

Carrickfergus Gateway Trust

Trustees' Annual report and Statement of Receipts and Payments and Assets and Liabilities

For the year ended 31 March 2023

Charities Number: NIC106121

Carrickfergus Gateway Trust
Annual report and financial statements for the year ended 31 March 2023

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Carrickfergus Gateway Trust
Year ended 31 March 2023

References and administrative details

Charity Name:	Carrickfergus Gateway Trust (also known as Harbour Faith Community)
Charity Registration Number:	NIC106121
Contact Address:	8a Governors Place Carrickfergus BT38 7BN

Trustees

Mr John Glass (appointed 22 September 2022)
Mr Bill Lockhart (appointed 19 July 2023)
Ms Lucy Ford (appointed 19 July 2023)
Mr Ivor Mitchell (appointed 19 July 2023)
Miss Elaine Shanks
Mr Robert Crowe (resigned 22 September 2022)
Mr Peter Johnston (resigned 22 September 2022)
Mr William Sproule (resigned 19 July 2023)
Ms Andrea McNaghten-Quinn (resigned 16 February 2022).

Principal Office-bearers

Minister:	Steve Ames
Acting Chair of Trustees:	John Glass
Administrator:	Michael McCann

Independent Examiner

CG Taggart Accountancy Services
Chartered Accountants and Registered Auditor
17 Cypress Crescent
Donaghadee
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Bankers

Danske Bank
Business Banking
P.O. Box 183
Donegall Square West
Belfast
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Carrickfergus Gateway Trust
Trustees' Annual Report for the year ended 31 March 2023

The trustees present the annual report and statements of Receipts and Payments and Assets and Liabilities for Carrickfergus Gateway Trust for the year ended 31 March 2023.

Objectives and Activities

The charity's purposes ('the purposes') are to express and promote the precepts of the Christian faith through engagement with the general public and in particular with the disadvantaged, the sick, the elderly and the young by: nurturing the spiritual development of members by holding meetings for corporate worship, providing information regarding spiritual beliefs and the activities of the organisation to members and the general public, providing pastoral care to members to nurture their spiritual development, undertaking religious ceremonies such as baptisms, weddings and funerals and undertaking other activities consistent with the above.

Achievements, Performance & Public Benefit

Carrickfergus Gateway Trust, through Harbour Faith Community, utilises its Church Building to provide weekly services of public worship, open to all, which contribute to spiritual well-being of participants and the reinforcement of Christian values. Through the minister, and those who assist him, the church provides pastoral care to any who request it and undertakes religious ceremonies such as weddings and funerals. In cooperation with the other churches in the town of Carrickfergus there are a number of joint events each year for the whole community and for all ages. Its buildings are used by other community and church organisations to benefit the people of Carrickfergus.

These activities implement our charitable purposes and provide public benefit.

Financial Review

The trust is in a secure financial position at 31 March 2023 with an in year surplus and reasonable reserves to meet unforeseen liabilities. Our goal is to maintain reserves of at least 2 months expenditure which we almost have at the year end. At 31 March 2023 unrestricted cash funds amounted to a surplus of £13993 (31 March 2022 - £10356) and Restricted cash funds amounted to a surplus of £145 (31 March 2022 – a surplus of £145).

Going Concern

Our income and costs should be able to be maintained at or below current levels. Additional funds for capital costs will be able to be raised separately. In the light of this the trustees have reviewed the budgets for the year ahead and are satisfied that there are adequate funds in place to ensure that the Trust can continue its activities for a period of at least 12 months from the date of approval and the financial statements for the year ended 31 March 2023 can be signed off as a going concern.

Structure, Governance and Management

Governing Document and Constitution of the Charity

The trust operates under a Trust Deed dated 21 March 2016 which superseded previous documents.

Recruitment and Appointment of Trustees

Trustees are appointed by invitation and agreement of the existing Trustees based upon the skills and experience that they can contribute to board. There are a minimum of 3 Trustees.

Meetings of the trustees are held at least twice a year.

Pay and remuneration

The minister works on a part-time basis and his salary is based upon a 2/3rds working week.

Organisational Structure

The trustees, while responsible for the overall management of the church, delegate the day to day management to the minister and the administrator.

Compliance with Public Benefit

The Trust has given careful consideration to the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland's guidance on public benefit to ensure that the activities entered into during the year have helped to achieve the church's purpose and objectives, as well as providing public benefit.

Statement of Trustees' Responsibilities

The trustees are responsible for preparing the Trustees' Report and the statement of receipts and payments and statement of assets and liabilities in accordance with applicable law and regulations.

The law applicable to charities in Northern Ireland with Income of less than £250,000 requires the trustees to prepare a statement of receipts and payments and a statement of assets and liabilities for each financial year.

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

Signed on Behalf of the Trustees

JOHN GLASS

WILLIAM LOCKHART

Trustee 1

John P. Glass

Trustee 2

W. Lockhart

Date

3 DECEMBER 2023

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of Carrickfergus Gateway Trust

I report on the accounts of the charity for the year ended 31 March 2023 which are set out on pages 5 to 7.

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

As the charity's trustees you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the Charities Act (Northern Ireland) 2008.

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 Charity Commission for Northern Ireland under section 65(9)(b) of the Charities Act; and
- 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.

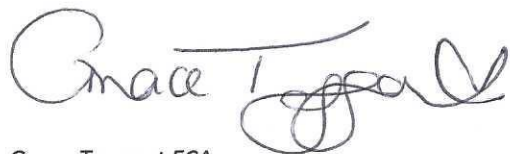
My examination included a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also included consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from you as charity trustees concerning any such matters.

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 3 December 2023

Carrickfergus Gateway Trust

Receipts and Payments Account for the year ended 31 March 2023

	Note	Unrestricted Funds 2023 £	Restricted Funds 2023 £	Total 2023 £	Total 2022 £
Receipts					
Committed Giving		22296	-	22296	19070
Occasional Giving		6249	-	6249	7107
Tax Relief on Gift-Aided donations	2	5164	-	5164	7495
Rent		4800	-	4800	4720
Council Grant		-	-	-	909
Bank Interest		6	-	6	-
Total Receipts		38515	-	38515	39301
Payments					
Premises costs		3458	-	3458	4030
Regular Meeting costs		866	-	866	1268
Promotional costs		1002	-	1002	563
Office expenses		404	-	404	391
Donations to charitable causes		1200	-	1200	1200
Insurance		883	-	883	835
Volunteer costs		-	-	-	500
Independent Examiner		150	-	150	250
Salaries		24690	-	24690	25915
Pension contributions		646	-	646	780
Pastor's mobile phone		443	-	443	590
Financial consultancy		670	-	670	1290
Sundries		159	-	159	130
Bank Fees		307	-	307	110
Total Payments		34878	-	34878	37900
Excess of Receipts over Payments for the year		3637	-	3637	1301
Opening Cash Balance		10356	145	10501	9100
Closing Cash Balance		13993	145	14138	10500

On Behalf of the Trustees

Trustee 1

John P. Glass

JOHN GLASS

Trustee 2

William Lockhart

WILLIAM LOCKHART

Date

3 DECEMBER 2023

Carrickfergus Gateway Trust
Statement of Assets and Liabilities as at 31 March 2023

	Note	Unrestricted Funds 2023 £	Restricted Funds 2023 £	Endowment Funds 2023 £	Total 2023 £	Total 2022 £
Cash Funds						
Bank Accounts		<u>13993</u>	<u>145</u>	-	<u>14138</u>	<u>10501</u>
Total Cash Funds		<u>13993</u>	<u>145</u>	-	<u>14138</u>	<u>10501</u>
Freehold Land and Buildings						
Church Building and Offices	1(b)	50000	-	-	50000	50000
West Street Shop and Offices	1(b)	<u>50000</u>	-	-	<u>50000</u>	<u>50000</u>
Total Tangible Fixed Assets		<u>100000</u>	-	-	<u>100000</u>	<u>100000</u>
Debtors	2	<u>666</u>	-	-	<u>666</u>	<u>215</u>
Creditors		<u>(1243)</u>	<u>(145)</u>	-	<u>(1388)</u>	<u>(335)</u>
Total Funds		<u>113416</u>	-	-	<u>113416</u>	<u>110381</u>

Restricted funds

There were no restricted funds at 31 March 2023 (31 March 2022 - £nil).

On Behalf of the Trustees

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Date

3 DECEMBER 2023

1. Accounting policies

Set out below are the principal accounting policies which have been adopted in the compilation of the Receipts and Payments Account and the Statement of Assets and Liabilities

(a) Receipts and Payments Account

All items of income and expenditure included within the Receipts and Payments Account have been accounted for on a cash receipts basis.

(b) Statement of Assets and Liabilities

Assets retained for the Trust's own use

The assets of the Trust, retained for its own use comprise:-

Church Building and Offices at Governors' Place, Carrickfergus, and Shop and Offices on West Street, Carrickfergus.

These are included in the accounts at a reasonable estimate of current market value.

2. Tax Relief on Gift-Aided donations

£382 of tax recoverable on unrestricted Gift-aided donations in the year to 31 March 2023 and earlier years has been claimed after the year end (Year to 31 March 2022 - £215).

3. Transactions with the Trustees

No trustee received any remuneration or reimbursement of expenses during the year.

No trustee or a person related to a trustee had any personal interest in any contract or transaction entered into by the charity during the year.