

Trustee Annual Report

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| Name of Charity | <i>The John Wilson Memorial Trust</i> |
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| Charity Reg. Number | <i>NIC105836</i> |
| Financial Year Start Date | <i>01 April 2023</i> |
| Financial Year End Date | <i>31 March 2024</i> |



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| The Purpose of your Charity | <p><i>The promotion of charitable deeds and good works in the Portadown vicinity, Northern Ireland and the UK & ROI through supporting charities and trusts in their efforts. This support may come in the form of promoting and encouraging, raising money for and awarding grants to those charities and Trusts, providing their purposes are charitable in nature.</i></p> <p><i>To carry out any other charitable good works that the Trust decides.</i></p> |
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| The principal address of the Charity | <i>The John Wilson Memorial Trust, c/o Ulster Carpets, Castleisland Factory, Garvaghy Road, Craigavon, County Armagh, BT62 1EE</i> |
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| The names of all Charity Trustees | <p><i>John A Wilson</i></p> <p><i>Nicholas DG Coburn</i></p> <p><i>Simon A Wilson</i></p> <p><i>David R Acheson</i></p> <p><i>Caroline J Somerville</i></p> <p><i>Jeremy EB Wilson</i></p> <p><i>Caroline M Auchmuty</i></p> |
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| A summary of the Charity's main activities and achievements in the year | <p><i>During the year, the charity made 12 grant donations totalling £17,300.</i></p> <p><i>The majority of the grants were made through a new initiative established by the Trust called the Schools Charity Challenge. The aim of this initiative is for teams of children in local schools aged 11-14 to identify, research and suggest charities for support, then present their cases to a subset of the Trust's trustees. The benefit of this is twofold – a benefit to the charities in receipt of additional funding, and an enhanced knowledge</i></p> |
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| | <p>amongst the schoolchildren of the work they do, and the development of the children in terms of research and presentation skills.</p> <p>The first initiative ran in April 2023, and the grants given were as follows:</p> <p>The winning school won £5,000 for Reach Mentoring, a Northern Ireland based charity working with schools to help children with behavioural problems, mental health issues and low self-esteem through mentoring relationships</p> <p>Runners-up awards were made to the following charities:</p> <p>£500 to Southern Area Hospice, supporting end of life care £500 to Aspire NI, a Northern Ireland based charity working with young people in poverty to close the educational attainment gap £500 to Voice of Young People in Care, a Northern Ireland charity focussed on supporting those in the care system</p> <p>Despite being an annual event, payments relating to the second Schools Charity Challenge were made in the Financial Year. This event was held in February 2024.</p> <p>First prize of £2,500 each was shared between Reach Mentoring (winner in the first Schools Charity Challenge) and FND Matters NI, a Northern Ireland based charity supporting people living with Functional Neurological Disorder.</p> <p>Runners-up awards were made to the following charities:</p> <p>£500 to B Positive, a Northern Ireland based charity set up to improve the lives of children suffering with cancer. £500 to Armagh Food Bank £500 to MNDA NI, a charity helping those in Northern Ireland suffering with motor neurone disease</p> <p>There were two awards to charities based on nominations by employees of Ulster Carpets:</p> <p>£1,800 to Helping Hands, nominated by Craig Anderson. Helping Hands is a community support charity and registered Warm Welcome Space in Portadown. £2,000 to NIKPA (Northern Ireland Kidney Patients' Association), a charity supporting those who are going through treatment for</p> |
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| | <i>kidney dialysis, and those who have had kidney transplants. This was nominated by Mark McClory.</i> |
| Meeting the Public Benefit Requirement | <i>It is the opinion of the Trustees that, having considered the nature of the grants made during the year, that the public benefit requirement has been met.</i> |
| A review of the Charity's financial position at the end of the year | <p><i>The Charity closed the year with £92,653, and is in a satisfactory position. Ulster Carpets has indicated continued funding for the next financial year.</i></p> <p><i>There are no funds held by the Charity that are materially in deficit at the end of the year.</i></p> |
| Signed by: David Acheson Nick Coburn |   |