Sponsored Daycare	60,643	57,173
Crèche Fees	125,463	180,108
Tutors & Training	14,598	7,073
Insurance Proceeds	-	4,500
Fundraising & Donations	10,981	8,179
CIT Health Wellbeing	8,662	6,040
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	221,351	263,457
<b>Charitable activities</b>		
Grants	533,099	1,012,837
<b>Other income</b>		
Gain on sale of tangible fixed assets	-	500
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<b>Total incoming resources</b>	754,450	1,276,794
 <b>EXPENDITURE</b>		
<b>Charitable activities</b>		
Wages	578,496	627,406
Social security	23,983	32,934
Pensions	12,442	24,856
Water Rates	3,946	2,853
Insurance	9,267	9,392
Light and heat	51,715	39,010
Telephone & Internet	5,500	5,273
Postage and stationery	2,711	1,608
Publicity & Advertising	1,428	1,194
Sundries	1,917	172
Repair to Premises & Equipment	26,412	29,579
Transport & Minibus Costs	16,351	10,076
Donations	-	1,300
Hospitality & Cleaning	7,767	20,047
Grant Income Refunded	-	2,654
Volunteer & Researchers Exp	3,371	892
Staff Travel	-	620
Carried forward	745,306	809,866

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**Upper Andersonstown Community Forum Ltd**

**Detailed Statement of Financial Activities**  
**for the Year Ended 31 March 2024**

	31.3.24	31.3.23
	£	£
<b>Charitable activities</b>		
Brought forward	745,306	809,866
Training	-	9,620
Tutors/ Facilitators	22,269	38,093
Play Resources, Activities & Materials	4,070	25,716
Affiliation & Membership fees	1,756	1,691
Rental Costs	-	500
Food	2,051	6,666
Covid Emergency Food Distribution	-	268,900
Repaid to Funder	3,424	-
Outreach Work	-	10,991
Local Projects	37,161	6,406
Hire of Equipment	-	300
Staff Cost of Living	5,400	-
Depreciation of New Building	48,442	48,442
Depreciation of Equipment	7,672	7,720
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	877,551	1,234,911
<b>Support costs</b>		
<b>Governance costs</b>		
Accountancy Fee	2,940	2,880
Audit Fee	3,000	3,000
IT Costs	8,463	6,541
Professional Fees	2,117	13,540
Bank interest & Charges	1,793	1,923
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	18,313	27,884
Total resources expended	<hr/>	<hr/>
	895,864	1,262,795
<b>Net (expenditure)/income</b>	<hr/>	<hr/>
	(141,414)	13,999
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**Upper Andersonstown Community Forum**

Northern Ireland - Charity number 105782

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# Accounts

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**Upper Andersonstown Community Forum Ltd**

**Statement of Financial Activities**  
**(Incorporating an Income and Expenditure Account)**  
**for the Year Ended 31 March 2023**

	Notes	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	31.3.23 Total funds £	31.3.22 Total funds £
<b>INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM</b>					
<b>Charitable activities</b>					
Grants Receivable	3	-	1,012,837	1,012,837	779,176
Other trading activities	2	263,457	-	263,457	248,733
Other income		500	-	500	-
<b>Total</b>		<u>263,957</u>	<u>1,012,837</u>	<u>1,276,794</u>	<u>1,027,909</u>
<b>EXPENDITURE ON</b>					
<b>Charitable activities</b>					
Direct Charitable Expenses	4	176,192	1,058,719	1,234,911	1,136,275
Governance		27,884	-	27,884	15,538
<b>Total</b>		<u>204,076</u>	<u>1,058,719</u>	<u>1,262,795</u>	<u>1,151,813</u>
<b>NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)</b>		59,881	(45,882)	13,999	(123,904)
<b>RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS</b>					
Total funds brought forward		347,160	337,431	684,591	808,495
<b>TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD</b>		<u><u>407,041</u></u>	<u><u>291,549</u></u>	<u><u>698,590</u></u>	<u><u>684,591</u></u>

The notes form part of these financial statements

**Upper Andersonstown Community Forum Ltd**

**Statement of Financial Position**

**31 March 2023**


	Notes	31.3.23 £	31.3.22 £
<b>FIXED ASSETS</b>			
Tangible assets	10	247,460	298,465
<b>CURRENT ASSETS</b>			
Debtors	11	9,667	58,714
Cash at bank		469,398	336,279
		<u>479,065</u>	<u>394,993</u>
<b>CREDITORS</b>			
Amounts falling due within one year	12	(27,935)	(8,867)
		<u>451,130</u>	<u>386,126</u>
<b>NET CURRENT ASSETS</b>			
		<u>451,130</u>	<u>386,126</u>
<b>TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES</b>			
		698,590	684,591
<b>NET ASSETS</b>		<u>698,590</u>	<u>684,591</u>
<b>FUNDS</b>	14		
Unrestricted funds		407,041	347,160
Restricted funds		291,549	337,431
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>		<u>698,590</u>	<u>684,591</u>

These financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the provisions applicable to charitable companies subject to the small companies regime.

The financial statements were approved by the Board of Trustees and authorised for issue on 24 November 2023 and were signed on its behalf by:



Gerard Meehan - Trustee



Barney Kane - Trustee

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**Upper Andersonstown Community Forum Ltd**

**Statement of Cash Flows**  
**for the Year Ended 31 March 2023**

	Notes	31.3.23 £	31.3.22 £
<b>Cash flows from operating activities</b>			
Cash generated from operations	1	137,776	(113,961)
Net cash provided by/(used in) operating activities		<u>137,776</u>	<u>(113,961)</u>
<b>Cash flows from investing activities</b>			
Purchase of tangible fixed assets		(5,157)	(2,329)
Sale of tangible fixed assets		500	-
Net cash used in investing activities		<u>(4,657)</u>	<u>(2,329)</u>
<b>Change in cash and cash equivalents in the reporting period</b>		<u>133,119</u>	<u>(116,290)</u>
<b>Cash and cash equivalents at the beginning of the reporting period</b>		<u>336,279</u>	<u>452,569</u>
<b>Cash and cash equivalents at the end of the reporting period</b>		<u><u>469,398</u></u>	<u><u>336,279</u></u>

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**Upper Andersonstown Community Forum Ltd**

**Notes to the Statement of Cash Flows**  
**for the Year Ended 31 March 2023**

**1. RECONCILIATION OF NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE) TO NET CASH FLOW FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES**

	31.3.23 £	31.3.22 £
<b>Net income/(expenditure) for the reporting period (as per the Statement of Financial Activities)</b>	13,999	(123,904)
<b>Adjustments for:</b>		
Depreciation charges	56,162	55,483
Profit on disposal of fixed assets	(500)	-
Decrease/(increase) in debtors	49,047	(45,341)
Increase/(decrease) in creditors	19,068	(199)
<b>Net cash provided by/(used in) operations</b>	<u>137,776</u>	<u>(113,961)</u>

**2. ANALYSIS OF CHANGES IN NET FUNDS**

	At 1/4/22 £	Cash flow £	At 31/3/23 £
<b>Net cash</b>			
Cash at bank	336,279	133,119	469,398
	<u>336,279</u>	<u>133,119</u>	<u>469,398</u>
<b>Total</b>	<u>336,279</u>	<u>133,119</u>	<u>469,398</u>

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**Notes to the Financial Statements**  
**for the Year Ended 31 March 2023**

**1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES**

**Basis of preparing the financial statements**

**(a) General information and basis of preparation**

Upper Andersonstown Community Forum Ltd is constituted as a company limited by guarantee incorporated in Northern Ireland (NI 032258). In the event of the charity being wound up, the liability in respect of the guarantee is limited to £1 per member of the charity.

The charity constitutes a public benefit entity as defined by FRS 102. The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102), the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the United Kingdom and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102), the Charities Act (Northern Ireland) 2013, the Companies Act 2006 and UK Generally Accepted Practice as it applies from 1 January 2015.

The financial statements are prepared on a going concern basis under the historical cost convention, modified to include certain items at fair value. The financial statements are presented in sterling which is the functional currency of the charity.

The significant accounting policies applied in the preparation of these financial statements are set out below. These policies have been consistently applied to all years presented unless otherwise stated.

**(b) Funds**

Unrestricted funds are available for use at the discretion of the trustees in furtherance of the general objectives of the charity and which have not been designated for other purposes.

Designated funds comprise unrestricted funds that have been set aside by the trustees for particular purposes. The aim and use of each designated fund is set out in the notes to the financial statements.

Restricted funds are funds which are to be used in accordance with specific restrictions imposed by donors or which have been raised by the charity for particular purposes. The cost of raising and administering such funds are charged against the specific fund. The aim and use of each restricted fund is set out in the notes to the financial statements.

Further explanation of the nature and purpose of each fund is included in the notes to the financial statements.

**(c) Income recognition**

All incoming resources are included in the Statement of Financial Activities (SoFA) when the charity is legally entitled to the income after any performance conditions have been met, the amount can be measured reliably and it is probable that the income will be received.

**Notes to the Financial Statements - continued**  
**for the Year Ended 31 March 2023**

**1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES - continued**

**Basis of preparing the financial statements**

For donations to be recognised the charity will have been notified of the amounts and the settlement date in writing. If there are conditions attached to the donation and this requires a level of performance before entitlement can be obtained then income is deferred until those conditions are fully met or the fulfilment of those conditions is within the control of the charity and it is probable that they will be fulfilled. Voluntary income is received by way of grants, donations and gifts and is included in full in the Statement of Financial Activities (SoFA) when receivable. Income received from collections is recognised when received.

Donated facilities and donated professional services are recognised in income at their fair value when their economic benefit is probable, it can be measured reliably and the charity has control over the item. Fair value is determined on the basis of the value of the gift to the charity. For example the amount the charity would be willing to pay in the open market for such facilities and services. A corresponding amount is recognised in expenditure.

No amount is included in the financial statements for volunteer time in line with the SORP (FRS 102). Further detail is given in the Trustees' Annual Report.

For legacies, entitlement is the earlier of the charity being notified of an impending distribution or the legacy being received. At this point income is recognised. On occasion legacies will be notified to the charity however it is not possible to measure the amount expected to be distributed. On these occasions, the legacy is treated as a contingent asset and disclosed.

Income from trading activities includes income earned from fundraising events and trading activities to raise funds for the charity. Income is received in exchange for supplying goods and services in order to raise funds and is recognised when entitlement has occurred.

The charity receives government grants which are detailed within the notes to these financial statements. Income from government and other grants are recognised at fair value when the charity has entitlement after any performance conditions have been met, it is probable that the income will be received and the amount can be measured reliably. If entitlement is not met then these amounts are deferred.

**(D) Expenditure recognition**

All expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis, inclusive of VAT which cannot be recovered and has been classified under headings that aggregate all costs related to the category. Expenditure is recognised where there is a legal or constructive obligation to make payments to third parties, it is probable that the settlement will be required and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably. It is categorised under the following headings:

Costs of raising funds includes the costs associated with attracting voluntary incomes;  
Expenditure on charitable activities includes those costs incurred by the charity in the delivery of its activities and services for its beneficiaries. It includes both costs that can be allocated directly to such activities and those costs of an indirect nature necessary to support them; and  
Other expenditure represents those items not falling into the categories above.

Irrecoverable VAT is charged as an expense against the activity for which expenditure arose.

**Notes to the Financial Statements - continued**  
**for the Year Ended 31 March 2023**

**1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES - continued**

**Basis of preparing the financial statements**

Grants payable to third parties are within the charitable objectives. Where unconditional grants are offered, this is accrued as soon as the recipient is notified of the grant, as this gives rise to a reasonable expectation that the recipient will receive the grants. Where grants are conditional relating to performance then the grant is only accrued when any unfulfilled conditions are outside of the control of the charity.

**(e) Support costs allocation**

Support costs are those that assist the work of the charity but do not directly represent charitable activities and include office costs, governance costs, administrative payroll costs. They are incurred directly in support of expenditure on the objects of the charity and include project management carried out at Headquarters. Where support costs cannot be directly attributed to particular headings they have been allocated to cost of raising funds and expenditure on charitable activities on a basis consistent with use of the resources. Premises overheads have been allocated on an insert detail basis and other overheads have been allocated on a basis consistent with the use of resources.

Fund-raising costs are those incurred in seeking voluntary contributions and do not include the costs of disseminating information in support of the charitable activities.

**(f) Tangible fixed assets**

Tangible fixed assets are stated at cost less accumulated depreciation and accumulated impairment losses. Cost includes costs directly attributable to making the asset capable of operating as intended.

Depreciation is provided on all tangible fixed assets, at rates calculated to write off the cost, less estimated residual value, of each asset on a systematic basis over its expected useful life as follows:

New Building	- 4% Straight Line
Fixtures & Fittings	- 20% Straight Line
Minibus	- 20% Straight Line

**(g) Financial Instruments**

A financial asset or a financial liability is recognised only when the charity becomes a party to the contractual provision of the instrument.

Basic financial instruments are initially recognised at the amounts receivable or payable including any related transaction costs.

Current assets and current liabilities are subsequently measured at the cash or other consideration expected to be paid or relived and not discounted.

Debt instruments are subsequently measured at amortised cost.

Where investments in shares are publicly traded or their fair value can otherwise be measured reliably, the investment is subsequently measured at fair value with changes in fair value recognised in income and expenditure. All other such investments are subsequently measured at cost less impairment.

**1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES - continued**

**Basis of preparing the financial statements**

Other financial instruments, including derivatives, are initially recognised at fair value, unless payment for an asset is deferred beyond normal business terms or financed at a rate of interest that is not a market rate, in which case the asset is measured at the present value of the future payments discounted at a market rate of interest for a similar debt instrument.

Other financial instruments are subsequently measured at fair value with any changes recognised in the statement of financial activities, with the exception of hedging instruments in a designed hedging relationship.

Financial assets that are measured at cost or amortised cost are reviewed for objective evidence of impairment at the end of each reporting date. If there is objective evidence of impairment an impairment loss is recognised under the appropriate heading in the statement of financial activities in which the initial gain is recognised.

For all equity instruments regardless of significance, and other financial assets that are individually significant, these are assessed individually for impairment. Other financial assets are either assessed individually or grouped on the basis of similar credit risk characteristics.

Any reversals of impairment are recognised immediately, to the extent that the reversal does not result in a carrying amount of the financial asset that exceeds what the carrying amount would have been had the impairment not previously been recognised.

**(h) Impairment**

Assets not measured at fair value are reviewed for any indication that the asset may be impaired at each balance sheet date. If such indication exists, the recoverable amount of the asset, or the asset's cash generating unit, is estimated and compared to the carrying amount. Where the carrying amount exceeds its recoverable amount, an impairment loss is recognised in profit or loss unless the asset is carried at a revalued amount where the impairment loss is a revaluation decrease.

**(i) Provisions**

Provisions are recognised when the charity has an obligation at the balance sheet date as a result of a past event, it is probable that an outflow of economic benefits will be required in settlement and the amount can be reliably estimated.

**(j) Leases**

Assets acquired under finance leases are capitalised and depreciated over the shorter of the lease term and the expected useful life of the asset. Minimum lease payments are apportioned between the finance charge and the reduction of the outstanding lease liability using the effective interest method. The related obligations, net of future finance charges, are included in creditors.

Rentals payable and receivable under operating leases are charged to the SoFA on a straight line basis over the period of the lease.

**(k) Tax**

**Notes to the Financial Statements - continued**  
**for the Year Ended 31 March 2023**

**1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES - continued**

**Basis of preparing the financial statements**

No provision is required for taxation as the company is defined as a charity for taxation purposes. The charity is a registered charity and so such is entitled to certain tax exemptions on income and profits from investments and surpluses on any trading activities carried on in furtherance of the charity's primary objectives, if these profits and surpluses are applied solely for charitable purposes.

**(l) Going concern**

The financial statements have been prepared on a going concern basis as the trustees believe that no material uncertainties exist. The trustees have considered the level of funds held and the expected level of income and expenditure for 12 months from authorising these financial statements. The budgeted income and expenditure is sufficient with the level of reserves for the charity to be able to continue as a going concern.

**(m) Accounting estimates and areas of judgement**

The preparation of the financial statements requires management to make judgements, estimates and assumptions that affect the amounts reported. These estimates and judgements are continually reviewed and are based on experience and other factors, including expectations of future events that are believed to be reasonable under the circumstances.

The items in the financial statements where these judgements and estimates have been made include:

- (i) estimating the useful economic life of tangible fixed assets
- (ii) property valuation
- (iii) allocation of expenditure and support costs

**Taxation**

The company is a registered charity and so such is entitled to certain tax exemptions on income and profits from investments and surpluses on any trading activities carried on in furtherance of the charity's primary objectives, if these profits and surpluses are applied solely for charitable purposes.

**Fund accounting**

The Charity has various types of funds for which it is responsible, and which require separate disclosure. These are as follows:

**Restricted Funds**

Grants or donations received, which are earmarked by the donor for specific purposes within the overall aims of the organisation.

**Unrestricted Funds**

Funds which are expendable at the discretion of the Directors in furtherance of the objects of the charity.

Such funds may be held in order to finance capital investment and working capital.

**Pension costs and other post-retirement benefits**

The charitable company operates a defined contribution pension scheme. Contributions payable to the charitable company's pension scheme are charged to the Statement of Financial Activities in the period to which they relate.

**Upper Andersonstown Community Forum Ltd**

**Notes to the Financial Statements - continued**  
**for the Year Ended 31 March 2023**

**2. OTHER TRADING ACTIVITIES**

	31.3.23	31.3.22
	£	£
Shop income	156	2,909
Vetting Income	228	527
BHSCT Sponsored Daycare	57,173	57,535
Crèche Fees	180,108	164,065
Tutors & Training	7,073	5,574
Insurance Proceeds	4,500	-
Fundraising & Donations	8,179	1,060
CIT Health Wellbeing	6,040	16,567
Radius Housing	-	496
	<u>263,457</u>	<u>248,733</u>

**3. INCOME FROM CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES**

	31.3.23	31.3.22
	£	£
Grants	1,012,837	779,176

Grants received, included in the above, are as follows:

	31.3.23	31.3.22
	£	£
Children in Need	21,788	31,303
Community Investment Fund	-	63,098
Volunteer Now	-	2,435
Belfast City Council re Revenue	18,000	18,000
Belfast City Council re Festival	85	3,348
West Belfast Partnership Board	1,760	-
Belfast Health And Social Care Trust	76,790	-
Brightstart	15,733	15,387
Early Years - Pathway Fund	-	29,904
Education Authority - Belfast Region	67,451	67,001
Henry Smith	87,000	-
Big Lottery - New Youth Account	30,953	30,953
Big Lottery Awards for All - Capital	-	1,750
Early Years Pathway Fund - Covid Grant	10,167	10,167
Belfast City Council - Covid Grant	-	262,225
Department for Communities - Infrastructure	108,776	119,693
Department For Communities - Education	59,347	62,444
Belfast City Council - Community Recovery	-	4,995
Department For Communities - Job Start	4,577	4,619
Education Authority - Summer Scheme	-	15,000
Education Authority - TBUC	-	1,500
Community Fund Bike Shelters	-	3,150
Education Authority - Capacity	-	2,337
	<u>502,427</u>	<u>749,309</u>
Carried forward	502,427	749,309

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**3. INCOME FROM CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES - continued**

	31.3.23	31.3.22
	£	£
Brought forward	502,427	749,309
BHSCT Home Help	71,346	28,654
Active Community Network	51,487	1,213
CIT Community Safety	2,400	-
Department for Communities - Running Costs	16,411	-
Department for Communities - Investment Fund	60,820	-
Pathways Fund	29,904	-
Keep Northern Ireland Beautiful	2,972	-
Belfast City Council - Medium	3,968	-
Clear Project	2,736	-
Belfast City Council - Cost of Living	267,866	-
Belfast City Council - Small	500	-
	<u>1,012,837</u>	<u>779,176</u>

**4. CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES COSTS**

	Direct Costs £	Support costs (see note 5) £	Totals £
Direct Charitable Expenses	1,234,911	-	1,234,911
Governance	-	27,884	27,884
	<u>1,234,911</u>	<u>27,884</u>	<u>1,262,795</u>

**5. SUPPORT COSTS**

	Governance costs £
Governance	<u>27,884</u>

**6. NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)**

Net income/(expenditure) is stated after charging/(crediting):

	31.3.23	31.3.22
	£	£
Accountancy Fee	2,880	2,787
Audit Fee	3,000	3,000
Depreciation - owned assets	56,162	55,483
Surplus on disposal of fixed assets	(500)	-
	<u>62,542</u>	<u>114,257</u>

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**7. TRUSTEES' REMUNERATION AND BENEFITS**

There were no trustees' remuneration or other benefits for the year ended 31 March 2023 nor for the year ended 31 March 2022.

**Trustees' expenses**

There were no trustees' expenses paid for the year ended 31 March 2023 nor for the year ended 31 March 2022.

**8. STAFF COSTS**

	31.3.23	31.3.22
	£	£
Wages and salaries	627,406	600,393
Social security costs	32,934	33,288
Other pension costs	24,856	22,738
	<u>685,196</u>	<u>656,419</u>

The average monthly number of employees during the year was as follows:

	31.3.23	31.3.22
Management & Administration	<u>35</u>	<u>34</u>

No employees received emoluments in excess of £60,000.

The key management personnel of the charity comprise of the Chief Executive Officer and Senior management team. The salaries paid to key management personnel being the Chief Executive Officer, Centre Manger, Programme and Childcare Co-ordinators and Finance Manager, during the year totalled £121,431 (2022: £148,874).

**9. COMPARATIVES FOR THE STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES**

	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Total funds £
<b>INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM</b>			
<b>Charitable activities</b>			
Grants Receivable	-	779,176	779,176
Other trading activities	248,733	-	248,733
<b>Total</b>	<u>248,733</u>	<u>779,176</u>	<u>1,027,909</u>
<b>EXPENDITURE ON</b>			
<b>Charitable activities</b>			
Direct Charitable Expenses	249,860	886,415	1,136,275
Governance	15,538	-	15,538
<b>Total</b>	<u>265,398</u>	<u>886,415</u>	<u>1,151,813</u>

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**9. COMPARATIVES FOR THE STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES - continued**

	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Total funds £
	<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>
<b>NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)</b>	(16,665)	(107,239)	(123,904)
<b>RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS</b>			
Total funds brought forward	363,825	444,670	808,495
	<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>
<b>TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD</b>	<u>347,160</u>	<u>337,431</u>	<u>684,591</u>

**10. TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS**

	New Building £	Fixtures and fittings £	Minibus £	Totals £
<b>COST</b>				
At 1 April 2022	1,211,040	311,043	6,500	1,528,583
Additions	-	5,157	-	5,157
Disposals	-	-	(6,500)	(6,500)
	<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>
At 31 March 2023	1,211,040	316,200	-	1,527,240
	<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>
<b>DEPRECIATION</b>				
At 1 April 2022	932,963	290,655	6,500	1,230,118
Charge for year	48,442	7,720	-	56,162
Eliminated on disposal	-	-	(6,500)	(6,500)
	<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>
At 31 March 2023	981,405	298,375	-	1,279,780
	<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>
<b>NET BOOK VALUE</b>				
At 31 March 2023	<u>229,635</u>	<u>17,825</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>247,460</u>
At 31 March 2022	<u>278,077</u>	<u>20,388</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>298,465</u>

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**11. DEBTORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR**

	31.3.23	31.3.22
	£	£
Trade debtors	5,181	3,541
Brightstart	3,847	3,847
Department for Communities	-	5,369
Children in Need	-	13,772
Active Community Network	-	1,213
Belfast City Council	-	1,577
BHSCT	-	28,654
Prepayments	639	741
	<u>9,667</u>	<u>58,714</u>

**12. CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR**

	31.3.23	31.3.22
	£	£
Trade creditors	1,441	-
Accruals and deferred income	26,494	8,867
	<u>27,935</u>	<u>8,867</u>

**13. ANALYSIS OF NET ASSETS BETWEEN FUNDS**

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	31.3.23 Total funds	31.3.22 Total funds
	£	£	£	£
Fixed assets	29,357	218,103	247,460	298,465
Current assets	405,619	73,446	479,065	394,993
Current liabilities	(27,935)	-	(27,935)	(8,867)
	<u>407,041</u>	<u>291,549</u>	<u>698,590</u>	<u>684,591</u>

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**14. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS**

	At 1/4/22 £	Net movement in funds £	Transfers between funds £	At 31/3/23 £
<b>Unrestricted funds</b>				
General fund	307,160	59,881	(40,000)	327,041
Designated Fund	40,000	-	40,000	80,000
	<u>347,160</u>	<u>59,881</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>407,041</u>
<b>Restricted funds</b>				
Capital Grant Fund	242,491	(46,061)	-	196,430
Volunteer Now	75	(75)	-	-
Brightstart	10,197	(10,197)	-	-
Belfast City Council - Capital	1,200	(400)	-	800
Volunteer Now	400	(400)	-	-
Utopia - Self funded	1,337	(1,337)	-	-
Education Authority - Belfast Region	-	10,833	-	10,833
Henry Smith	26,603	2,397	-	29,000
Big Lottery - New Youth Account	23,577	(19,691)	-	3,886
Big Lottery Awards for All - Capital	3,189	(480)	-	2,709
Big Lottery new Youth Account - Capital	4,800	(1,600)	-	3,200
Community Fund - Capital	4,788	(1,596)	-	3,192
Halifax for Northern Ireland - Capital	209	(70)	-	139
Rural Community Network - Capital	1,188	(396)	-	792
Tudor Trust - Capital	3,000	(1,000)	-	2,000
Covid Food Donations	1,793	(1,793)	-	-
Belfast City Council - Covid Grant	2,410	(2,410)	-	-
Covid Pathway Fund	1,281	(1,281)	-	-
Department for Communities - Infrastructure	2,653	(2,653)	-	-
Education Authority - TBUC	753	(753)	-	-
Community Fund Bike Shelters	3,150	(3,150)	-	-
Education Authority - Capacity	2,337	(2,337)	-	-
BHSCT Home Help	-	38,568	-	38,568
	<u>337,431</u>	<u>(45,882)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>291,549</u>
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>	<u>684,591</u>	<u>13,999</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>698,590</u>

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### Notes to the Financial Statements - continued for the Year Ended 31 March 2023

#### 14. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued

Net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
<b>Unrestricted funds</b>			
General fund	263,957	(204,076)	59,881
<b>Restricted funds</b>			
Capital Grant Fund	-	(46,061)	(46,061)
Children in Need	21,788	(21,788)	-
Belfast City Council re Revenue	18,000	(18,000)	-
Belfast City Council re Festival	85	(85)	-
Volunteer Now	-	(75)	(75)
West Belfast Partnership Board	1,760	(1,760)	-
Belfast Health and Social Care Trust	76,790	(76,790)	-
Brightstart	15,733	(25,930)	(10,197)
Belfast City Council - Capital	-	(400)	(400)
Volunteer Now	-	(400)	(400)
Utopia - Self funded	-	(1,337)	(1,337)
Education Authority - Belfast Region	67,451	(56,618)	10,833
Henry Smith	87,000	(84,603)	2,397
Big Lottery - New Youth Account	30,953	(50,644)	(19,691)
Big Lottery Awards for All - Capital	-	(480)	(480)
Big Lottery new Youth Account - Capital	-	(1,600)	(1,600)
Community Fund - Capital	-	(1,596)	(1,596)
Halifax for Northern Ireland - Capital	-	(70)	(70)
Rural Community Network - Capital	-	(396)	(396)
Tudor Trust - Capital	-	(1,000)	(1,000)
Early Years Pathway Fund - Covid Grant	10,167	(10,167)	-
Covid Food Donations	-	(1,793)	(1,793)
Belfast City Council - Covid Grant	-	(2,410)	(2,410)
Covid Pathway Fund	-	(1,281)	(1,281)
Department for Communities - Infrastructure	108,776	(111,429)	(2,653)
Department For Communities - Education	59,347	(59,347)	-
Department For Communities - Job Start	4,577	(4,577)	-
Education Authority - TBUC	-	(753)	(753)
Community Fund Bike Shelters	-	(3,150)	(3,150)
Education Authority - Capacity	-	(2,337)	(2,337)
BHSCT Home Help	71,346	(32,778)	38,568
Active Community Network	51,487	(51,487)	-
CIT Community Safety	2,400	(2,400)	-
Department for Communities - Running Costs	16,411	(16,411)	-

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**14. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued**

Department for Communities -			
Investment Fund	60,820	(60,820)	-
Pathways Fund	29,904	(29,904)	-
Keep Northern Ireland Beautiful	2,972	(2,972)	-
Belfast City Council - Medium	3,968	(3,968)	-
Clear Project	2,736	(2,736)	-
Belfast City Council - Cost of Living	267,866	(267,866)	-
Belfast City Council - Small	500	(500)	-
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	1,012,837	(1,058,719)	(45,882)
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<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>	<b>1,276,794</b>	<b>(1,262,795)</b>	<b>13,999</b>
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**Notes to the Financial Statements - continued**  
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**14. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued**

**Comparatives for movement in funds**

	At 1/4/21 £	Net movement in funds £	At 31/3/22 £
<b>Unrestricted funds</b>			
General fund	323,825	(16,665)	307,160
Designated Fund	40,000	-	40,000
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	363,825	(16,665)	347,160
<b>Restricted funds</b>			
Capital Grant Fund	288,552	(46,061)	242,491
Children in Need	6,977	(6,977)	-
Community Investment Fund	15,353	(15,353)	-
Volunteer Now	-	75	75
Brightstart	10,763	(566)	10,197
Belfast City Council - Capital	1,600	(400)	1,200
Volunteer Now	400	-	400
Utopia - Self funded	1,337	-	1,337
Henry Smith	26,603	-	26,603
Big Lottery - New Youth Account	44,249	(20,672)	23,577
Big Lottery Awards for All - Capital	1,919	1,270	3,189
Big Lottery new Youth Account - Capital	6,400	(1,600)	4,800
Community Fund - Capital	6,384	(1,596)	4,788
Halifax for Northern Ireland - Capital	279	(70)	209
Rural Community Network - Capital	1,584	(396)	1,188
Tudor Trust - Capital	4,000	(1,000)	3,000
Early Years Pathway Fund - Covid Grant	14,986	(14,986)	-
Covid Food Donations	1,793	-	1,793
Belfast City Council - Covid Grant	9,492	(7,082)	2,410
Department for Communities - Heritage Fund	79	(79)	-
Covid Pathway Fund	1,920	(639)	1,281
Department for Communities - Infrastructure	-	2,653	2,653
Education Authority - TBUC	-	753	753
Community Fund Bike Shelters	-	3,150	3,150
Education Authority - Capacity	-	2,337	2,337
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	444,670	(107,239)	337,431
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<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>	<b>808,495</b>	<b>(123,904)</b>	<b>684,591</b>
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**Notes to the Financial Statements - continued**  
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**14. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued**

Comparative net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
<b>Unrestricted funds</b>			
General fund	248,733	(265,398)	(16,665)
<b>Restricted funds</b>			
Capital Grant Fund	-	(46,061)	(46,061)
Children in Need	31,303	(38,280)	(6,977)
Community Investment Fund	63,098	(78,451)	(15,353)
Belfast City Council re Revenue	18,000	(18,000)	-
Belfast City Council re Festival	3,348	(3,348)	-
Volunteer Now	2,435	(2,360)	75
Brightstart	15,387	(15,953)	(566)
Belfast City Council - Capital	-	(400)	(400)
Early Years - Pathway Fund	29,904	(29,904)	-
Education Authority - Belfast Region	67,001	(67,001)	-
Big Lottery - New Youth Account	30,953	(51,625)	(20,672)
Big Lottery Awards for All - Capital	1,750	(480)	1,270
Big Lottery new Youth Account - Capital	-	(1,600)	(1,600)
Community Fund - Capital	-	(1,596)	(1,596)
Halifax for Northern Ireland - Capital	-	(70)	(70)
Rural Community Network - Capital	-	(396)	(396)
Tudor Trust - Capital	-	(1,000)	(1,000)
Early Years Pathway Fund - Covid Grant	10,167	(25,153)	(14,986)
Belfast City Council - Covid Grant	262,225	(269,307)	(7,082)
Department for Communities - Heritage Fund	-	(79)	(79)
Covid Pathway Fund	-	(639)	(639)
Department for Communities - Infrastructure	119,693	(117,040)	2,653
Department For Communities - Education	62,444	(62,444)	-
Belfast City Council - Community Recovery	4,995	(4,995)	-
Department For Communities - Job Start	4,619	(4,619)	-
Education Authority - Summer Scheme	15,000	(15,000)	-
Education Authority - TBUC	1,500	(747)	753
Community Fund Bike Shelters	3,150	-	3,150
Education Authority - Capacity	2,337	-	2,337
BHSCT Home Help	28,654	(28,654)	-
Active Community Network	1,213	(1,213)	-
	<u>779,176</u>	<u>(886,415)</u>	<u>(107,239)</u>

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**Notes to the Financial Statements - continued**  
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<b>14. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued</b>			
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>	1,027,909	(1,151,813)	(123,904)

**15. CONTINGENT LIABILITIES**

A contingent liability exists to repay grants received should certain conditions not be fulfilled by the charity.

**16. RELATED PARTY DISCLOSURES**

There were no related party transactions for the year ended 31 March 2022.

**17. FRC ETHICAL STANDARD - PROVISIONS AVAILABLE FOR SMALL ENTITIES**

In common with many other businesses of our size and nature we use our auditors to prepare and submit returns to the tax authorities and assist with the preparation of the financial statements.

**18. POST BALANCE SHEET EVENTS**

There were no events after the reporting period therefore no material issues need disclosed.

**19. DESIGNATED FUNDS**

In accordance with best practice the company directors have agreed a comprehensive reserves policy. As such, the designated fund is the result of the company's strategic objective to establish reserves which can be used to fund future expenditure on refurbishment or replacement of capital items. Such capital items include the new lift, toilets and safety and disability doors..

The aim is also to provide sufficient funds to cover any working capital requirements associated with receiving grant funding in arrears, any unforeseen costs which may arise, as well as allowing for the payment of any liabilities which would arise should the company cease to operate. Although Upper Andersonstown Community Forum may not be in a position to maintain this level of reserves at a particular point in time, it will strive to achieve a reserve which equates to this level.

Designated funds are transferred from Unrestricted funds and are made up as follows -

	<b>31/03/2022</b>	<b>Fund</b>	<b>31/03/2023</b>
	£	<b>Transfer</b>	£
Contingency Building Reserves	40,000	40,000	80,000
<b>Total</b>	<b>40,000</b>	<b>40,000</b>	<b>80,000</b>

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**20. WINDING UP**

Every member of the Company undertakes to contribute to the assets of the Company, in the event of the same being wound up while it is a member, or within one year after it ceases to be a member, for payment of the debts and liabilities of the Company contracted before it ceases to be a member, and of the costs, charges and expenses of winding up, and for the adjustment of the rights of the contributor's among themselves, such amount as may be required not exceeding one pound.

**21. SHARE CAPITAL**

The Company is limited by guarantee and has no Share Capital

**22. COVID-19**

The trustees continue to monitor the impact of Covid 19. The trustees believe there is no adjusting events to report after the reporting date. The trustees will continue to monitor the situation closely to secure the viability of the organisation.

**Upper Andersonstown Community Forum**

Northern Ireland - Charity number 105782

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# Annual report

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## **Upper Andersonstown Community Forum Ltd**

### **Report of the Trustees** **for the Year Ended 31 March 2023**

The trustees who are also directors of the charity for the purposes of the Companies Act 2006, present their report with the financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31 March 2023. The trustees have adopted the provisions of Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019).

#### **OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES**

##### **Objectives and aims**

###### **Vision**

The Upper Andersonstown Neighbourhood is a dynamic and inclusive community providing opportunities for all ages of people to become actively involved in raising the quality of life for all the residents, through community and economic regeneration of the area.

###### **Aims**

'To increase participation of local people in community development by creating developmental Opportunities through the provision of inclusive, quality services which have life- long benefits for the community.'

## Upper Andersonstown Community Forum Ltd

### Report of the Trustees for the Year Ended 31 March 2023

#### **OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES**

##### **Objectives and Activities** **Strategic Plan**

From October 2022, UACF led an in-depth review (with our strategic partners in the Andersonstown Neighbourhood Partnership) and all key stakeholders relating to the organisation. The out workings allowed the organisation to update our strategic plan, particularly in the aftermath of the 2020-21 Pandemic and the ongoing Cost of Living crisis. The six strategic aims were agreed and set which include:

1. Building a robust business model with social values at its core  
Key Strategic Aim - To enhance the social economy, organizational and financial mode.
2. Supporting Families - Supporting Children  
Key Strategic Aim - To support families by providing the highest quality, professional care, and educational development
3. Releasing the potential of all our young people  
Key Strategic Aim - Young people will be supported to achieve their full potential
4. Working, learning and living here  
Key Strategic Aim - To support adults with their lifelong learning, employability and health journey
5. Positively support people to live actively as they age  
Key Strategic Aim - To enhance the life experience for people to age well
6. Supporting Communities through a community development approach  
Key Strategic Aim - To support communities in the economic, social and physical regeneration and ensure our organisation supports those in most need, during the cost of living crisis.

**Strategic Theme 1** - Building a robust business model with social values at its core

##### **Key Strategic Aim**

To enhance the social economy, organizational and financial model  
Key strategic objectives are:

" To achieve the ISO 9001:2015 quality standards

#### **OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES**

1. To centralise all policy, procedures and operational frameworks
2. To continue with the inspire and professionalise the staff and management committee
3. To increase the social economy income of the organisation

##### **Key Outcomes 2022-25**

1. To have accredited quality standards
2. To increase the social economy business to generate 50% of the organisational income
3. All staff to be paid living wage.

**Strategic Theme 2** - Supporting Families - Supporting Children

##### **Key Strategic Aim**

To support families by providing the highest quality, professional care, and educational development.

## Upper Andersonstown Community Forum Ltd

### Report of the Trustees for the Year Ended 31 March 2023

#### **OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES**

##### **Key strategic objectives are:**

Providing the highest quality of Childcare to ensure each child meets their personalised developmental milestone

1. To offer families affordable Daycare
2. To support children at each stage of their transition
3. To provide a rich communication for learning and development
4. All staff to be trained in the most up to date techniques for child development.

##### **Key Outcomes 2022-24**

1. To achieve the All-Ireland Centre of Excellence
2. All senior daycare staff to have achieved their level 5 in CCLD
3. An outcomes score card will be developed to showcase child development milestones
4. A sustainability model will be developed and implemented.

##### **Strategic Theme 3 - Releasing the potential of all our young people**

##### **Key Strategic Aim**

Young people will be supported to achieve their full potential

##### **Key strategic objectives are:**

1. Supporting young people's physical and mental health
2. To create fun and enjoyable leisure and play programmes
3. Young people will enjoy learning and achieving
4. Young people will be encouraged to make positive contribution to society
5. Young people will know their rights
6. Promote equality and good relations with young people.

##### **Key Outcomes 2022-25**

1. Young people will be more confident
2. Young people will experience summer and seasonal educational, health and recreational programmes
3. More young people will be supported with learning and achieving
4. To reduce the Impact, the recent Pandemic had on our youths mental wellbeing
5. To secure Education Authority core funding.

##### **Strategic Theme 4 - Working, learning and living here.**

##### **Key Strategic Aim**

To support adults with their lifelong learning, employability and health journey.

##### **Key strategic objectives are:**

1. To provide the highest lifelong learning opportunities for adults
2. To support and signpost adults into employment
3. To reduce health inequalities

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#### **OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES**

4. To support people who are living in poverty.

#### **Key Outcomes 2022-25**

1. To delivery high quality ICT programmes
2. To support adults into employment
3. To deliver mental health programme to adults
4. To deliver Life Skills support
5. To provide high quality lifelong learning initiatives.

**Strategic Theme 5** - Positively support people to live actively as they age

#### **Key Strategic Aim**

To enhance the life experience for people to age well

#### **Key strategic objectives are:**

1. To provide a range of services to combat social isolation ( particularly Post Covid 19)
2. To listen and reflect the views of older people to local and central government
3. To support older people living in poverty
4. To provide a range of active aging programmes
5. Older people have better access to statutory, voluntary and community services.

#### **Key Outcomes 2022-25**

1. To reduce social isolation
2. To build pathways to support older people in all aspects of their lives.

**Strategic Theme 6** - Supporting Communities through a community development approach.

#### **Key Strategic Aim**

To support communities in the economic, social and physical regeneration.

#### **Key strategic objectives are:**

1. To develop (reviewed and updated, Sept/Oct 2022) the Andersonstown Neighbourhood Partnerships membership, vision and operational plans
2. To ensure capital programmes are designed and developed in partnership with local communities
3. To respond to government policies and consultations
4. To promote UACF by sitting on a range of boards which will enhance the lives of the residents
5. To develop seasonal programmes across the Andersonstown area such as Christmas, St Patrick's Day, Halloween, Summer
6. To lobby for additional resources for the Andersonstown area
7. To support community interest groups who support residents including people from across section 75 groups.
8. To Support The Development of The Casement Park stadium

#### **Key Outcomes 2022-25**

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**OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES**

1. To support residents through physical regeneration projects - Casement, Glen 10
2. To work closely with government to develop an anti-poverty strategy
3. To work with community, voluntary and statutory partners to bring additional resources into the area.

The underlying principle of the Forum is inclusiveness and this ethos is translated into practice throughout the entire organisation and is reflected in the provision of quality services for children with special needs. In physical terms the building is designed to be fully accessible for people with disabilities thereby ensuring full inclusion of all members of the community.

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#### **OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES**

##### **Public benefit**

##### **Purpose A**

Advance community development and, in particular, the promotion of the community and voluntary sector for the benefit of the public by providing

1. support,
2. information,
3. services,
4. facilities and amenities to community and voluntary groups
5. and encouraging such organisations to co-operate to achieve their aim.

The direct benefits flowing from this purpose include

1. the strengthening of individual and community relationships,
2. the dissemination of information and services that improve the quality of life and range of opportunities available to individuals and the community,
3. the development of campaigning and networking skills within the community and the availability of "fit for purpose" community centre.

These benefits can be demonstrated by the amount of people utilizing the local community centre for a variety of programmes and the improved opportunities for people to develop social contacts at a variety of different stages in their life, for example, through attendance at our youth project or as a senior citizen in our Utopia project. The community centre enables the community to organise campaigns on issue of importance. The varieties of meetings, workshops and courses have the benefit of increasing community engagement and community solidarity.

##### **Purpose B**

Provide and maintain a Forum where member organisations can join together to find mutual support, exchange views, share common issues and information, create a collective voice for the community and voluntary sector and work in partnership with statutory agencies and authorities.

The direct benefits flowing from this purpose include

1. The ability to mobilise the community on issues of mutual concern to campaign for change.
2. The reduction of social isolation through collective action is another direct benefit.
3. The establishment of community-based mechanism for directly engaging and working with government departments, statutory bodies and other community and voluntary organisations.

These benefits can be demonstrated by;

1. Successful campaigns to improve disability access to the community centre,
2. The extension of Surestart 2 year old programme to the community centre
3. The delivery of a bespoke "One to One" service to local schools and our input into the Andersonstown Neighbourhood Renewal Plan.
4. The delivery of a Well-Being strategy for the Greater Andersonstown Community
5. Delivery of a Belfast City Council, Fuel Hardship Fund (winter 22-23) of over £260,000

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**OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES**

**Purpose C**

Relieve those in need by reason of;

1. Youth,
2. Age,
3. Ill-health,
4. Disability,
5. Financial hardship or other disadvantage.

The direct benefits flowing from this purpose are:

1. That we can offer a range of youth activities to our young people through our Youth Project.
2. Our senior Citizens project works to reduce social isolation and build community networks by engaging seniors in a range of stimulating social, intellectual and physical activities.
3. We offer a range of health activities with a preventative objective in terms of local health outcomes, for example, the "Cook It and Physical" activities programme delivered to local primary schools.
4. We work with the local family hub in offering support to Families and children who have disabilities and we offer a base for the local Parkinson's support group and a local group whose members have a learning disability.
5. We also offer welfare advice two days per week to assist in addressing financial hardship and or other detriments suffered by welfare reforms.

These benefits can be demonstrated by

1. The popularity of our youth project with young people.
2. The rapidly increasing success of our "Beacon's" Womens Group
3. Also we have we are in the process of establishing a senior citizens committee to campaign on issues that concern them and to participate in the design, delivery and decision making process around our Utopia senior citizens programme.
4. We have facilitated the meetings for the local Parkinson's support group, which has enabled the group to offer a range of activities in our centre.
5. We have a walking group that encourages local people to engage in physical exercise as a way of preventing or delaying the onset of illness.
6. Our Afterschool offers additional support to children with learning difficulties.

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#### **OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES**

##### **Principal Activities / Objectives / Services**

The UACF was formed in 1995 and is a community led, community driven organisation that has developed and succeeded in delivering a comprehensive Community Development Strategy over 25 years.

The Forum has a sound record in managing projects, we provide a comprehensive range of Community and Family Support Services including, Social Economy Day-care provision, Youth Services, Youth Training and Employment Scheme, Life skills support for parents and long termed unemployed, ICT Training, Training Placements, Employment support Programme, support programme for People with disabilities, community education programme and the Utopia senior citizens project.. The UACF are the Lead and Accountable Agency for the Andersonstown Neighbourhood Renewal Partnership and the chair of the Outer West Sure Start and a member of the local Family Support Hub.

The Forum operates a Financial Management System based on NI audit Green Book guidance and ESF guidelines and criteria. The Forum works with a wide variety of government departments, statutory bodies and community and voluntary bodies.

The Upper Andersonstown Community Forum are the Lead and Accountable Agency for Andersonstown Neighbourhood Renewal Partnership which is the delivery agent of Neighbourhood Renewal in the Greater Andersonstown Area and are in a working partnership with all other West Belfast Neighbourhood Renewal Partnerships to implement area action plans in conjunction with Department of Communities.

The Department of Communities is the lead department in relation to Neighbourhood Renewal strategy across the region. The Community Empowerment Divisions of the Department of Communities is specifically tasked with ensuring that the City's most deprived communities are regenerated through targeting the most acute areas of deprivation, leveraging mainstream funding, empowering local communities and developing innovative partnerships.

The UACF has brought to the ANP a track record of experience in community development and accessed additional extra funding for a range of community projects.

The UACF is tasked to work with the ANP to implement the current Neighbourhood Renewal Action Plan for the greater Andersonstown area. In this last year, covered by this report, Upper Andersonstown Community Forum continued to have an ongoing positive impact in a wide range of thematic areas, which met all our charitable purposes, including delivering a very significant "Fuel hardship fund, on behalf of Belfast City Council ( £260.000 +).

The UACF in 2022/23, despite the challenges of the austerity agenda and the negative impact post COVID-19, continued to deliver real and significant benefits to the community. The Upper Andersonstown Community Forum worked through a very challenging and productive year, and we continue to deliver services to our local community namely, (UTOPIA) Older Peoples Services, Youth services, Daycare, Afterschool's, Tullymore Beacon's women's group, Educational support and Training services and Welfare Advice. As throughout 2021 - 2022 the Forum was involved in dealing with the Post Covid-19 realities and the strain socially, economically and mentally it had on our local people. We (again), headed up a community response team and negotiated the distribution of food packages to the most vulnerable, while providing a "Warm Hub" facility for our seniors. Over the last year, we have been supporting those most affected by the ongoing cost of living crisis and delivered a West Belfast wide Fuel hardship fund, to over 2600 families.

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#### OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

##### **Supporting Families - Supporting Children-**

Over the past year we had a very successful year in supporting the emotional, physical and social well-being of children using our facility. Our dedicated and professional team worked tirelessly with families and children to provide the highest quality and services, support and care.

With the challenges over the last year, we successfully delivered upon social services contracted which seen over 100 places safeguarded weekly in our Daycare. These sessions helped support children to reach their milestones and provide a safe, caring and developmental setting.

We worked with our partners in Outer West Sure Start to support families who have children between 0 and 4 years old. We have the pleasure to sit on the management committee to help design and deliver support to families most in need from within the area.

Through our Outer West Sure Start contract, we delivered upon our programme for 2 year olds which seen us supporting children to reach their developmental milestones and support parents with the challenges which they face as parents.

We delivered over 100 sessions per week for children within our Afterschool provision to help children in Key stage 1 and 2 to have a fun, social and educational experience.

The holistic approach we adopt in supporting the entire family unit helps to support both the child and parent/guardian to reach their potential.

Releasing the potential of all our young people.

Over the year, we completed youth support through onsite, outreach, and online engagement.

We were able to deliver upon our Big Lottery, Education Authority, Children in Need and Ican contracts. We continued to provide generic youth work through our youth club, which operated 4 nights per week for over 100 children and young people. The youth club gave a safe space for children and young people to come together socialise, learn and play.

The young people completed a range of projects to tackle mental health and create positive well-being as we continue to move out of the Covid-19 impact. The young people participated in Resilience awareness, anger management, mindfulness and personal development. This has helped build self-esteem and reduced isolation in our young people.

We have also developed an intense model of youth mentoring to support young people on a one to one basis to work through their problems and issues. This mentoring has been very effective in delivering a person centred approach to helping young people through their life journey and helping to make positive choices. We have also continued to work with our School outreach programme which includes primary and post primary schools in our area.

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Throughout the year, we delivered our amazing seasonal programmes to support children and young people. The summer programme seen over 150 children and young people participate in a 6-week summer scheme, which was based around tackling poverty, isolation and equality. The children and young people had an enriched experience over the summer period. Over this period, we completed youth divisionary programmes (over 11th July and 8th August) which created positive alternatives at historical times of tension and we worked closely with Féile an Phobail ( Europe's biggest community arts festival), providing volunteer support and added activities for our local residents.

Over the Halloween period we had a range of children and young people's programme (over 100 participants) to provide fun activities. We delivered a highly successful Christmas carnival parade with over 500 participants with Santa visits and Christmas carol singing at A'Town leisure centre creating a positive spirit of community at the end of the year.

Our youth team helped to deliver a number of accredited and non-accredited training to young people to help with their educational journey. The courses completed included OCN's in mental health, and youth work. The non-accredited courses ranged from anti bullying, yoga, invisible trafficking, transition support and being active.

- 30- participated in Gym training
- 30- mental health support
- 16- self-esteem support
- 11- self-defence classes
- 12- OCN personal & social development
- 10- OCN in mental health
- 34- Mindfulness workshops
- 42- Healthy eating and nutrition
- 80- Attended a health day
- 32- Holistic therapies
- 18- Aware courses x2
- 11- Heal your life (mental health awareness)
- 12- Healthy cooking classes 'cook it'
- 24- Life skills workshop
- 10- Alcohol & drug awareness
- 14- 1 to 1 stress management support
- GCSE Support classes

#### Working, learning and living here

The services we provided helped to support adults with their lifelong learning, employability and health journey. This year we have helped and supported residents and offered numerous and varied training and alternate provisions.

1. Introduction to Complimentary Therapy training.
2. Level 1 Reiki Training.
3. OCN level 1 Community Development
4. Money Matters
5. Mentoring support
6. Stress management
7. Life coaching
8. Hair, make-up and nails training

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9. Barbering course
10. Personal development
11. Health Check MOT
12. OCN Level 1 ICT
13. OCN Level 2
14. Basic ICT
15. Driving Theory
16. Job search skills
17. Adult mental health one to one mentoring
18. Adult self-esteem classes
19. Access NI
20. Food and Hygiene
21. First Aid
22. Child protection

Positively support people to live actively as they age

The project provides opportunities for our older generation to socialise, to meet people their own age, to make friends, to feel part of the community, to get to grips with information technology, increase confidence, be stimulated physically, mentally and emotionally and to engage in creative, cultural and healthy recreational activities.

Within our traditional Utopia Over 60's Programme we have continued to deliver a programme of activities. We are currently working with over 100 people who participate in our weekly programme, and who attend one or more activities per week.

1. 100+ benefited from social activities
2. 100+ participant in health related activities, Tai Chi, Pilates, walking, cycling, gardening
3. 60 Participant in creative activities acrylic art, knitting, crafts, ceramics
4. 40 Participating in IT related activity
5. Gardening group
6. Tai Chi
7. 3 Tablet/computer classes per week
8. Art Classes, Acrylic Art, Mosaic, ceramic workshops
9. Social mornings/afternoons
10. 40 Winter Warm Packs Distributed to elderly, vulnerable 12 woman & 13 men
11. 80 people attended St Patrick's Celebration
12. Christmas Party 85 people attended Christmas Party
13. 70+ people participated in the summer school and attended one or more activities
14. 60 people involved in numerous initiatives including Dementia Awareness, AWARE course, Breast screening, Bowel screening etc

Through our constant engagement with older people over the last 10 years and especially during the Covid-19 pandemic, we developed a new initiative "Age Well - Live Well", which has operated up until March 2023.

This initiative involved;

1. Home Help Project household chores, cleaning, shopping, laundry, shopping and appointments, soft respite, for relatives

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##### 2. Employers Support Package using Direct Payments.

The initiative is under review with Belfast Trust and we will be updating its status in the new financial year.

#### **Supporting Communities through a community development approach**

Upper Andersonstown Community Forum has a robust ethos of community development approaches to supporting individuals, families and communities. Over the past year we have continued to work in partnership with our community to identify their needs and to advocate on their behalf to ensure they receive quality, professional and assessable services.

Over the winter period, 2022/23, we were appointed by Belfast City Council to be the west Belfast strategic partner in the Fuel Hardship Fund. This partnership has seen us working with the fall's, Upper Springfield, Lenadoon and Colin neighbourhood partnerships to ascertain people's needs and to provide fuel hardship vouchers to over 2,600 residents. Belfast City Council provided funding for Fuel vouchers which UACF coordinated across west Belfast providing individual households with £100 vouchers.

Upper Andersonstown Community Forum continue to be the coordination body for the Andersonstown Neighbourhood Partnership. This work continues to coordinate, support, advocate and connect citizens to improve the social, environmental, and physical regeneration of the locality.

We delivered:

- Vouchers to 2,600 residents
- 40 Winter warmer packs for seniors were given out
- 84 children attended summer activities
- 100 plus attended an information day
- 12 people took part in a wreath making workshop
- 14 participants for a dementia awareness course
- 24 attended art classes
- 18 participated in craft workshops
- 30 seniors participant in Pilates
- 14 social tea
- 24 bowling
- 20 people held a fundraiser
- 22 participant in Tai Chi
- 12 breast cancer awareness
- 6 bowel screen information
- 6 litter & waste management
- 5 volunteers trained in walk trainer training
- 17 people referred to counselling
- 364 accessed benefit advice/universal credit in Tullymore
- 85 UTOPIA participants attended the Christmas dinner
- 300 plus people availed of a community Christmas festival
- 30 children going on residentials
- 16 participating in sports coaching
- 69 attended a Halloween camp
- 11 youth outreach
- 20+ people having 1 to 1 support

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#### **OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES**

242 children attending the summer scheme  
26 children attending summer day care  
190 places with over 40 sessions per week in day care and after schools  
12 attended a young women's group  
12 Young people participated in a virtual baby programme  
24 school children receiving homework support  
8 OCN Level 2 Nails Technicians Course CCEA  
9 Maths GCSE support  
12 OCN youth work  
6 OCN level 1 in ICT  
12 Driving theory  
16 Mental health awareness  
10 OCN level 1 stress management  
17 English GCSE support  
12 completed a course in hairdressing  
12 completed an awareness course with PIPs

UACF strategic work included:

1. DfC West Coordinator to develop the Neighbourhood Renewal Report structure (OBA Cards)
2. West Coordinator for the BCC Fuel Hardship Fund (£260,000 +)
3. An active member on the Casement Park Community Engagement Committee
4. Cycle Safe West Belfast Lobby Group.
5. An active member on Féile Community Engagement Sub Group
6. Worked with Translink on Community Safety Initiatives/ Glider Safety
7. People and Place Strategy on Outcomes Based Accountability
8. DfC workshops on place making and planning
9. Independent Chair of the west Belfast DPCSP
10. Outer West coordination of the Executive Office CIT (Communities in Transition) Initiative

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#### **ACHIEVEMENT AND PERFORMANCE**

##### **Charitable activities**

The Upper Andersonstown Community Forum (UACF) is a company limited by guarantee and as stated in the Governing document works collectively to establish a multi-agency approach that tackles the legacy of inequalities in Health, Education, Training and Employment within the Andersonstown area. The UACF proactively promotes the ethos of Community Development and the process of building a strong Community Infrastructure. Our core principles encourage ongoing consultations and engagement with local people, facilitating involvement and participation in decision making, promoting empowerment and innovation and measuring impact. This approach ensures that our projects are strategically and successfully implemented maximising the benefits and impacts for the local community.

At a community level we endeavour to link our projects into a range of Government Strategies and initiatives including the Programme for Government, the Anti-poverty Strategy, Children and Young Peoples Strategic Partnership, People and Place strategy, Family Support Hub, Surestart and numerous Department of Economy, Department of Community and Belfast City Council initiatives. In the coming year, we are delighted to be part of the Casement Park Community Engagement Forum, which will hopefully see the completion of the Casement Stadium, a huge economic boost for the Greater Andersonstown area.

As stated above, UACF had another successful year, delivering real and significant benefits to the community; particularly those in most need (BCC Fuel Hardship fund etc). In spite of the many challenges facing the sector, UACF has continued to provide high quality services and programmes that make a measurable difference to the lives of our residents and those seeking support from our neighbouring communities.

The Tullymore Community Centre is the main community centre within the Greater Andersonstown area. Our strength is local people who are fully committed to delivering and maintaining social and economic changes within the area. The community engages and participates in the design, delivery and evaluation of all of the UACF projects and they are represented on the Board of Directors of the UACF. Each Project is carefully planned, seeking the opinions of local people and other relevant stakeholders by involving them in a consultation process that will help them contribute to and participate in decision-making about the types of services that would make a difference to their lives.

We have proven that not only do we deliver, but we also exceed our targets, achieve our outcomes, are better placed and more cost effective than many Government funded schemes. The UACF are members of the Equality Commission, a registered umbrella centre for Access N.I. and the Lead and Accountable Agency for the Andersonstown Neighbourhood Partnership Board. We also sit on the Board of the West Belfast Partnership Board and are playing a consultative role with APEX Housing, on the development of the Glenmona Social Housing project.

#### **FINANCIAL REVIEW**

##### **Financial position**

The company had net incoming resources for the year of £13,999 (2022 net outgoing resources of £123,904), which reflected the completion of a number of projects during the year. Unrestricted funds increased by £59,881, while restricted funds decreased by £45,822.

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#### **FINANCIAL REVIEW**

##### **Relevant Agencies and Partnerships**

1. Department for Communities
2. Belfast City Council
3. Belfast Health and Social Care Trust
4. Belfast Education and Library Board Education Authority (including Nursery, Primary and Post Primary Schools)
5. The N.I. Executive Office (Communities in Transition)
6. Health and Social Care commissioning
7. Belfast Trust's Community Development, Health Improvement and User Engagement Strategy
8. Belfast City Council and Community Planning Partnership
9. Education Authority
10. Neighbourhood Renewal Forum
11. Surestart
12. Family Support Hub
13. Community Investment Fund

##### **Financial Review**

The charity continues to work tirelessly to secure income from sources in addition to its grant funding to provide new or complementary programmes, services and venues that meet emerging local needs but cannot be funded through the core budget which has been reducing in real terms for the last three years. These additional sources of funding are grants received from various bodies as disclosed in note 3 in the financial statements.

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**FINANCIAL REVIEW**

**Reserves policy**

UACF's reserves policy is to maintain a sufficient level of reserves to enable operating activities to be maintained for a period of at least six months in the event of major funding streams ending. It also takes account of potential risks and contingencies that may arise from time to time. The Directors review the policy annually.

UACF's total unrestricted reserves include its designated fund and is consequently excluded from free reserves.

In addition, amounts are set aside to meet financial risks associated with potential contingencies and uncertainties relating to the charity's operating activities. These include:

The provision for an orderly winding-down of operations in the event of a significant adverse event that is outside the control of the charity.

The funding of unforeseen major projects that have not been provided for in the normal financial planning process.

The unrestricted reserves of the charity are designated and allocated to meet the above risks and contingencies and are summarised in our annual audited accounts.

Voluntary and community sector organisations that hold reserves are able:

To absorb setbacks and to take advantage of change and opportunity;

To demonstrate that they have thought through how they might secure their viability beyond the immediate future and provide reliable services over the longer term.

To demonstrate to potential funders that they are effectively managing their resources and have given consideration to their long-term plans and viability.

How secure is the organisation's present funding?

How long would it take to find alternative sources of funding?

If the organisation had to close, how long would it take to wind up in an orderly manner?

What costs could be involved in winding up. Consider:

redundancy costs, legal and accountancy costs defined benefit pension scheme (see Charity Commission guidance on Reserves and Defined Benefit). This will centre on identifying, cash flow implications, the time to the expiry of leases on property and office equipment.

As a general guide (the following should not be applied without due consideration of the circumstances in each organisation), an acceptable level of free reserve might be considered to be:

Sufficient free reserves to provide cover for between 3 - 6 months in relation to known liabilities

A smaller additional provision of free reserves for unforeseen liabilities

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#### **FUTURE PLANS**

UACF will continue to work towards our strategic plan for the next 3 years. This will be a difficult process due to the current cost of living crisis and lack of an operating Stormont Executive; however, we will continue to serve and advance the aspirations of our local population.

Throughout the next financial period, we will work with Department of Communities and Belfast City Council as a strategic partner, to help shape and guide local government policy in supporting residents. We will help with the support of essential needs, mental health support and delivering key services.

We aim to continue to provide a first class service within our Daycare that will help support local people to continue to work and help children's to reach their key milestones.

We will continue to engage with central and local government to obtain resources to support the work we provide. We will also work with our funding partners to meet our contractual obligations.

#### **Impact of Cost of Living Crisis.**

As the community sector began to emerge from the Covid-19 pandemic, we, almost immediately witnessed the effects of rising fuel prices, heating costs and basic household food items almost double. The "cost of living crisis", saw our in house numbers almost double, as our elderly residents sought a friendly hub, where they could keep warm, socialise and seek additional support. Our dynamic team of staff, Board and volunteers began the process of re-shaping our services to meet the additional community need, provide support toward heating and basic day to day needs. As throughout our organisational history, we shape our strategic vision, principles and values, to meet the most pressing community need.

The development of key operational and financial plans are devised in partnership with Board members, staff and funders. The plans completed will evolve and flow during the next financial period in line with government advice/guidelines, funder's requirements and operational ability.

We continue to monitor and evaluate this economic crisis on a regular basis and take decisions, which are based on evidence at hand and will do all in our power to mitigate against any negative impact upon our services, finances and staff.

As Lead and Accountable Agency for the Andersonstown Neighbourhood Partnership, the UACF remains the central vehicle for overseeing the delivery of the area plan. Key principles for effective delivery include:

An agreed and practical plan of action that can change and respond to needs and opportunities as they arise:-

1. The ANP as a driving force for making decisions and taking actions forward. Clear communications channels are established with all stakeholders of the action plan.
2. A Social Audit to ensure we meet the needs of our local community with their input.
3. A realistic and genuine approach to the allocation of resources and expenditure by Departments and Agencies working in the Andersonstown area to meet the locality expressed need.
4. Positive and timely monitoring of progress in relation to the actions, and appropriate engagement with the community / funders / stakeholders where necessary.
5. Ongoing engagement and involvement of the local community in the renewal process.
6. Develop an action plan which will provide a clear basis for partnership delivery and buy-in from all of the stakeholders needed to deliver positive and long-term change in Andersonstown.
7. The UACF will link in with the Neighbourhood Renewal Forum through the West Belfast Partnership Board to ensure the effective delivery of area plans and consultation processes with Government initiatives.
8. Deliver an area plan for developing and improving the community, economic, social and environmental infrastructure of the neighbourhood.

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9. Work with all relevant agencies ( particularly DfC and the GAA) to ensure a smooth transition, in planning and developing the Casement Park Stadium.

The UACF will continue to maintain the highest standard of management, financial planning, monitoring and evaluation ensuring that all the projects and programmes continue to meet their targets and objectives while providing best value for money. The UACF complies with the Charity Commission NI.

In terms of impacts and outcomes we will continue to target our work on both the individual and the community. The individual outcomes will focus on increasing confidence, social cooperation, increasing the ability to avail of educational and training opportunities and strengthening family relationships. The outcomes for the community in the future will include improved social cohesion, a reduction in anti-social behaviour, more involvement of children and young people in community life, user friendly services for young people, gains in skills and knowledge that increase employability and improved opportunities for senior citizens to engage and participate in community life.

## **STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT**

### **Governing document**

Upper Andersonstown Community Forum is a company registered in N. Ireland, which was incorporated under Companies (NI) Order 1986 on 15 April 1997. The company is governed by a Memorandum and Articles of Association. The company's objectives are charitable in nature and it has established charitable status.

The charitable company's activities are managed by the Directors/Trustees who are considered to be the members of the company.

### **Board and Accountability**

#### **Trustee's Appointment and Training**

The trustee's recruit and select new members as set out in the governing document. The Board holds annual general meeting which is open to members of the community to hear the work of the organisation. The public who agree with the values and ethos of the organisation can nominate themselves onto the Board.

The Board predicates trustee's appointments on our organisational values and make new members aware of their legal responsibilities under charity and company law. Our members' induction pack outlines our Articles of Association, board structure, organisational structure, decision making processes and financial management. Our formal induction provides new board members with the information and training they need to take up their appointment as effectively as possible.

#### **Finance, Pay and Remuneration**

Upper Andersonstown Community Forum operates a robust financial policy and procedures which the Board regularly review and independently assess. We have clear financial management systems to ensure effective and appropriate use of spend, administering resources cost effectively, transparently and accountably with clear audit trails.

All Board members give their time freely and no member received any remuneration during the year.

UACF base the senior staff team's pay on the NJC Salary Scale as a guide to appropriate remuneration for all staff pay.

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**STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT**

**Risk management & analysis**

The UACF Risk Analysis is a process that enables us to identify and manage potential problems that could undermine key initiatives and projects. Senior staff members carry out a risk analysis which identifies the possible threats that we face, and then estimate the likelihood that these threats will materialize.

Risk Analysis is used when we are planning projects, to help identify threats, anticipate and neutralize possible problems. This enables us to check the systems, processes, structures and analyze risks to any part of these.

Building on improving people's lives is a continual, ever changing, journey that will not end. This is the reason why capacity building is central to community development. Continual learning and keeping your eye on the ball in terms of the raft of strategies and statutory obligations is again central to consolidation and expansion of community regeneration.

We continue to forward plan and we plan to review our Neighbourhood Renewal Plan. The Networks we have collectively built up over the years are central to future survival of all community led organisations within West Belfast. Securing funding for much needed services within the community take priority and to this effect it is our firm belief that as part of the wider social economy within West Belfast, and as lead partner of the Andersonstown Neighbourhood Partnership, we will collectively continue to make a positive and ongoing contribution to community, economic and social development.

**Risk Management**

The UACF have a long track record of successful Management and operate a Financial Management System based on NIO audit and ESF guidelines and criteria. The UACF Directors are local people with the necessary experience and knowledge to act in the best interest of the organisation and community. The Forum's policies and procedures are essential elements in the day-to-day management of the organisation. These are revised and updated on a regular basis ensuring that all Management, Staff, Volunteers and participants share codes of good practice.

The UACF has a risk management policy which forms the basis of our approach. Internal review systems are a necessary pre-requisite for each project as risks can be associated with the implementation of any project. Risks are minimised through establishing a fall back, plan which is both flexible and adaptable. For example, the target number of participants may fall short or the project may have difficulties in meeting the timescale. Monthly monitoring can identify gaps, and these can be addressed when required. Internal and external communications through meetings, weekly and quarterly reports, reviews will ensure the project information is shared and decisions are made on a collective basis.

SMART objectives will be established for the project. Monitoring criteria will be implemented at the start of the project, both quantitative and qualitative targets for achievement will be set. Targets will be set against objectives and be measured and reviewed by the Project Management Team on a monthly basis. Through monitoring and evaluation mechanisms, the number of people using and benefiting from the project will be recorded. Satisfaction levels will be quantified through continuous feedback sessions.

In addition, the views of people are collated by using questionnaires, surveys and interviews. Internal evaluations assist the team develop methods that assess the impact of each project in the short, medium and long term. We have in place registers to collect details of attendance and we identify baselines and match individual learning plans to needs of each participant.

## Upper Andersonstown Community Forum Ltd

### Report of the Trustees for the Year Ended 31 March 2023

#### **STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT**

Quantitative results will be monitored e.g. numbers attending; numbers entering employment or further training, numbers of women or other target groups participating etc. Qualitative results will be monitored through recording soft outcomes such as increased confidence, changes in attitude and social skills development.

#### **CONCLUSION**

On a personal note I would like to thank all staff, volunteers, management and local politicians and residents for their hard work, energy and commitment in achieving the ongoing regeneration of this local area. Their expertise is to be commended and congratulated and I believe through collective teamwork we will expand in the near future to create a dynamic and safe environment for all local people.

#### **EVENTS SINCE THE END OF THE YEAR**

Information relating to events since the end of the year is given in the notes to the financial statements.

#### **STATEMENT OF TRUSTEES' RESPONSIBILITIES**

The trustees (who are also the directors of Upper Andersonstown Community Forum Ltd for the purposes of company law) are responsible for preparing the Report of the Trustees and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice) including Financial Reporting Standard 102 "The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland".

Company law requires the trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charitable company and of the incoming resources and application of resources, including the income and expenditure, of the charitable company for that period. In preparing those financial statements, the trustees are required to

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles in the Charity SORP;
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charitable company will continue in business.

The trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charitable company and to enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Companies Act 2006. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charitable company and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

In so far as the trustees are aware:

- there is no relevant audit information of which the charitable company's auditors are unaware; and
- the trustees have taken all steps that they ought to have taken to make themselves aware of any relevant audit information and to establish that the auditors are aware of that information.

#### **AUDITORS**

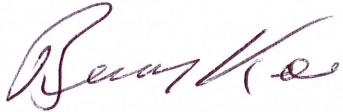
The auditors, Lynn Drake & Co Ltd, will be proposed for re-appointment at the forthcoming Annual General Meeting.

**Upper Andersonstown Community Forum Ltd**

**Report of the Trustees**  
**for the Year Ended 31 March 2023**

This report has been prepared in accordance with the special provisions of Part 15 of the Companies Act 2006 relating to small companies.

Approved by order of the board of trustees on 24 November 2023 and signed on its behalf by:

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'Barney Kane', written in a cursive style.

Barney Kane - Trustee

**Upper Andersonstown Community Forum**

Northern Ireland - Charity number 105782

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# Annual return

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**Report of the Independent Auditors to the Trustees and Members of  
Upper Andersonstown Community Forum Ltd**

**Opinion**

We have audited the financial statements of Upper Andersonstown Community Forum Ltd (the 'charitable company') for the year ended 31 March 2023 which comprise the Statement of Financial Activities, the Statement of Financial Position, the Statement of Cash Flows and notes to the financial statements, including a summary of significant accounting policies. The financial reporting framework that has been applied in their preparation is applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice), including Financial Reporting Standard 102 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland'.

In our opinion the financial statements:

- give a true and fair view of the state of the charitable company's affairs as at 31 March 2023 and of its incoming resources and application of resources, including its income and expenditure, for the year then ended;
- have been properly prepared in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice, including Financial Reporting Standard 102 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland'; and
- have been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006.

**Basis for opinion**

We conducted our audit in accordance with International Standards on Auditing (UK) (ISAs (UK)) and applicable law. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditors' responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements section of our report. We are independent of the charitable company in accordance with the ethical requirements that are relevant to our audit of the financial statements in the UK, including the FRC's Ethical Standard, and the provisions available for small entities, in the circumstances set out in note 17 to the financial statements, and we have fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with these requirements. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

**Conclusions relating to going concern**

In auditing the financial statements, we have concluded that the trustees' use of the going concern basis of accounting in the preparation of the financial statements is appropriate.

Based on the work we have performed, we have not identified any material uncertainties relating to events or conditions that, individually or collectively, may cast significant doubt on the charitable company's ability to continue as a going concern for a period of at least twelve months from when the financial statements are authorised for issue.

Our responsibilities and the responsibilities of the trustees with respect to going concern are described in the relevant sections of this report.

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**Other information**

The trustees are responsible for the other information. The other information comprises the information included in the Annual Report, other than the financial statements and our Report of the Independent Auditors thereon.

Our opinion on the financial statements does not cover the other information and, except to the extent otherwise explicitly stated in our report, we do not express any form of assurance conclusion thereon.

In connection with our audit of the financial statements, our responsibility is to read the other information and, in doing so, consider whether the other information is materially inconsistent with the financial statements or our knowledge obtained in the audit or otherwise appears to be materially misstated. If we identify such material inconsistencies or apparent material misstatements, we are required to determine whether this gives rise to a material misstatement in the financial statements themselves. If, based on the work we have performed, we conclude that there is a material misstatement of this other information, we are required to report that fact. We have nothing to report in this regard.

**Opinions on other matters prescribed by the Companies Act 2006**

In our opinion, based on the work undertaken in the course of the audit:

- the information given in the Report of the Trustees for the financial year for which the financial statements are prepared is consistent with the financial statements; and
- the Report of the Trustees has been prepared in accordance with applicable legal requirements.

**Matters on which we are required to report by exception**

In the light of the knowledge and understanding of the charitable company and its environment obtained in the course of the audit, we have not identified material misstatements in the Report of the Trustees.

We have nothing to report in respect of the following matters where the Companies Act 2006 requires us to report to you if, in our opinion:

- adequate accounting records have not been kept or returns adequate for our audit have not been received from branches not visited by us; or
- the financial statements are not in agreement with the accounting records and returns; or
- certain disclosures of trustees' remuneration specified by law are not made; or
- we have not received all the information and explanations we require for our audit; or
- the trustees were not entitled to take advantage of the small companies exemption from the requirement to prepare a Strategic Report or in preparing the Report of the Trustees.

**Responsibilities of trustees**

As explained more fully in the Statement of Trustees' Responsibilities, the trustees (who are also the directors of the charitable company for the purposes of company law) are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements and for being satisfied that they give a true and fair view, and for such internal control as the trustees determine is necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the financial statements, the trustees are responsible for assessing the charitable company's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless the trustees either intend to liquidate the charitable company or to cease operations, or have no realistic alternative but to do so.

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Upper Andersonstown Community Forum Ltd**

**Our responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements**

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue a Report of the Independent Auditors that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance, but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with ISAs (UK) will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of these financial statements.

The extent to which our procedures are capable of detecting irregularities, including fraud is detailed below:

Irregularities, including fraud, are instances of non-compliance with laws and regulations. We design procedures in line with our responsibilities, outlined above, to detect material misstatements in respect of irregularities, including fraud. In particular, we looked at where management made subjective judgements, for example in respect of accounting estimates that involved making assumptions and considering future events that are inherently uncertain. We also considered potential financial or other pressures, opportunity and motivations for fraud. As part of this discussion, we identified the internal controls established to mitigate risks related to fraud or non-compliance with laws and regulations and how management monitor these processes. Appropriate procedures included the review and testing of manual journals and key estimates and judgements made by management for risk of fraud.

Based on our understanding of the company and industry, we identified the principal risks of non-compliance with laws and regulations as those that have a direct impact on the determination of material amounts and disclosures in the financial statements.

We evaluated management's incentives and opportunities for fraudulent manipulation of the financial statements and identified the greatest potential for fraud. We communicated the identified laws and regulations throughout the audit team and remained alert to any indications of non-compliance throughout the audit. Audit procedures performed included, but were not limited to:

Discussions with management including consideration of known or suspected instances of non-compliance with laws and regulation and fraud;

Reviewing the financial statement disclosures and testing to supporting documentation;

Review of board meeting minutes of those charged with governance;

In addressing the risk of fraud through management override of controls, testing the appropriateness of journal entries and other adjustments;

As part of an audit in accordance with ISAs (UK), we exercise professional judgment and maintain professional scepticism throughout the audit. We also:-

Identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error, design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks, and obtain audit evidence that is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion. The risk of not detecting a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than for one resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control.

Obtain an understanding of internal control relevant to the audit in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the charities internal control.

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Evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates and related disclosures made by the trustees.

Perform analytical procedures to identify any unusual or unexpected relationships that may indicate risks of material misstatement due to fraud or error.

Conclude on the appropriateness of the trustees' use of the going concern basis of accounting and based on the audit evidence obtained, whether a material uncertainty exists related to events or conditions that may cast significant doubt on the charities ability to continue as a going concern. If we conclude that a material uncertainty exists, we are required to draw attention in our auditor's report to the related disclosures in the financial statements or, if such disclosures are inadequate, to modify our opinion. Our conclusions are based on the audit evidence obtained up to the date of our auditor's report. However, future events or conditions may cause the charity to cease to continue as a going concern.

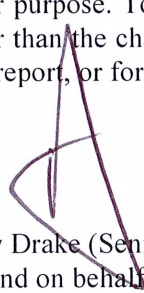
Evaluate the overall presentation, structure, and content of the financial statements, including the disclosures and whether the financial statements represent the underlying transactions and events in a manner that achieves fair presentation.

We communicate with those charged with governance regarding, among other matters, the planned scope and timing of the audit and significant audit findings, including significant deficiencies in internal control that we identify during our audit.

A further description of our responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements is located on the Financial Reporting Council's website at [www.frc.org.uk/auditorsresponsibilities](http://www.frc.org.uk/auditorsresponsibilities). This description forms part of our Report of the Independent Auditors.

**Use of our report**

This report is made solely to the charitable company's members, as a body, in accordance with Chapter 3 of Part 16 of the Companies Act 2006. Our audit work has been undertaken so that we might state to the charitable company's members those matters we are required to state to them in an auditors' report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, we do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the charitable company and the charitable company's members as a body, for our audit work, for this report, or for the opinions we have formed.



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