

Portadown Cares Limited
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The Trustees are pleased to present their annual directors' report together with the unaudited financial statements of the charity for the year ending 31st May 2025. This report has also been prepared to meet with the requirements for a directors report and accounts for the purposes of the Companies Act.

The Directors/ Trustees who served during the year were as follows:

Tracie Jenkinson	Scott McCann	Patrice Tifney	Kim Bailie
Kirstie Toman	Catherine McCormick	Johnathan Surgeonor	

Risk Management

The trustees actively review any major risks, which the charity faces on a regular basis and believe that maintaining reserves at current levels, combined with an annual review of the controls over key financial systems, will provide sufficient resources for the incoming year. The trustees have also examined other operational and business risks faced by the Charity and confirm that they have established systems to mitigate the most significant risks.

Overview of Portadown Cares Limited

Portadown Cares was established to promote the benefit of the inhabitants of the Portadown area and its environs (hereinafter called the 'area of benefit') by relieving poverty, sickness, assisting the aged, and advancing education, by using the proceeds from our charity shop for the above purposes, in particular: (a) providing financial or other assistance to those in need; (b) organising and promoting educational training; (c) organising and promoting courses in life skills; (d) supporting local and charitable causes dealing with the elderly, youth and other marginalised groups; and (e) organising events to promote social integration.

The Trustees have had regard to the Northern Ireland Charity Commission's Public benefit requirements, as demonstrated through the following overview of the years activities:

This report provides an overview of the work of Portadown Cares Limited from the 1st June 2024 to 31st May 2025. This is the eighth annual report for Portadown Cares Limited.

Activities of the Charity

Portadown Cares has run a number of activities and projects during the past 12 months. The projects were designed to assist the aged, increase education, promote social integration, decrease social isolation and improve life skills and general personal confidence. We also provide necessary items such as items of furniture, bedding, clothing, fuel or food to those within the area of benefit who cannot otherwise afford them. Portadown Cares also supports local groups and clubs within the area of benefit to organise events etc. which encourage participation from within the local community, and assists them to restore confidence, friendship and support within that community.

Our annual Christmas Hamper Appeal saw 238 large basic food hampers delivered to local homes requiring assistance in the run up to Christmas, and through our association with the Cool FM "Mission Christmas" Appeal saw us being able to deliver 418 brand new toys to local children who otherwise may not have had any presents to open on Christmas morning. Portadown Cares volunteers also liaised with a local restaurant to deliver 39 hot Christmas dinners to those, for whatever reason, did not have the facilities to cook their own.

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Christmas is a time for sharing and we shared our Santa's Throne with both Ceara Special School and Oasis Youth Club, the local scout troop, various churches, local youth based groups.

We continued to liaise with local groups, providing assistance where practicable and further cementing links, friendships and partnerships throughout our town. We have continued our association with sister charitable organisations; Moira Hygiene Bank provides us with hygiene products that we distribute to those who request it, this includes new mothers, the elderly, disables and our homeless population. Our association with Craigavon Area Food Bank continued to be beneficial to our fight against food poverty, we remain grateful and supportive to the Food Bank and will endeavour to promote and support this lifesaving and necessary organisation.

We continue to provide school uniforms freely on a 'leave one, take one' basis.

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Our local community hub still remains as the centre of our activities and the installation last year of the disabled bathroom facilities has made it accessible to groups that otherwise would not have been able to avail of the facility.

Our 'Book Thieves' reading group now boasts 14 active readers and continues to be a literary and community success. Meeting once a month and has forged friendships that transcend the world of books.

Our highly successful 'keep the date' event of Portadown Cares does Strictly Come Dancing was once again the highlight of the year 2025, we provided a platform for thirteen local couples to fundraise for a charity, club, association or cause close to their heart. This immensely successful event achieved the highest fundraising total to date, over £54k was raised over the two-night event. This is testament to the dedication and phenomenal support this annual event generates, indeed Strictly 2026 is in the advanced planning stages. Over the nine years of producing and hosting the competition Portadown Cares has helped to raise in excess of £350k for over 70 worthy and well deserving charities.

Achievements, Performance & Public Benefit

Portadown Cares ran a number and variety of projects and events throughout the year based on need and topical issues within the community. Events have included furniture upcycling courses, dance classes, pottery classes, first aid training, alcohol and drug awareness courses, health and wellbeing classes, computer introductory classes for the elderly. We build our courses around the local community and their needs at each specific time, and plan these courses and events in conjunction and consultation with other local community and residents groups.

The activities outlined above demonstrate how Portadown Cares continues to implement its charitable purposes, and meets the Public Benefit requirement.

Benefit to members of the public include:

- Contributing to the personal development of participants
- Contributing to the education and empowerment of participants

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- Enhancing participation within the local community
- Encouragement to join in with other local groups

We expect the workings of our activities to develop stronger, safer and more united communities, and the risk of potential harm has been mitigated by observance of good practice.

Portadown Cares has given careful consideration to CCNI guidance on public benefit (PBR1) to ensure that the activities entered into during the year have helped to achieve Portadown Cares purpose as well as providing public benefit.

Financial Overview:

The principal source of income for Portadown Cares is the sale of donated items of furniture, clothing and bric-a-brac from our shop in the High Street Mall, Portadown. The principal expenses have been the purchase of equipment and event costs.

Total Incoming Resources	£116,756	(2024; £92,365)
Total Resources Expended	£112,962	(2024; £101,047)
Surplus/ (Deficit) for year	£3,794	(2024; £(8,682))

No funds held by the charity were in deficit either during the year or at the year end.

Structure, Governance & Management

Going Concern - The Trustees have reviewed its planned expenditure for the year ahead and are satisfied that there are adequate funds in place to ensure that the Charity can continue its activities and the financial statements for the year ending 31st May 2025 can be signed off as a going concern.

Governing Document - The charity is regulated by the Charities Act 2008 and the Constitution and Rules of the charity adopted on 22nd October 2014.

Recruitment & Appointment of Trustees - Membership of Portadown Cares shall be open to anyone aged 18 or over in the area of benefit who supports the objects of Portadown Cares and whose applications for membership are accepted by the committee. Members shall be called full members and are entitled to vote at meetings, and are eligible to be nominated for election to the Committee.

Anyone who in the opinion of the Committee have special knowledge or experience to offer shall be called Associate Members but do not have the right to vote at meetings. The Committee elected at an Annual General Meeting shall have the power to co-opt further members to fill any casual vacancy arising on the Committee or to enlist Committee members with a particular skill set.

Organisational Structure - The management committee is the governing body of Portadown Cares, and consists of all the appointed trustees of the charity. Under the rules of the charity the trustees must number at least 5. At the Annual General Meeting held on Wednesday 21st May 2025, all trustees stood for election and were elected unopposed.

8 Committee meetings were held during the year as well as almost daily contact on a private social media page where committee matters can be discussed in privacy by the trustees. At each meeting financial matters are discussed, reviewed and planned, and budget forecasts are made on a

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conservative estimate of potential income and costs to ensure financial viability. The accounts are presented annually to the membership for discussion and approval following independent inspection.

Registration Details:

Registered Northern Ireland Charity No: NIC106556

Registered Limited Company No: NI640450

Company Law requires the Trustees/ Directors to prepare the financial statements for each financial year. The Trustees/ Directors have taken the decision to prepare the financial statements in accordance with UK GAAP (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice). According to Company Law, these accounts must not be approved by the Trustees/ Directors unless they are satisfied that these accounts give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the company and its income and expenditure.

In preparing these financial statements the trustees are required to:



- Select suitable accounting policies and apply them consistently
- Observe the methods and principles in the Charities SORP
- Make judgements and accounting estimates that are reasonable and prudent
- State whether applicable UK Accounting Standards have been followed, subject to any material departures
- Prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charitable company will continue in operation.

The Trustees are responsible for keeping adequate records that are sufficient to show and explain the charitable company's transactions and disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charitable company and enabled them to ensure that the financial statements company 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 preventions and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

Small Company Provisions

This report has been prepared in accordance with the provisions applicable to companies entitled to the small companies exemption.

This report was approved by the Board of Trustees on 28th February 2026, and signed on its behalf by:

 _____ Mrs Tracie Jenkinson Director	 _____ Mrs Patrice Tifney Director
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