

# Age Concern Causeway

Northern Ireland · Charity number 106079

## Details

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**Status** Received

**Registered** 2017-04-03

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

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## Activities

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**Purposes:** The association is established to enhance and develop the quality of lives of all older people, 50 years plus, and their carers in the following local authority areas as currently constituted; Coleraine, Moyle, Ballymoney and Limavady, irrespective of their different religious beliefs, political opinion, racial group or gender, and to provide a powerful voice on their behalf. In furtherance of the above object, the association shall seek; \* To empower all older people to express their needs and to provide a strong voice in the appropriate places. \* To promote the health and wellbeing of all older people. \* To facilitate, maintain and develop social relationships and networks. \* To deliver it's services in a professional, efficient and effective manner.

**What the charity does:** The advancement of health or the saving of lives, The advancement of citizenship or community development, The relief of those in need by reason of youth, age, ill-health, disability, financial hardship or other disadvantage

**How the charity works:** Advice/advocacy/information, General charitable purposes, Relief of poverty, Volunteer development, Welfare/benevolent

**Who the charity helps:** Carers, General public, Men, Mental health, Older people, Voluntary and community sector, Volunteers, Women

## Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-03-31	£193,156	£225,552	£0	9

## Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Miss Angela Mclaughlin		
Mr Anthony Hegarty		
Mr William Mccandless		
Mrs Ann Mcnickle		
Mrs Joan Baird		
Mrs Thelma Dillon		
Ms Lydia Watton		

**Age Concern Causeway**

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# Accounts

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# Financial Statements

Y/E

31/03/25

3 Brook Street  
Coleraine  
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Charity No. NIC106079

**Age Concern Causeway**  
**Statement of Financial Activities**  
**For the period from 01 April 2024 to 31 March 2025**

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Total funds	Prior year total funds
<b>Income from:</b>				
Donations and grants	5,517	150,969	156,486	160,766
Income from charitable activities	5,896	10,982	16,878	17,877
Investments	1,724	-	1,724	662
Activities for generating funds	18,068	-	18,068	15,182
<b>Total income</b>	<b>31,205</b>	<b>161,951</b>	<b>193,156</b>	<b>194,487</b>
<b>Expenditure on:</b>				
Raising funds	15,002	-	15,002	10,544
Expenditure on charitable activities	18,130	187,842	205,972	161,893
Other expenditure	1,246	3,332	4,578	3,963
<b>Total expenditure</b>	<b>34,378</b>	<b>191,174</b>	<b>225,552</b>	<b>176,400</b>
<b>Net income / (expenditure) resources before transfers</b>	<b>(3,173)</b>	<b>(29,223)</b>	<b>(32,396)</b>	<b>18,087</b>
<b>Transfers:</b>				
Gross transfers between funds - in	-	-	-	-
Gross transfers between funds - out	-	-	-	-
Other recognised gains / losses				
Gains/losses on investment assets	-	-	-	-
Gains on revaluation, fixed assets, charity's own use	-	-	-	-
<b>Net movement in funds</b>	<b>(3,173)</b>	<b>(29,223)</b>	<b>(32,396)</b>	<b>18,087</b>
<b>Reconciliation of funds</b>				
<b>Total funds brought forward</b>	<b>71,416</b>	<b>31,698</b>	<b>103,114</b>	<b>85,026</b>
<b>Total funds carried forward</b>	<b>68,243</b>	<b>2,475</b>	<b>70,718</b>	<b>103,114</b>

**Age Concern Causeway - Accounting Policies y/e 31 March 2025**

**1 Basis of Financial Statements**

As the total income of the charity is less than £250,000 the trustees have elected to prepare its accounts on a Receipts and Payments basis in accordance with the provisions in The Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2015.

**2 Fund accounting**

Unrestricted funds are general funds that are available for use at the trustees' discretion in furtherance of the objectives of the charity.

Designated funds are unrestricted funds set aside at the discretion of the trustees for specific purposes.

Restricted funds are those donated for use in a particular area or for specific purposes, the use of which is restricted to that area or purpose.

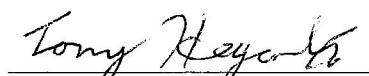
**3 Allocation of Expenditure**

Establishment costs – Rent, Heat and Light and Insurance were allocated according to area.

Salaries were allocated according to time spent per activity.

Telephone & Internet was allocated according to estimated usage per activity.

Approved by the Trustees and signed on their behalf by



Date 04/06/25

Age Concern Causeway

Analysis of receipts and payments  
01 April 2024 to 31 March 2025

	General	Restricted	This year	Total Last year
<b>Income from:</b>				
<b>Donations and grants</b>				
	£	£	£	£
0001 - Donations	5,517	2,305	7,822	6,642
0424 - Radius Housing Grant	-	4,322	4,322	-
0425 - NHSCT Seed Funding-Dementia Safeguarding Grant	-	2,550	2,550	-
0427 - NHSCT Dementia Choir Grant	-	2,980	2,980	-
0500 - NL Better Together Project	-	13,057	13,057	146,325
0505 - National Lottery Community Fund Stronger Together	-	118,594	118,594	-
0540 - CCGBC PCSP Dementia Safeguarding Grant	-	-	-	999
0541 - WHSCT Dementia Safeguarding Seed Funding	-	3,762	3,762	-
0542 - CCGBC Meet and Eat Grant	-	-	-	500
0544 - CCGBC King's Coronation Grant	-	-	-	300
0570 - Halifax Foundation NI Meet & Eat Grant	-	-	-	1,000
0571 - Charles Hayward Meet and Eat Grant	-	3,000	3,000	-
0572 - Society of Friends Meet & Eat Grant	-	-	-	600
0575 - Skipton Building Society Grant	-	-	-	1,500
0580 - ASDA Foundation Grant	-	400	400	400
0600 - John Moores Foundation	-	-	-	2,500
<b>Donations and grants Totals</b>	<b>5,517</b>	<b>150,969</b>	<b>156,486</b>	<b>160,766</b>
<b>Income from charitable activities</b>				
0200 - Meet and Eat Income	-	276	276	234
0210 - One-Off and Special Events	-	790	790	-
0410 - Transport Refunds	-	8,291	8,291	11,889
0415 - Venue Hire Refunds	-	1,625	1,625	1,180
0420 - NHSCT Contract Grant - Dementia	5,896	-	5,896	4,574
<b>Income from charitable activities Totals</b>	<b>5,896</b>	<b>10,982</b>	<b>16,878</b>	<b>17,877</b>
<b>Investments</b>				
0910 - Interest Received	1,724	-	1,724	662
<b>Investments Totals</b>	<b>1,724</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>1,724</b>	<b>662</b>
<b>Activities for generating funds</b>				
0020 - Shop Sales	16,022	-	16,022	12,542
0030 - Textile Recycling	550	-	550	233
0060 - Fund Raising Events	1,497	-	1,497	2,407
<b>Activities for generating funds Totals</b>	<b>18,068</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>18,068</b>	<b>15,182</b>
<b>Income Grand totals</b>	<b>31,205</b>	<b>161,951</b>	<b>193,156</b>	<b>194,487</b>

<b>Expenditure on:</b>				
<b>Raising funds</b>				
3005 - Salaries - Shop	6,168	-	6,168	3,162
3302 - Rent - Shop	4,980	-	4,980	4,980
3332 - Insurance - Shop	1,000	-	1,000	899
3352 - Electric -Shop	799	-	799	750
3450 - Shop Expenses	789	-	789	615
3800 - Fund Raising Expenses	1,178	-	1,178	85
4000 - Bank and Card Charges	88	-	88	53
<b>Raising funds Totals</b>	<b>15,002</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>15,002</b>	<b>10,544</b>
<b>Expenditure on charitable activities</b>				
3000 - Salaries - General	7,738	-	7,738	5,807
3010 - Salaries - Dementia	-	110,460	110,460	99,437
3015 - Salaries - Caring for the Carer	-	10,521	10,521	-
3200 - Travel Expenses	318	5,269	5,587	6,164
3250 - Training	-	1,031	1,031	993
3260 - Venue Hire	73	8,434	8,506	4,008
3265 - Dementia Transport	-	27,047	27,047	15,276
3270 - Dementia Group Expense	-	4,614	4,614	6,554
3275 - Dementia Safeguarding Scheme	43	7,529	7,572	-
3280 - Dementia Choir Expenses	-	932	932	-
3300 - Rent - General	996	-	996	996
3305 - Rent - Dementia	3,738	996	4,734	3,984
3330 - Insurance - General	200	-	200	180
3335 - Insurance - Dementia	-	800	800	719
3350 - Electric - General	160	-	160	150
3355 - Electric - Dementia	442	198	639	600
3400 - Repairs, Maintenance and Cleaning	971	-	971	413
3420 - Sundry Equipment	51	153	204	298
3500 - Telephone & Internet	732	2,196	2,928	2,234
3520 - Printing, Stationery and Postage	481	1,732	2,213	2,210
3530 - Computer and Printer Expenses	225	815	1,040	950
3540 - General Office Costs	49	109	158	115
3560 - Meeting & AGM Expenses	337	146	482	71
3700 - Advertising and Promotion	3	1,434	1,437	5,142
3710 - Good Relations Expenses	832	-	832	538
3750 - Evaluation	248	400	648	3,150
3900 - Special or One-off Events	-	1,224	1,224	314
4010 - Meet and Eat Expenses	-	1,797	1,797	1,015
4040 - Tea and Coffee Expenses	129	-	129	73
4050 - Miscellaneous Expenses	127	5	132	397
4580 - Memberships and Subscriptions	240	-	240	105
<b>Expenditure on charitable activities Totals</b>	<b>18,130</b>	<b>187,842</b>	<b>205,972</b>	<b>161,893</b>
<b>Other expenditure</b>				
3620 - Accountancy & Payroll Fees	783	2,949	3,732	3,465
3625 - Independent Examiner's Fee	128	383	510	498
3630 - HR and Employment Law Services	336	-	336	-
<b>Other expenditure Totals</b>	<b>1,247</b>	<b>3,332</b>	<b>4,578</b>	<b>3,963</b>
<b>Expenditure Grand totals</b>	<b>34,378</b>	<b>191,174</b>	<b>225,552</b>	<b>176,400</b>

**Age Concern Causeway**  
**Fund movement summary**  
**01 April 2024 to 31 March 2025**

Fund	Fund balances brought forward	Incoming Resources	Outgoing Resources	Transfers	Fund balances carried forward
	£	£	£	£	£
ASDA - ASDA Foundation Grant	-	400	400	-	-
CCGBC Meet & Eat - CCGBC Social Connections Grant	216	-	216	-	-
CCGBC PCSP - CCGBC PCSP Dementia Safeguarding Scheme	999	-	999	-	-
Charles Hayward - Charles Hayward Meet And Eat Grant	-	3,000	-	-	3,000
Dementia Services - Dementia Services Fund	1,136	3,095	1,430	-	2,801
General - General Fund	71,416	31,204	34,377	-	68,243
Halifax Meet & Eat - Halifax Foundation NI Meet & Eat Fund	866	-	866	-	-
Meet and Eat - Meet And Eat Fund	-	216	21	-	195
NHSCT Choir - NHSCT Dementia Choir Grant	-	2,980	932	-	2,048
NHSCT Safeguarding - NHSCT Seed Funding-Dementia Safeguarding	-	2,550	2,500	-	50
NL Better Together - National Lottery Community Fund Better Together	27,275	13,057	40,332	-	-
NL StrongerTogether - National Lottery Community Fund Stronger Together	-	118,594	126,078	-	(7,484)
Radius - Radius Housing Fund	-	4,322	4,030	-	292
Society of Friends - Society Of Friends Meet & Eat Fund	600	-	267	-	334
Transport Fund - NHSCT Transport Fund	-	8,291	9,685	-	(1,394)
Venue Hire - NHSCT Venue Hire Fund	-	1,625	2,970	-	(1,345)
WHSCT Meet & Eat - WHSCT Seed Funding Grant	606	60	449	-	217
WHSCT Safeguarding - WHSCT Dementia Safeguarding Seed Funding	-	3,762	-	-	3,762
<b>Totals</b>	<b>103,114</b>	<b>193,156</b>	<b>225,552</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>70,718</b>

**Age Concern Causeway – NIC106079**  
**Statement of Assets and Liabilities**  
**As at 31 March 2025**

**Cash at bank and in Hand**

	Unrestricted	Restricted	Total	Prior year
	£	£	£	£
Santander Current Account	4,731	2,451	7,182	32,294
Santander Number 2 Account	30,507	-	30,507	39,108
Progressive Building Society	32,980	-	32,980	31,655
Petty Cash	25	24	49	57
<b>Total Cash</b>	<b>68,243</b>	<b>2,475</b>	<b>70,718</b>	<b>103,114</b>

**Liabilities**

**Estimated Bills outstanding**

Venue Hire			598	2,202
Electric Ireland			250	354
North Coast Community Transport			1,698	4,664
West Bann Development Training			-	405
Computer Expenses			-	160
Office Supplies			50	204
Postage			-	49
Repairs			250	-
Independent examiner fee			525	500
Travel Expenses			350	27
<b>Total</b>			<b>3,721</b>	<b>8,565</b>

**Fixed Assets**

(Valuations estimated on assumption that lifespan of assets is 5 years)

Office Equipment			440	1,242
Other Equipment			241	418
			<b>681</b>	<b>1,660</b>

**Other Assets**

NHSCT Venue Hire Rebate			1,658	696
NHSCT Transport Rebate			2,183	2207
NHSCT Grants due			-	441
Sumup Shop Sales due			-	229
			<b>3,841</b>	<b>3,573</b>

## Independent examiner's report to the charity trustees of Age Concern Causeway

I report on the accounts of Age Concern Causeway for the year ended 31st March 2025

### Respective responsibilities of charity trustees and examiner

As the charity's trustees you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the

It is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under section 65 of the Charities Act
- follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Commission under section 65(9)(b) of the Charities Act
- state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

### Basis of independent examiner's report

I have examined your charity accounts as required under section 65 of the Charities Act and my examination was carried out in accordance with the general Directions given by the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland under section 65(9)(b) of the Charities Act.

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

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

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

### Independent examiner's statement

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



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Date: 10th October 2025

**Age Concern Causeway**

Northern Ireland - Charity number 106079

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# Accounts

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# Financial Statements

Y/E

31/03/24

3 Brook Street  
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Charity No. NIC106079

**Age Concern Causeway – NIC106079**  
**Statement of Financial Activities (Receipts and Payments Accounts)**  
**For the period from 01 April 2023 to 31 March 2024**

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Total funds	Prior year total funds
	31/03/2024	31/03/2024	31/03/2024	31/03/2023
<b>Incoming resources</b>				
<b>Incoming resources from generated funds</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
Voluntary income (Note 1)	6,382	154,384	160,766	35,622
Activities for generating funds	2,044	363	2,407	1,403
Shop	12,775	0	12,775	13,862
Investment income	663	0	663	158
<b>Incoming resources from charitable activities (Note 2)</b>				
Active Age Group		233	233	559
Dementia	4,574	13,069	17,643	4,859
<b>Total income</b>	<b>26,438</b>	<b>168,049</b>	<b>194,487</b>	<b>56,463</b>
<b>Resources used (Note 3)</b>				
<b>Cost of generating funds</b>				
Fund Raising Expenses	85	0	85	259
Shop	8,399	2,172	10,571	9,704
<b>Charitable activities</b>				
Active Age Group	1,846	1,041	2,887	736
Community Support	0	0	0	1,098
Dementia	14	140,265	140,279	88,734
Other resources used	8,832	13,746	22,578	10,539
<b>Total expenditure</b>	<b>19,176</b>	<b>157,224</b>	<b>176,400</b>	<b>111,070</b>
<b>Net income / (expenditure) resources before transfer</b>	<b>7,262</b>	<b>10,825</b>	<b>18,087</b>	<b>(54,607)</b>
<b>Transfers</b>				
Gross transfers between funds - in	0	0	0	0
Gross transfers between funds - out	0	0	0	0
<b>Net movement in funds</b>	<b>7,262</b>	<b>10,825</b>	<b>18,087</b>	<b>(54,607)</b>
<b>Reconciliation of funds</b>				
<b>Total Cash funds brought forward</b>	<b>64,154</b>	<b>20,872</b>	<b>85,026</b>	<b>139,634</b>
<b>Total funds carried forward</b>	<b>71,416</b>	<b>31,697</b>	<b>103,113</b>	<b>85,027</b>

**Age Concern Causeway**  
**Analysis of receipts and payments y/e 31/3/24**

**Note 1**

<b>Voluntary Income</b>	<b>2024</b>	<b>2023</b>
	£	£
Donations	6,642	1,422
ASDA Foundation	400	0
CC&GBC Grants	1,799	2,000
CRUN PHA Getting back Together	0	733
John Moores Foundation	2,500	0
Halifax Foundation	1,000	0
National Lottery Community Fund	146,325	28,467
Quakers	600	0
Skipton Building Society	1,500	0
The Honorable The Irish Socioty	0	2,000
WHST Meet & Eat Seed Funding	0	1,000
	<b>160,766</b>	<b>35,622</b>

**Note 2**

**Incoming Resources from Charitable Activities**

	<b>Active Age</b>			<b>2023</b>
	<b>Group</b>	<b>Dementia</b>	<b>Total</b>	
	£	£	£	
NH&SC Trust Grants	0	4,574	4,574	4,859
NH&SC Trust Refunds	0	13,069	13,069	0
Activities Income	233	0	233	559
	<b>233</b>	<b>17,643</b>	<b>17,876</b>	<b>5,418</b>

**Note 3**

<b>Total Resources Expended</b>	<b>Active Age</b>				<b>Total</b>	<b>2023</b>
	<b>Shop</b>	<b>Group</b>	<b>Dementia</b>	<b>Other</b>		
	£	£	£	£	£	£
Employment costs	3,162	1,672	99,437	4,135	108,406	66,510
Shop expenses	615	0	0	0	615	364
Rent	4,980	0	3,984	996	9,960	9,960
Venue Hire	0	0	4,008		4,008	4,237
Insurance	899	0	719	180	1,798	1,470
Heat & Light	750	0	600	150	1,500	1,220
Telephone & Internet	112	112	1,676	335	2,235	1,699
Repairs & maintenance	0	0	0	243	243	150
Sundry Equipment	0	0	0	298	298	319
PPE, Cleanng and Signage	0	0	0	170	170	113
Office & Computer expenses	0	0	0	1,065	1,065	720
Printing, postage & stationery	0	89	1,680	440	2,209	873
Subscriptions	0	0	0	105	105	95
Activities	0	1,014	0	0	1,014	422
Dementia Group costs	0	0	6,554	0	6,554	2,339
Dementia Transport costs	0	0	15,276	0	15,276	11,247
Training & Evaluation costs	0	0	0	4,143	4,143	205
Travel costs	0	0	6,031	133	6,164	4,005
Advertising & Promotion	0	0	0	5,142	5,142	42
Good Relations Activities	0	0	0	347	347	0
Accountancy fees	0	0	0	3,465	3,465	2,540
Independent Examiner's Fee	0	0	0	498	498	948
Fund Raising Expenses	0	0	0	85	85	259
AGM Expenses	0	0	0	71	71	68
Volunteer Meals and Expenses	0	0	0	191	191	814
King's Coronation Event	0	0	314	0	314	0
Bank and Card charges	53	0	0	0	53	44
Sundry costs	0	0	0	470	470	407
<b>Total costs</b>	<b>10,571</b>	<b>2,887</b>	<b>140,279</b>	<b>22,662</b>	<b>176,399</b>	<b>111,070</b>

**Age Concern Causeway – NIC106079**  
**Statement of Assets and Liabilities**  
**As at 31 March 2024**

**Cash at bank and in Hand**

	Unrestricted £	Restricted £	Total £	Prior year £
Santander Current Account	624	31,670	32,294	33,519
Santander Number 2 Account	39,108	0	39,108	20,066
Progressive Building Society	31,655	0	31,655	31,319
Petty Cash	29	28	57	123
<b>Total Cash</b>	<b>71,416</b>	<b>31,698</b>	<b>103,114</b>	<b>85,027</b>

**Represented by**

Unrestricted - General	71,416	0	71,416	64,154
National Lottery Community Fund	0	27,275	27,275	19,230
Dementia Services Fund	0	1,136	1,136	675
CCGBC Meet and Eat Fund	0	216	216	0
CCGBCPCSP Fund	0	999	999	0
Quakers Meet and Eat Fund	0	600	600	0
Halifax Foundation Meet and eat Fund	0	866	866	0
WHSCT Seed Funding	0	606	606	968
<b>Total</b>	<b>71,416</b>	<b>31,698</b>	<b>103,114</b>	<b>85,027</b>

**Liabilities**

**Estimated Bills outstanding**

Venue Hire	2,202	540
Electric Ireland	354	165
North Coast Community Transport	4,664	1,362
West Bann Development Training	405	0
Computer Expenses	160	180
JH Office Supplies	204	0
Postage	49	0
Independent examiner fee	500	480
Travel Expenses	27	104
<b>Total</b>	<b>8,565</b>	<b>2,831</b>

**Fixed Assets**

(Valuations estimated on assumption that lifespan of assets is 5 years)

Office Equipment	1,242	1,594
Other Equipment	418	595
	<b>1,660</b>	<b>2,189</b>

**Other Assets**

NHSCT Venue Hire Rebate	696	396
NHSCT Transport Rebate	2,207	5774
NHSCT Grants due	441	0
Sumup Shop Sales due	229	0
	<b>3,573</b>	<b>6,170</b>

**Age Concern Causeway - NIC106079**  
**Fund movement summary**  
**For the period from 01 April 2023 to 31 March 2024**

Fund	Fund balances brought forward £	Incoming Resources £	Outgoing resources £	Transfers £	Fund balances carried forward £
General fund	64155	26438	19175	0	71418
ASDA Foundation	0	400	400	0	0
CCGBC King's Coronation Fund	0	300	300	0	0
CCGBCPCSP Fund	0	999	0	0	999
CCGBC Meet and Eat Fund	0	500	286	0	214
Dementia Services Fund	675	623	161	0	1137
Halifax Foundation NI	0	1000	134	0	866
John Moores Foundation	0	2500	2500	0	0
National Lottery Community Fund	19229	146325	138279	0	27275
NHSCT Transport Fund	0	11889	11889	0	0
NHSCT Venue Hire Fund	0	1180	1180	0	0
Society of Friends Meet and Eat Fund	0	600	0	0	600
Skipton Building Society	0	1500	1500	0	0
WHST Seed Funding	968	233	596	0	605
<b>Totals</b>	<b>85027</b>	<b>194487</b>	<b>176400</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>103114</b>

**Age Concern Causeway - Accounting Policies y/e 31 March 2024**

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Establishment costs – Rent, Heat and Light and Insurance were allocated according to area.

Salaries were allocated according to time spent per activity.

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**Approved by the Trustees and signed on their behalf by**

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Date 13 May 2024

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Date: 1st July 2024

**Age Concern Causeway**

Northern Ireland - Charity number 106079

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# Annual report

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# ANNUAL REPORT

## 2023-2024

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## **PREAMBLE**

This report, covering the year from 1 April 2023 to 31 March 2024, shows that Age Concern Causeway has recovered successfully from the setbacks caused by the Covid-19 pandemic. In fact, we have surpassed the development aims of our current funding from the National Lottery Community Fund.

Shortly before the end of the reporting period, we received news that our application for further funding from the National Lottery Community Fund had been approved, meaning our support for local people with early stage dementia is secure for three more years.

While our dementia support work will remain our core activity, the Trustees would wish to re-introduce more social events where there is demand, and where we are able to secure supporting funding.

## **OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES**

### CHARITABLE OBJECTS

The object of the Association as set out in our Constitution is to enhance and develop the quality of lives of all older people, 50 years and older, and their carers in the Causeway Coast and Glens Council area, irrespective of their different religious beliefs, political opinion, racial group or gender, and to provide a powerful voice on their behalf.

In furtherance of the above object, the association shall seek:

- To empower all older people to express their needs and to provide a strong voice in the appropriate places
- To promote the health and well-being of all older people
- To facilitate, maintain and develop social relationships and networks
- To deliver its services in a professional, efficient and effective manner

Age Concern Causeway aims to be a “user led and volunteer driven organisation”.

### PUBLIC BENEFIT STATEMENT

The Trustees of Age Concern Causeway confirm that they have complied with their duty under the Charities Act (Northern Ireland) 2008; and having regard to Charity Commission’s guidance on public benefit (section 4b) confirm that the public benefit requirement has informed the activities of Age Concern Causeway in the year to March 31<sup>st</sup>.

In evaluating public benefit the Trustees can show that the public benefit has been realised by the range of services detailed in this report, albeit that the work we could do was necessarily constrained by the effects of the pandemic. At all times, our services are based

on the identified needs of the local community, and ongoing evaluations by Age Concern Causeway show a high level of user satisfaction.

## **STRUCTURE GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT**

### **CONSTITUTION**

Age Concern Causeway is an unincorporated association and is governed by a constitution adopted in September 1977 and last amended on 13<sup>th</sup> May 2010; this is available at Age Concern Causeway offices 3 Brook St. Coleraine.

### **MANAGEMENT**

The organisation is run by its Board of Trustees which is elected at the Annual General Meeting. Service users are invited to attend the AGM and encouraged to become Trustees. In addition notice is given to the public of the meeting. There is provision in the Constitution to co-opt additional Trustees throughout the year with the agreement of the Board of Trustees.

The operational management of Age Concern Causeway is delegated to the project co-ordinator who is line managed by the Chair of the Board of Trustees. The co-ordinator is in attendance at Board meetings and reports to the Trustees against an agreed work plan and targets. In addition other members of staff can be asked to report on their activities or issues of interest or concern.

The Board of Trustees meets on average every six weeks, when the Chair presents a report of issues that have been addressed on behalf of the Committee. The meetings also offer a forum to review recent activities within our programmes and to plan forthcoming events.

At each meeting the financial adviser presents the latest accounts and these are reviewed against budgets and projections. A policy is in place to identify certain individuals with authority to commit expenditure within set limits. Expenditure above these levels must be agreed at Board meetings.

The Chair and Secretary are authorised by the Trustees to prepare the Annual report for approval at the Annual General Meeting, when service users and the public have a chance to comment.

### **FINANCIAL GOVERNANCE**

Good financial governance is maintained by regular and up to date financial information provided to the Trustees and budget holders. In addition the Board receives independent financial advice and service support which ensures transparency of all transactions. Further details are contained in the body of the report.

Total funds at the end of March 2024 are £103,114 compared to £85,027 at end of March 2023. Unrestricted funds are £71,416 compared to £64,154 in the last financial year. Restricted funds are £31,698 compared to £20,872 at 31 March 2023.

Total income for the year ended 31 March 2023 was £194,487 compared to 54,463 on 31 March 2022. This was mainly due to the timing of funding from the National Lottery. Total expenditure was £176,399 compared to £111,070 in the previous year. This was due to the expansion of our dementia support programme.

In common with most small, local charities, Age Concern Causeway is dependent to a large extent on outside bodies to finance our services. Our current support from the Big Lottery Community Fund to support our dementia work will soon expire, but we have been fortunate enough to have been granted continuing funding, again from National Lottery, to begin when our current grant ends.

## STAFF

We employ the full complement of staff as originally planned under the National Lottery Community Fund grant. These are: full-time project leader; full-time lead dementia support worker; and four part-time dementia support workers, whose hours combine to equate to two full-time staff. We also employ a cleaner part-time.

All staff have undertaken Open College Network (NI) Level 2 Dementia Awareness training and intend to continue studying for higher level qualifications.

## **ACTIVITIES AND SERVICES**

### BETTER TOGETHER PROJECT

At the last Annual General Meeting, we reported that we had already surpassed the requirements of our funders, in that there were seven active groups rather than the six envisaged. We can now report that there are eight active groups which meet weekly, each providing social and crafting activities for a maximum of eight people experiencing the early stages of dementia. The groups are based at venues in Coleraine (two groups), Ballycastle, Ballymoney (two groups), Garvagh, Limavady and Portrush.

The location of the groups is not set in stone, but can be changed according to need. For instance, the Garvagh group was revived during the year as demand was such as to make it viable.

One problem with trying to provide this service in a mainly rural area with such a widely dispersed population is distance from the various venues. Clients are picked up at their homes in a minibus, so by necessity must live within a reasonable (5 miles) distance from a venue, otherwise they would spend more time in journeys to and from the event than they do taking part in activities.

A possible way to approach this might be for more geographically isolated people who cannot access group activities to be offered one-to-one visits in their own homes. However, this would mean attracting both extra funding and more staff.

Now that we are fully staffed, our current one-to-one service has been expanded over the year for clients who cannot attend groups, either due to a deterioration in their condition or another reason. More than twenty clients have visits each week, and are offered various activities or, if they prefer, just a friendly ear to listen to their reminiscences.

It goes without saying that throughout the year we were cognisant that our funding from National Lottery was coming to an end. Good housekeeping meant that we were able to stretch the support for six months beyond our previously reported date of December 2023. Many hours were spent compiling a new funding application which was submitted to the National Lottery Community Fund in October 2023. We were delighted to hear in March 2024 that the application had been successful, securing funding for three years from July 2024 to the end of June 2027.

#### ADVOCACY AND INFORMATION SERVICE

Requests for advice and for assistance in accessing benefits continued to be received on a regular basis. Staff endeavour to provide assistance, even if this only amounts to providing a signposting service to other organisations.

It is clear to us that there is demand for a service providing help in completing benefit application forms, particularly from those who find it difficult to attend community advice offices and require home visits. It is a service which Age Concern Causeway used to be able to provide, but the trained volunteers have all retired from the work. We will make strenuous efforts to attract and train new volunteers so that this service can be revived.

#### ACTIVE AGE PROGRAMME

The Active Age programme has always been designed to promote active and healthy aging, stimulating both body and mind, planned by older people themselves. However, financial restraints mean that we are only able to promote self-financing activities. Over the year under review staff have been fully involved with dementia support work, so little time has been available to consider resuscitating our pre-Covid programme.

One project has had great success. The launch of a monthly Meet and Eat held in a Limavady cafe was reported in our last report, with seed funding from WH&SC Trust, and continues to be successful. During the year under review the project has been extended to Coleraine (with support from the Borough Council) and to Ballymoney (with support from Halifax). It is intended to extend this initiative to Ballycastle in the near future.

#### PROJECT DEVELOPMENT

A constant problem for those with dementia and their carers is when a sufferer wanders off and becomes lost. We want to address this by developing a wristband for people with

dementia which incorporates a QR code which can be scanned by a phone and the person's name and next of kin be viewed, so that they could be found quickly and safely. Similar schemes already exist in parts of England and Scotland. In conjunction with the Northern Trust Primary Care team, we have enough funding to run a pilot scheme in the Causeway Coast and Glens area, with the intention that it eventually expands throughout Northern Ireland.

## **FUNDRAISING**

Over the years, fundraising events have raised both money and the public's knowledge of the charity and its services. During 2023-2024, we ran various raffles based in the shop and have collection boxes in various shops around the town. We are very grateful to The Railway Arms who are good enough to host an annual quiz night for our benefit.

In February, as part of the National Gardens Scheme, Benwarden gardens opened their walled snowdrop gardens and tearoom to the public. Mrs Montgomery asked Age Concern Causeway to volunteer in the tearoom with them and any money made from would be donated to the charity. As a result, our funds were increased by over £600.

In previous years, it was possible to raise good sums from street collections. However recently, perhaps even more so since the pandemic when more people began to rely on using debit cards rather than carry cash, the work involved in organising a collection does not make the idea viable. The same applies to collections in supermarkets, which in the past brought us considerable sums of money.

### AGE CONCERN SHOP

Our shop is the "face" of Age Concern Causeway and continues to be an important source of funds for the charity. It is completely staffed by volunteers who do everything from unpacking donations to manning the till. They all do a tremendous job, and the Trustees appreciate the time and effort they put in to their work on the charity's behalf.

The Trustees would like to express their thanks to all those who support Age Concern Causeway as customers of, or donors to the shop, and often both!

## **PARTNERSHIPS**

Age Concern Causeway has links with the following organizations.

Public Bodies: Causeway Coast and Glens BC; Community Mental Health Team for Older People; Community Access Support Worker; Community Navigator; Dementia Navigator; GP Multi-Disciplinary Teams Social Workers; GP Multi-Disciplinary Teams, Mental Health Teams; Hospital Social Workers; NHSCT (Contracts); NI Housing Executive; Road Service.

Voluntary and Community Organisations: Alzheimer's Society; Causeway Rural and Urban Network; Causeway Volunteer Centre; COAST; Community Advice Causeway; Community Development Health Network; Connected (Causeway Loneliness Network); Dementia NI; Limavady Community Development Initiative; Linking Generations NI; SVP Coleraine/Portrush; The Olive Branch; local Primary and Secondary Schools.

Businesses: Abbeyfield House Ballycastle; Asda; CPS Handy Park; Habinteg; Henderson Group; Kenny's Spar Garvagh; Local Pharmacies; Savers; Spar Kilrea; Rothesday Court Coleraine; Tesco; Tullaghmurry Fold Portstewart.

## **FUNDING AND DONATIONS**

The Trustees would like to express our thanks to our major funder since 2020, the National Lottery Community Fund, for their support to us and their belief in the importance of our dementia support work which has led them to continue to fund us for another three years. Their representatives were always been extremely supportive to us throughout in our struggles to cope with the impact of the pandemic and continued to be so as we worked to prepare our application for continuing funding.

We have also received smaller grants during the year under review from the following:

Asda Foundation  
Causeway Coast and Glens Borough Council  
Causeway Rural and Urban Network  
Community Foundation NI  
Dementia Services Fund  
Halifax  
John Moores Foundation  
NH&SC Trust  
NRPB Culture, Arts and Heritage  
The Honorable the Irish Society  
Skipton Building Society  
WH&SC Trust

We were also fortunate enough to receive various unsolicited donations from individuals. In particular we would like to thank North Antrim Vintage Club and Coleraine Society of Friends for their generous donations.

## **THANKS**

Our work can only continue with the financial support of our funders, and we are grateful to all of them, be their contributions large or small.

Our volunteers are absolutely essential to the charity. It is no exaggeration to say that nothing would happen without them, and they can be assured that the Trustees fully appreciate all they do. To those who left during the year we would like to extend our thanks for their contributions while they were with us. It has proved hard to replace those no longer with us, and we would encourage anyone who has a few hours to spare to support our work to contact us: we can always find a niche for someone who wants to help.

Finally, but far from least, thanks to our staff. There have been many changes during the year, and they have responded to every challenge with enthusiasm and always with the good of the charity and a wish to support our clients in mind. With a full complement of staff, we are sure their committed contribution to the charity means that we can look forward to a bright future.

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**BOARD OF TRUSTEES, 2023-2024**

Chair	Cllr William McCandless
Secretary	Mrs Morag Stark
Trustees	Mrs Joan Baird (co-opted) Mrs Thelma Dillon Mr Tony Hegarty (co-opted) Mrs Rosemary McCaw (co-opted) Mrs Angela McLaughlin (co-opted) Mrs Ann McNickle Ms Lydia Watton

Financial Adviser: Mrs Olive Wallace

Secretary  
Board of Trustees

**Age Concern Causeway**

Northern Ireland - Charity number 106079

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# Annual return

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Date: 1st July 2024

**Age Concern Causeway**

Northern Ireland - Charity number 106079

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# Accounts

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# Financial Statements

Y/E

31/03/23

3 Brook Street  
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Charity No. NIC106079

**Age Concern Causeway – NIC106079**  
**Statement of Financial Activities (Receipts and Payments Accounts)**  
**For the period from 01 April 2022 to 31 March 2023**

	Unrestricted funds 31/03/2023	Restricted funds 31/03/2023	Total funds 31/03/2023	Prior year total funds 31/03/2022
<b>Incoming resources</b>				
<b>Incoming resources from generated funds</b>				
Voluntary income (Note 1)	£ 3,422	£ 32200	£ 35,622	£ 137,701
Activities for generating funds	769	634	1,403	586
Shop	13,562	300	13,862	20,540
Investment income	158	0	158	78
<b>Incoming resources from charitable activities (Note 2)</b>				
Active Age Group	495	64	559	0
Community Support			0	1,609
Dementia	4,859	0	4,859	2,641
<b>Total income</b>	<b>23,265</b>	<b>33,198</b>	<b>56,463</b>	<b>163,155</b>
<b>Resources used (Note 3)</b>				
<b>Cost of generating funds</b>				
Fund Raising Expenses	0	259	259	0
Shop	9,704	0	9704	9,791
<b>Charitable activities</b>				
Active Age Group	264	472	736	6,143
Community Support	1,098		1098	1,570
Dementia	0	88,734	88734	75,609
Other resources used	6,930	3,609	10539	12,071
<b>Total expenditure</b>	<b>17,996</b>	<b>93,074</b>	<b>111,070</b>	<b>105,184</b>
<b>Net income / (expenditure) resources before transfer</b>	<b>5,269</b>	<b>(59,876)</b>	<b>(54,607)</b>	<b>57,971</b>
<b>Transfers</b>				
Gross transfers between funds - in	0	0	0	3,929
Gross transfers between funds - out	0	0	0	(3,929)
<b>Net movement in funds</b>	<b>5,269</b>	<b>(59,876)</b>	<b>(54,607)</b>	<b>57,971</b>
<b>Reconciliation of funds</b>				
<b>Total Cash funds brought forward</b>	<b>58,885</b>	<b>80,749</b>	<b>139,634</b>	<b>81663</b>
<b>Total funds carried forward</b>	<b>64,154</b>	<b>20,873</b>	<b>85,027</b>	<b>139,634</b>

**Age Concern Causeway**  
**Analysis of receipts and payments y/e 31/3/23**

**Note 1**

<b>Voluntary Income</b>	<b>2023</b>	<b>2022</b>
	£	£
CC&GBC Grants	2,000	3,500
Community foundation NI		3,000
CRUN PHA Getting back Together	733	2,931
Donations	1,422	1,443
National Lottery Community Fund	28,467	123,419
NH&SC Trust		425
NRPB Culture, Arts & Heritage		983
The Honorable The Irish Societiy	2,000	2,000
WHST Meet & Eat Seed Funding	1,000	
	<b>35,622</b>	<b>137,701</b>

**Note 2**

**Incoming Resources from Charitable Activities**

	Active Age Group	Dementia	Total	2022
	£	£	£	£
NH&SC Trust Grants		4,859	4,859	4,250
Activities Income	559		559	0
	<b>559</b>	<b>4,859</b>	<b>5,418</b>	<b>4,250</b>

**Note 3**

**Total Resources Expended**

	Shop	Active Age Group	Community Support	Dementia	Other	Total	2022
	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
Employment costs	2,912		859	60,292	2,447	66,510	64,840
Shop expenses	364					364	803
Rent	4,980			3,984	996	9,960	9,960
Venue Hire		314		3,923		4,237	3,764
Insurance	735			588	147	1,470	1,413
Heat & Light	628			502	90	1,220	1,094
Telephone & Internet	85		170	1,274	170	1,699	1,481
Repairs & maintenance					150	150	103
Sundry Equipment					319	319	0
PPE, Cleanng and Signage					113	113	200
Office & Computer expenses					720	720	1,149
Printing, postage & stationery			69	622	182	873	519
Subscriptions and donations					95	95	80
Lunch Club						0	2,375
Activities		422				422	2,614
Dementia Group costs				2,339		2,339	2,496
Dementia Transport costs				11,247		11,247	4,218
Training & Evaluation costs					205	205	1,597
Travel costs				3,963	42	4,005	2,492
Advertising & Promotion					42	42	150
Good Relations Activities						0	296
Accountancy fees					2,540	2,540	3,066
Independent Examiner's Fee					948	948	0
Fund Raising Expenses				259		259	0
AGM Expenses					68	68	160
Volunteer Meals and Expenses					814	814	0
Bank and Card charges					44	44	0
Sundry costs					407	407	314
<b>Total costs</b>	<b>9,704</b>	<b>736</b>	<b>1,098</b>	<b>88,993</b>	<b>10,539</b>	<b>111,070</b>	<b>105,184</b>

**Age Concern Causeway – NIC106079**  
**Statement of Assets and Liabilities**  
**As at 31 March 2023**

**Cash at bank and in Hand**

	Unrestricted	Restricted	Total	Prior year
	£	£	£	£
Santander Current Account	12,727	20,792	33,519	15,537
Santander Number 2 Account	20,066		20,066	112,744
Progressive Building Society	31,319		31,319	11,274
Petty Cash	42	81	123	79
<b>Total Cash</b>	<b>64,154</b>	<b>20,873</b>	<b>85,027</b>	<b>139,634</b>

**Represented by**

Unrestricted - General	64,154		64,154	58,885
CRUN PHA Getting Back Together			0	(357)
CCGBC Community Development Support			0	(2,000)
Dementia Services Fund		675	675	0
National Lottery Community Fund		19,230	19,230	83,106
WHSCT Seed Funding		968	968	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>64,154</b>	<b>20,873</b>	<b>85,027</b>	<b>139,634</b>

**Liabilities**

**Estimated Bills outstanding**

Venue Hire			540	340
Electric Ireland			165	238
North Coast Community Transport			1,362	1,257
Computer Expenses			180	0
Independent examiner fee			480	480
Travel Expenses			104	55
<b>Total</b>			<b>2,831</b>	<b>2,370</b>

**Fixed Assets**

(Valuations estimated on assumption that lifespan of assets is 5 years)

Office Equipment		1,594	2,346
Other Equipment		595	453
		<b>2,189</b>	<b>2,799</b>

**Other Assets**

NHSCT Room Hire Rebate		396	700
NHSCT Transport Rebate		5,774	0
CCGBC Grants due		0	2000
		<b>6,170</b>	<b>2,700</b>

**Age Concern Causeway - NIC106079**  
**Fund movement summary**  
**For the period from 01 April 2022 to 31 March 2023**

Fund	Fund balances brought forward	Incoming Resources	Outgoing resources	Transfers	Fund balances carried forward
	£	£	£	£	£
General fund	58,885	23,266	17,996		64,155
CCGBC Community Development Support	(2,000)	2,000	0		0
CRUN PHA Getting Back Together	(357)	733	376		0
Dementia Services Fund	0	934	259		675
National Lottery Community Fund	83,106	28,467	92,344		19,229
WHSCT Seed Funding	0	1,064	96		968
<b>Totals</b>	<b>139,634</b>	<b>56,464</b>	<b>111,071</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>85,027</b>

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**Approved by the Trustees and signed on their behalf by**

W. McConville

Date 24/5/23

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Date: 1st July 2023

**Age Concern Causeway**

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# Annual report

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# ANNUAL REPORT

## 2022-2023

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## **PREAMBLE**

During the period 1 April 2022 to 31 March 2023, Age Concern Causeway has gradually recovered from the disruption of activities caused by the Covid-19 pandemic, and are now fulfilling the objectives of our funding from the Big Lottery Community Fund.

There are further steps the Trustees would wish to take towards re-introducing more social events, but the emphasis will continue to be placed on our services for those experiencing early-stage dementia. To that end, they will be working hard to attract continuing funding for that work.

## **OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES**

### CHARITABLE OBJECTS

The object of the Association as set out in our Constitution is to enhance and develop the quality of lives of all older people, 50 years and older, and their carers in the Causeway Coast and Glens Council area, irrespective of their different religious beliefs, political opinion, racial group or gender, and to provide a powerful voice on their behalf.

In furtherance of the above object, the association shall seek:

- To empower all older people to express their needs and to provide a strong voice in the appropriate places
- To promote the health and well-being of all older people
- To facilitate, maintain and develop social relationships and networks
- To deliver its services in a professional, efficient and effective manner

Age Concern Causeway aims to be a “user led and volunteer driven organisation”.

### PUBLIC BENEFIT STATEMENT

The Trustees of Age Concern Causeway confirm that they have complied with their duty under the Charities Act (Northern Ireland) 2008; and having regard to Charity Commission’s guidance on public benefit (section 4b) confirm that the public benefit requirement has informed the activities of Age Concern Causeway in the year to March 31<sup>st</sup>.

In evaluating public benefit the Trustees can show that the public benefit has been realised by the range of services detailed in this report, albeit that the work we could do was necessarily constrained by the effects of the pandemic. At all times, our services are based on the identified needs of the local community, and ongoing evaluations by Age Concern Causeway show a high level of user satisfaction.

## **STRUCTURE GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT**

### CONSTITUTION

Age Concern Causeway is an unincorporated association and is governed by a constitution adopted in September 1977 and last amended on 13<sup>th</sup> May 2010; this is available at Age Concern Causeway offices 3 Brook St. Coleraine.

### MANAGEMENT

The organisation is run by its Board of Trustees which is elected at the Annual General Meeting. Service users are invited to attend the AGM and encouraged to become Trustees. In addition notice is given to the public of the meeting. There is provision in the Constitution to co-opt additional Trustees throughout the year with the agreement of the Board of Trustees.

The operational management of Age Concern Causeway is delegated to the project co-ordinator who is line managed by the Chair of the Board of Trustees. The co-ordinator is in attendance at Board meetings and reports to the Trustees against an agreed work plan and targets. In addition other members of staff can be asked to report on their activities or issues of interest or concern.

The Board of Trustees meets on average every six weeks, when the Chair presents a report of issues that have been addressed on behalf of the Committee. The meetings also offer a forum to review recent activities within our programmes and to plan forthcoming events.

At each meeting the financial adviser presents the latest accounts and these are reviewed against budgets and projections. A policy is in place to identify certain individuals with authority to commit expenditure within set limits. Expenditure above these levels must be agreed at Board meetings.

The Chair and Secretary are authorised by the Trustees to prepare the Annual report for approval at the Annual General Meeting, when service users and the public have a chance to comment.

### FINANCIAL GOVERNANCE

Good financial governance is maintained by regular and up to date financial information provided to the Trustees and budget holders. In addition the Board receives independent financial advice and service support which ensures transparency of all transactions. Further details are contained in the body of the report.

Total funds at the end of March 2023 are £85,027 compared to £139,634 at end of March 2022. Unrestricted funds are £64,154 compared to £58,885 in the last financial year. Restricted funds are £20,872 compared to £80,749 at 31 March 2022.

In common with most small, local charities, Age Concern Causeway is dependent to a large extent on outside bodies to finance our services. Our support from the National Lottery Community Fund to support our dementia work will soon expire, such that a lot of work will have to be undertaken over the upcoming months to attract funding for that important work to continue beyond the end of 2023.

## STAFF

We are only now able to report that we are employing a full complement of staff as originally planned under the National Lottery Community Fund grant. These are: full-time project leader; full-time lead dementia support worker; and four part-time dementia support workers, whose hours combine to equate to two full-time staff.

## **ACTIVITIES AND SERVICES**

### BETTER TOGETHER PROJECT

The annual report for 2021-2022 mentioned that the National Lottery Community Fund “planned ... for the number of groups growing to six from the current three, with new groups in Limavady and Ballycastle”. We can now report that there are six active groups which meet weekly, each providing social and crafting activities for a maximum of eight people experiencing early-stage dementia. The groups are based at venues in Coleraine (two groups), Ballycastle, Ballymoney, Limavady and Portrush.

The location of the groups is not set in stone, but can be changed according to demand. For instance, during the year a group was set up in Garvagh which proved to be unviable and had to be abandoned, with clients joining other groups instead. It was also hoped to be able to set up a group based in Bushmills, but demand was insufficient to justify it. On the other hand, in May 2023 we will be opening a second group in Ballymoney, bringing the total number to seven.

One problem with trying to provide this service in a mainly rural area with such a widely dispersed population is distance from the various venues. Clients are picked up at their homes in a minibus, so by necessity must live within a reasonable distance from a venue, otherwise they would spend more time in journeys to and from the event than they do taking part in activities.

A possible way to approach this might be for more geographically isolated people who cannot access group activities to be offered one-to-one visits in their own homes. However, this would mean attracting both extra funding and more staff.

Now that we are fully staffed, our current one-to-one service has been expanded over the year for clients who cannot attend groups, either due to a deterioration in their condition or another reason. Twenty clients have visits each week, and are offered various activities or, if they prefer, just a friendly ear to listen to their reminiscences.

## ADVOCACY AND INFORMATION SERVICE

Requests for advice and for assistance in accessing benefits continued to be received on a regular basis. Staff endeavour to provide assistance, even if this only amounts to providing a signposting service to other organisations.

Efforts to reactivate our advocacy group has so far met with no success, but the Trustees still hope to encourage others to take on the work.

## ACTIVE AGE PROGRAMME

The Active Age programme has always been designed to promote active and healthy aging, stimulating both body and mind, planned by older people themselves. However, financial restraints mean that we are only able to promote self-financing activities. Over the year under review staff have been fully involved with dementia support work, so little time has been available to consider resuscitating our pre-Covid programme.

One project has been launched with great success. A monthly lunch club, with seed funding from WH&SC Trust but intended soon to be self-financing, has been launched with the cooperation of a cafe in Limavady, and negotiations are currently under way with a business in Coleraine for the idea to be replicated there.

## **FUNDRAISING**

Over the years, fundraising events have raised both money and the public's knowledge of the charity and its services. During 2022-2023, for various reasons, it proved impossible to arrange our usual events (backpacks and collections at supermarkets, street collections, table quizzes, etc), but it is hoped to do so during 2023-2024.

## AGE CONCERN SHOP

The shop is an important source of funds for the charity. In common with many other charities, we have found it difficult to attract volunteers and there is often just one person on the till where ideally we would like there to be two, if only for company during quiet periods. The volunteers we do have do a tremendous job, and the Trustees appreciate the time and effort they put in to their work on the charity's behalf.

The Trustees would like to express their thanks to all those who support Age Concern Causeway as customers of, or donors to the shop, and often both!

## **PARTNERSHIPS**

Age Concern Causeway has links with the following organizations.

Public Bodies: Causeway Coast and Glens BC; Community Mental Health Team for Older People; Community Access Support Worker; Community Navigator; Dementia Navigator; GP Multi-Disciplinary Teams Social Workers; GP Multi-Disciplinary Teams, Mental Health Teams; Hospital Social Workers; NHSCT (Contracts); NI Housing Executive; Road Service.

Voluntary and Community Organisations: Alzheimer's Society; BRAKE; Causeway Rural and Urban Network; Causeway Volunteer Centre; COAST; Community Advice Causeway; Community Development Health Network; Connected (Causeway Loneliness Network); Dementia NI: Limavady Community Development Initiative; Linking Generations NI; Oasis; Spring Social Prescribing; SVP Coleraine/Portrush; The Olive Branch; Watt Fun Community Playgroup.

Businesses: Abbeyfield House Ballycastle; Asda; CPS Handy Park; Habinteg; Henderson Group; Kenny's Spar Garvagh; Local Pharmacies; Local Veterinary Practices; Savers; Spar Kilrea; Rotherday Court Coleraine; Tesco; Tullaghmurry Fold Portstewart.

## **FUNDING AND DONATIONS**

Our major funder since 2020 has been the National Lottery Community Fund, and their representatives have been extremely supportive to us in our struggles to cope with the impact of the pandemic on the development of the dementia support project. Unfortunately, that funding will come to an end before the end of 2023, and the Trustees will be working hard to find further funding so that this important work can continue.

We have also received smaller grants during the year under review from the following:

Causeway Coast and Glens Borough Council  
Causeway Rural and Urban Network  
Community Foundation NI  
NH&SC Trust  
NRPB Culture, Arts and Heritage  
The Honorable the Irish Society  
WH&SC Trust

We were also fortunate enough to receive various unsolicited donations from individuals, as well as from collection boxes in local shops. In particular we would like to thank North Antrim Vintage Club for their generous donation.

## **THANKS**

Our work can only continue with the financial support of our funders, and we are grateful to all of them, be their contributions large or small.

Our volunteers are absolutely essential to ACC. It is no exaggeration to say that nothing would happen without them, and they can be assured that the Trustees fully appreciate all they do. To those who left during the year we would like to extend our thanks for their contributions while they were with us. It has proved hard to replace those no longer with us, and we would encourage anyone who has a few hours to spare to support our work to contact us: we can always find a niche for someone who wants to help.

Finally, but far from least, thanks to our staff. There have been many changes during the year, and they have responded to every challenge with enthusiasm and always with the good of the charity and a wish to support our clients in mind. With a full complement of staff, we are sure their committed contribution to the charity means that we can look forward to a bright future.

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#### **BOARD OF TRUSTEES, 2022-2023**

Chair	Cllr William McCandless
Secretary	Mrs Morag Stark
Trustees	Ms Samantha Boswell (resigned during the year) Mrs Thelma Dillon Mr Tony Hegarty (co-opted) Mrs Mary McNichol (resigned during the year) Mrs Ann McNickle Ms Lydia Watton

Financial Adviser: Mrs Olive Wallace



Secretary  
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# Annual return

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## **Independent examiner's report to the charity trustees of Age Concern Causeway**

I report on the accounts of Age Concern Causeway for the year ended 31st March 2023

### Respective responsibilities of charity trustees and examiner

As the charity's trustees you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the

It is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under section 65 of the Charities Act
- follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Commission under section 65(9)(b) of the Charities Act
- state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

### Basis of independent examiner's report

I have examined your charity accounts as required under section 65 of the Charities Act and my examination was carried out in accordance with the general Directions given by the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland under section 65(9)(b) of the Charities Act.

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

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