

Greyabbey & District Community Association

Northern Ireland · Charity number 107114

Details

Status	Received
Registered	2018-09-28
Register	View on the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland register

Contact

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Activities

Purposes: The advancement of citizenship and community development to inspire civic values and encourage voluntary and community activity in areas of health, education, the arts, sports and recreation and culture and heritage. To develop and implement programmes concerned with promoting community cohesion through physical, social and economic improvements to the appearance of the area of benefit and impacting on the quality of life of residents.

What the charity does: The advancement of citizenship or community development

How the charity works: Community development,Cultural,Economic development,Environment/sustainable development/conservation,Heritage/historical,Rural development,Volunteer development

Who the charity helps: General public,Interface communities,Mental health,Older people,Voluntary and community sector,Volunteers

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2024-12-31	£18,013	£15,477	£0	0

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Mr Frederick Wray		
Mr Stephen Newell		
Mrs Janet Hamilton		

Accounts

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Receipts and payments accounts

For the period from	01/01/2024	To	31/12/2024	
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Section A Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Endowment funds	Total funds	Last year
	to the nearest £	to the nearest £	to the nearest £	to the nearest £	to the nearest £
A1 Receipts					
Council Funding	1,720	-	-	1,720	
Donations	4,958	-	-	4,958	
Fund Raising	10,722	613	-	11,335	
Gift	-	-	-	-	
Concert	-	-	-	-	
others	-	-	-	-	23,867
	-	-	-	-	-
A1 Sub total (Gross income for the Annual Return)	17,400	613	-	18,013	23,867
A2 Asset and investment sales (see tables 1 and 2 in section 7 of the guidance).					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
A2 Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	17,400	613	-	18,013	23,867
A3 Payments					
Fundraising Activities	1,555	-	-	1,555	
Insurances	339	-	-	339	
Voucher Scheme	350	-	-	350	
Bank Charges	71	-	-	71	
Events	2,168	-	-	2,168	
Projects	10,592	-	-	10,592	
Newsletters	129	-	-	129	
Sundries	272	-	-	272	
	-	-	-	-	21,088
A3 Sub total	15,476	-	-	15,476	21,088
A4 Asset and investment purchases (see tables 1 and 2 in section 7 of the guidance)					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
A4 Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total payments	15,476	-	-	15,476	21,088
Net of receipts/(payments)	1,924	613	-	2,537	2,779
A5 Transfers between funds					
	-	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	22,978	-	-	22,978	20,199
Cash funds this year end	24,902	613	-	25,515	22,978

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Section B Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the period

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £	Total funds to nearest £	Last year to nearest £
B1 Cash funds	Ulster Bank	21,278	-	-	21,278	20,199
	HED Balance	-	1,701	-	1,701	-
		-	-	-	-	-
	Total cash funds	21,278	1,701	-	22,978	20,199
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	OK	OK	OK	OK	OK
B2 Other monetary assets	Details					
		-	-	-	-	-
		-	-	-	-	-
		-	-	-	-	-
		-	-	-	-	-
		-	-	-	-	-
B3 Investment assets	Details		Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)	Last year
			-	-	-	
			-	-	-	
			-	-	-	
			-	-	-	
B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use	Details		Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)	Last year
			-	-	-	
			-	-	-	
			-	-	-	
			-	-	-	
			-	-	-	
			-	-	-	
B5 Liabilities	Details		Fund to which liability relates	When due (optional)	Amount due (optional)	Last year
			-	-	-	
			-	-	-	
			-	-	-	
			-	-	-	
Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees		Signature	Print Name	Date of approval		
			S Newell			

Greyabbey & District Community Association

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Annual report



ANNUAL REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES

Greyabbey & District Community Association

For the period 1st January 2023 to 31st December 2023

Registered charity number NI107114

Greyabbey & District Community Association
Trustees Report

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES

Greyabbey & District Community Association

Charity Trustees

Fred Wray

Janet Hamilton

Stephen Newell

Trustees are appointed or re-appointed at the AGM

Postal Address

11 Watermeade Crescent, Greyabbey, BT22 2XB

The Charity's governing document is the Constitution as amended on 19th June 2017

The objects of the charity are as set out in the governing document, namely:

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To develop and implement programmes concerned with promoting community cohesion through physical, social and economic improvements to the appearance of the area of benefit and impacting on the quality of life of residents.

The trustees are grateful for the many hours our member volunteers gave to the charity over the past year. Without their time, energy and expertise we could not have achieved so much.

Review of Activities

We continued to hold monthly face to face meetings throughout the year

Our Friends of the Abbey group continued their fund-raising activities and we saw a return to the numbers we experienced pre- covid. Coach tours restarted during the year bringing in around 40% of our visitors. In total we welcomed some 9800 visitors to the Abbey.

Our Trusted Partner agreement with the Dept for Communities in late 2022, which gives us more autonomy at the Abbey meant we could recruit more volunteers to assist.

Our volunteers continued their work on the Abbey Physic Garden and surrounds most weekends and this gave everyone concerned a valuable outlet as well as keeping the gardens in tip top condition. This year we upgraded the paths in the Physic Garden.

As well as providing planters and floral displays in Main Street, we ran competitions for the best Hanging Basket and Window Box floral displays again and we were rewarded by an increase in the number of entries. The winners were rewarded with vouchers which could be redeemed in any of the village shops.

Our first major event was in May 2023 to celebrate the coronation of King Charles. We held a weekend of festivities including a Village Lunch and a Firework Display held on Church Hill in the Rosemount Estate (by kind permission of the Montgomery family).

Also, in May we organised the annual Bluebell Walk though Rosemount Estate. This walk raised funds for repairs to the Bell Tower at St Saviour's church.

In June we commenced the first of our 'Have A Go' events with yoga classes on four mornings in the Abbey grounds. This was followed later in the year by Water Painting & Block Printing classes. We rounded off in October with six 'learn how to crochet' classes. All the classes were open to village residents and all were over-subscribed, so they can be counted as a great success.

In June we also had a Wild Flower event on North Street, where the Council has set aside a strip of land to allow it to be used as a wild flower meadow. As well as a talk on the subject we also had drawing and art lessons for those interested.

In July we organised a Summer Concert at St Saviours church in memory of our late colleague Michele Strong. Many of her friends from the Ulster Orchestra gave up of their time one beautiful Saturday evening to remember her in music. As she also had been a bell ringer in the church it was agreed all proceeds would go towards the cost of repairs to the bell tower.

Our Christmas Event in 2023 was unfortunately badly affected by adverse weather conditions meaning we had to slightly curtailed some of the evening events. Nevertheless, we were able to have our traditional Christmas Lunch for senior citizens of the village, cooked by the crew at Trinity Church and served by our members. After the lunch entertainment was provided by local artists.

For the evening event the weather meant Santa had to be indoors but he still brought presents for every child in the village. The Salvation Army provided music for the Xmas tree switch on. The event ended with an indoor craft market held at the Primary School.

Throughout the year, we kept everyone updated on Community Association events by way of our Newsletter – with every house in the village getting a copy four times a year.

To our great surprise we learned in November that we were being presented with the Kings Award for Voluntary Service. The citation reads:

For breathing life into the Abbey and boosting the village.

This honour would not have been achieved without the hard work and dedication of all our volunteers past and present, and the trustees acknowledged this at the subsequent presentation

Financial Review

During the year we had an income of £23,868 and expenses of £21,088 giving us a surplus of c.£2,780

As with previous years, the main source was from our Friends of the Abbey project where donations, fees, and retail sales amounted to c.£18,600. Our Summer Concert raised some £2,300 with a further £2,000 of income by way of grants.

Our expenses included upgrades to the Physic Garden, the cost of electronic whiteboards for the Primary School, and the Christmas and Coronation events. The monies we raised (£2150) from the Summer Concert went towards repairs at St Saviours Church.

Our bank balance at the year-end was £22,978.

DECLARATION

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report above

Signed on behalf of the trustees by

Stephen Newell

Trustee

Date : 19th August 2024

Greyabbey & District Community Association

Northern Ireland - Charity number 107114

Annual return



County Down Rural Community Network

**Ards & North Down Office
Ballywalter Village Hall
49-51 Main Street
Ballywalter BT22 2PQ
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GREYABBEY AND DISTRICT COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

Unqualified report for a charity that is not a company and has an income of £250,000 or less.

Independent examiner's report to the charity trustees of Greyabbey & District Community Association (GDCA).

I report on the accounts of GDCA for the year 1st January - 31st December 2023, which are set out attached.

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 Charities Act (Northern Ireland) 2008.

It is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under section 65 of the Charities Act
- follow
- 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:

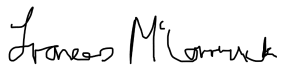
1. That accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 63 of the Charities Act
2. That the accounts do not accord with those accounting records
3. That the accounts do not comply with the accounting requirements of the Charities Act
4. That there is further information needed for a proper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

Name: Frances McCormick

Relevant body: County Down Rural Community Network

Signed: 

Dated: 19th July 2024

Accounts

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Receipts and payments accounts

For the period from	01/09/2020	To	31/08/2021	
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Section A Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds to the nearest £	Restricted funds to the nearest £	Endowment funds to the nearest £	Total funds to the nearest £	Last year to the nearest £
A1 Receipts					
Donations	-	-	-	-	1,437
Grants	-	-	-	-	3,756
Fundraising Activities	-	-	-	-	2,535
Charitable Trading Receipts	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
A1 Sub total (Gross income for the Annual Return)	-	-	-	-	7,728
A2 Asset and investment sales (see tables 1 and 2 in section 7 of the guidance).					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
A2 Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	-	-	-	-	7,728
A3 Payments					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
A3 Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
A4 Asset and investment purchases (see tables 1 and 2 in section 7 of the guidance)					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
A4 Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total payments	-	-	-	-	-
Net of receipts/(payments)	-	-	-	-	7,728
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	-	-	-	Funds error	-
Cash funds this year end	-	-	-	Funds error	7,728

Section B Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the period

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £	Total funds to nearest £	Last year to nearest £
B1 Cash funds		-	-	-	-	-
		-	-	-	-	-
		-	-	-	-	-
	Total cash funds	-	-	-	-	-
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	OK	OK	OK	Funds error	Funds error

Make sure that Cash Balances match the Cash Funds in Section A

	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £	Total funds to nearest £	Last year to nearest £
B2 Other monetary assets		-	-	-	-	-
		-	-	-	-	-
		-	-	-	-	-
		-	-	-	-	-
		-	-	-	-	-
				Total	-	-

	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)	Last year
B3 Investment assets			-	-	-
			-	-	-
			-	-	-
			-	-	-
		Total	-	-	-

	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)	Last year
B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use			-	-	-
			-	-	-
			-	-	-
			-	-	-
			-	-	-
			-	-	-
			-	-	-
		Total	-	-	-

	Details	Fund to which liability relates	When due (optional)	Amount due (optional)	Last year
B5 Liabilities				-	-
				-	-
				-	-
				-	-
				-	-
			Total	-	-

Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees

Signature

Print Name

Date of approval

Greyabbey & District Community Association

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Greyabbey & District Community Association
Trustees Report

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Charity Trustees

**Michele Strong - Secretary later replaced by Fred Wray
Janet Hamilton
Stephen Newell**

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The trustees are grateful for the many hours our member volunteers gave to the charity over the past year. Without their time, energy and expertise we could not have achieved so much, especially in another difficult year. We would especially thank members who provided a delivery service for food and medicines to those residents who had to isolate during the lockdowns.

During the period covered by this report we sadly must report the passing of two of our volunteers, including one of our trustees – Michele Strong. Both are greatly missed.

**Greyabbey & District Community Association
Trustees Report**

Review of Activities

As with the previous year, the pandemic affected some of our work and events. Nevertheless, we continued to hold monthly meetings using Zoom during the early part of this report with face-to-face meetings resuming in mid-2022.

Our Friends of the Abbey group continued their fund-raising activities and we saw a return to the numbers we experienced pre- covid. Coach tours restarted during the year bringing in around 30% of our visitors.

We signed a Trusted Partner agreement with the HED of the Dept for Communities in late 2022, which gives us more autonomy at the Abbey and we were subsequently able to commence recruitment of more volunteers to assist.

Our Gardening Club continued their work on the Abbey Physic Garden and surrounds most weekends and gave everyone concerned a valuable outlet as well as keeping the gardens in tip top condition.

As well as providing planters and floral displays in Main Street, we ran competitions for the best Hanging Basket and Window Box floral displays again and we were rewarded by an increase in the number of entries. The winners were rewarded with vouchers which could be redeemed in any of the village shops.

In November 2021 we organised the starting of planting of a Community Orchard, on land provided by the council adjacent to the Village Hall. In total with the help of pupils from the primary school, we planted 50 mixed fruit trees.

Our Christmas Event in 2021 was slightly curtailed due the problems caused by the pandemic, nevertheless we were able to run a slightly truncated celebration with Santa arriving in a vintage car and distributing presents to every child.

In March 2022 we assisted with the distribution of 900 potato grow bags to 9 villages on the Peninsula. Each village including our own rec'd 100 bags, 100 bags of compost and 300 seed potatoes with detailed instructions on how to grow 'spuds'.

Also in March 2022, we facilitated the setting up of a Friendship Group, after requests from several villagers who felt that the lockdowns had left many feeling isolated. The group meets monthly for light refreshments, conversation and to play board games.

In April 2022 we organised an Easter Egg hunt at the Abbey over the course of 2 days when over 100 chocolate Easter Eggs were given away to participants.

On June 5th we organised a Village Picnic to celebrate the Queen's Diamond Jubilee. Over the course of the afternoon, we had over 400 villagers entertained with music, games, and street performers – a fantastic response from everyone.

As with Summer 2021 we again ran the In Bloom competition with more entries than ever before and some well-deserved winners.

Christmas 2022 saw us return to a more normal (pre-covid) event with a lunch for seniors served by our volunteers, followed by music and a sing-a-long. In the evening children from the village and surrounds took part in a Xmas Trail along Main Street to the Christmas Tree. After the Christmas Tree switch on, Santa distributed presents to all those taking part, before everyone moved on to our Christmas Craft Market held at the Primary School. The CA provided free hot dogs etc and warm drinks to everyone on a cold December evening.

Financial Review

During the year (16 months) we had an income of £16,374 and expenses of £12,734, giving us a surplus of c.£3,640

As with previous years the main source was from our Friends of the Abbey project where donations received amounted to £7400. A further £969 of income was by way of grants.

Our expenses included £2,290 for the two Christmas events, with a further £3,127 for our planting schemes and c£2,130 for the Jubilee Picnic

Our bank balance at the year-end was £20,199.

DECLARATION

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report above

Signed on behalf of the trustees by

Stephen Newell
Trustee

Date : 7th August 2023

Greyabbey & District Community Association
Trustees Report

Greyabbey & District Community Association

Northern Ireland - Charity number 107114

Annual return



**County Down
Rural Community
Network**

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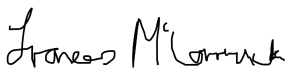
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I have completed my examination and have no concerns in respect of the matters (1) to (4) listed above and, in connection with following the Directions of the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland, I have found no matters that require drawing to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

Name: Frances McCormick

Relevant body: County Down Rural Community Network

Address: 43-45 Frances Street, Newtownards BT23 7DX

Signed: 

Dated: 4th August 2023