

North Down & Ards Down's Syndrome Support Group

Northern Ireland · Charity number 107166

Details

Status	Received
Registered	2019-02-21
Register	View on the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland register

Contact

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Activities

Purposes: The purposes of the Charity are to relieve the needs of persons affected by Down's syndrome in any charitable way but in particular by: - Establishing and providing services in the Ards and North Down area to encourage people with Down's syndrome to achieve their full potential. - Promoting the integration of people with Down's syndrome into their communities. - Providing support and assistance to parents of children with Down's syndrome regardless of distinction. - Providing appropriate support and information to new parents of babies with Down's syndrome.

What the charity does: 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,Disability,Education/training,Human rights/equality

Who the charity helps: Carers,Children (5-13 year olds),Learning disabilities,Parents,Physical disabilities,Sensory disabilities,Youth (14-25 year olds)

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2026-02-01	£15,906	£4,965	£0	0
2025-02-01	£2,241	£7,426	£0	0

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Andrea Mcroberts		
Michaela Burnside		
Mrs Gillian Gedge-Duffy		
Mrs Janis Irving-Proctor		

Accounts

NORTH DOWN AND ARDS DOWNS SYNDROME SUPPORT GROUP ACCOUNTS

Feb 2025 - January 2026

£

2024/2025

£

INCOME

INCOME FROM FUNDRAISING/DONATIONS £ 12,428.96
 DRAMA/YOGA FEES £ 152.00
 PANTO PAYMENTS £ 652.00
 MAS WREATH MAKING EVENING £ 180.00
 BENEVOLENCE £ 2,492.78

INCOME FROM FUNDRAISING/DONATIONS £ 1,526.49
 DRAMA/YOGA FEES £ 294.94
 PANTO PAYMENTS £ 420.00
 TOTAL INCOME £ 2,241.43

EXPENDITURE

HALL HIRE £ 510.08
 DRAMA PAYMENT £ 1,360.00
 GROUP ACTIVITIES £ 225.00
 YOGA PAYMENTS £ 1,800.44
 XMAS PARTY £ 945.00
 DSA INSURANCE £ 25.00
 FLOWERS FOR MEMBERS £ 100.00

HALL HIRE £ 649.95
 DRAMA PAYMENT £ 1,080.00
 GROUP ACTIVITIES £ 627.00
 YOGA PAYMENTS £ 990.00
 XMAS PARTY £ 876.88
 DSA INSURANCE £ 25.00
 GOH PANTO £ 2,532.00
 FLOWERS FOR MEMBERS £ 100.00
 SUMMER PARTY £ 463.32
 ACCOUNTANT FEES £ 81.60

TOTAL EXPENDITURE

£ 4,965.52

DEFICIT

£ 7,425.75

OPENING BANK BALANCE

£ 1,774.79

£ 5,184.32

CLOSING BANK BALANCE

£ 12,715.01

£ 6,959.11

AGREES TO SURPLUS ABOVE

£ 10,940.22

£ 1,774.79

AGREES TO DEFICIT ABOVE

£ 10,940.22

£ 5,184.32

SIGNED BY TREASURER:

SIGNED BY CHAIRPERSON:

SIGNED BY INDEPENDENT EXAMINER:

Gerry O'Boyle

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NORTH DOWN AND ARDS DOWNS SYNDROME SUPPORT GROUP INCOME AND EXPENDITURE

2024/2025

£

*Feb/ JAN
2024 2025*

INCOME	
INCOME FROM FUNDRAISING/DONATIONS	£1,526.49
DRAWN/YOGA FEES	£294.94
PANTO PAYMENTS	£420.00

TOTAL INCOME £2,241.43

EXPENDITURE	
HALL HIRE	£649.95
DRAMA PAYMENT	£1,080.00
GROUP ACTIVITIES	£627.00
YOGA PAYMENTS	£990.00
XMAS PARTY	£876.88
DSA INSURANCE	£25.00
GOH PANTO	£2,532.00
FLOWERS FOR MEMBERS	£100.00
SUMMER PARTY	£463.32
ACCOUNTANT FEES	£81.60

TOTAL EXPENDITURE £7,425.75

DEFICIT	£5,184.32
OPENING BANK BALANCE	£6,959.11
CLOSING BANK BALANCE	£1,774.79

AGREES TO DEFICIT ABOVE £5,184.32

SIGNED BY TREASURER: *Gerry Boyle*
SIGNED BY CHAIRPERSON: *[Signature]*
SIGNED BY INDEPENDENT EXAMINER: *[Signature]*

ACCOUNTS CHECKED WITH
BANK STATEMENT TO 31 JAN 2025

21/11/2025

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2023/2024

£

INCOME	
INCOME FROM FUNDRAISING	£6,480.48
GIFT AID	£493.75
OTHER INCOME	£156.00

TOTAL INCOME £7,130.23

EXPENDITURE	
HALL HIRE	£899.27
DRAMA PAYMENT	£930.00
GROUP ACTIVITIES	£200.00
YOGA PAYMENTS	£990.00
ARK FARM SUMMER OUTING	£527.00
BOWLING OLDER GROUP	£156.00
GOH PANTO	£1,946.75
FLOWERS FOR MEMBERS	£50.00
XMAS PARTY	£873.10

TOTAL EXPENDITURE £6,572.02

SURPLUS	£558.21
OPENING BANK BALANCE	£6,400.90
CLOSING BANK BALANCE	£6,959.11

AGREES TO SURPLUS ABOVE £558.21

SIGNED BY TREASURER: *Gerry Boyle*
SIGNED BY CHAIRPERSON: *[Signature]*
SIGNED BY INDEPENDENT EXAMINER: *[Signature]*

Gerry O'Boyle

Accounts

NORTH DOWN AND ARDS DOWNS SYNDROME SUPPORT GROUP
INCOME AND EXPENDITURE

2023/2024

£

INCOME
INCOME FROM FUNDRAISING £6,480.48
GIFT AID £493.75
OTHER INCOME £156.00

TOTAL INCOME

£7,130.23

EXPENDITURE
HALL HIRE £899.17
DRAMA PAYMENT £930.00
GROUP ACTIVITIES £200.00
YOGA PAYMENTS £990.00
ARK FARM SUMMER OUTING £527.00
BOWLING OLDER GROUP £156.00
GOH PANTO £1,946.75
FLOWERS FOR MEMBERS £50.00
XMAS PARTY £873.10

TOTAL EXPENDITURE

£6,572.02

SURPLUS

£558.21

OPENING BANK BALANCE
CLOSING BANK BALANCE

£6,400.90
£6,959.11

AGREES TO SURPLUS ABOVE

£558.21

SIGNED BY TREASURER:

SIGNED BY CHAIRPERSON:

SIGNED BY INDEPENDENT EXAMINER:

2022/2023

£

INCOME
INCOME FROM FUNDRAISING £2,531.70
OTHER INCOME £157.00

TOTAL INCOME

£2,688.70

EXPENDITURE
DRAMA PAYMENTS £3,075.00
HALL HIRE £1,164.54
BLAIR MAYNE £232.00
GROUP ACTIVITIES £200.00
XMAS PARTY £925.76
GOH PANTO £2,128.00
DSA FEE £20.00
YOGA FEES £955.00

TOTAL EXPENDITURE

£8,700.30

DEFICIT

£6,011.60

OPENING BANK BALANCE
CLOSING BANK BALANCE

£12,412.50
£6,400.90

AGREES TO DEFICIT ABOVE

£6,011.60

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Director

North Down & Ards Down's Syndrome Support Group

Northern Ireland - Charity number 107166

Annual report

North Down and Ards Downs Syndrome Support Group NIC number 107166

TRUSTEES REPORT

For the financial year ended 1st February 2024

The Trustees present their Trustees report and unaudited financial statements for the year ended 1st February 2024.

Mission, objectives and strategy

Mission statement:

Relieve the needs of persons affected by Down's syndrome in any charitable way but in particular by:

Providing services in the Ards and North Down area to encourage people with Down's syndrome to achieve their full potential.

- Promoting the integration of people with Down's syndrome into their communities.
- Providing support and assistance to parents of children with Down's syndrome regardless of distinction.
- Providing appropriate support and information to new parents of babies with Down's syndrome.

Objectives

The nurturing and development of social skills, friendships with peers, and increased confidence so that people with Down's Syndrome feel less isolated and can provide the maximum contribution to society.

They also include a greater understanding of what Down's Syndrome is, how people with Down's Syndrome can be supported to achieve their potential and how they can be accepted into and contribute to everyday society.

The creation of a network of people with experience of bringing up children with Down's Syndrome that can share advice with parents with younger children and babies with Down's Syndrome.

Structure, governance and management.

The trustees who served during the year are as follows:

Michaela Burnside

Andrea McRoberts

Gillian Gedge-Duffy

During the year the group met regularly, and minutes of these meetings were kept. All cheques are signed by two trustees for accountability.

Review of activities, achievements and performance

During the year the group continued to provide weekly Drama and Yoga groups for members of all ages. In addition to this we held regular sessions with "messy mornings" and squiggles and giggles" for babies, toddlers and their parents/ carers.

We also held a summer outing for all members/ families and a Christmas party as well as a trip to the Grand Opera house for children and young adults aged over 10 and their parents/ carers.

We held one substantial fundraising event which was a bucket collection in Bloomfields shopping centre. There were also substantial donations from new members families and fundraising undertaken by their relatives which generated sufficient income to fund all activities undertaken.

Financial review

See report on income and expenditure.

Results and dividends

At the end of the financial year the charity has assets of £6959.11 (2023 £6400) and liabilities of £00.00 (2023 £00.00), The net assets of the charity have increased by £558.21.

Reference and Administrative details

We have an elected chairperson, secretary and treasurer with designated roles within the group. We also have three trustees which all assist in the efficient running of the organisation.

Public benefit statement

The direct benefits which flow from the purpose include the nurturing and development of social skills, friendships with peers, and increased confidence in order that people with Down's Syndrome feel less isolated and can provide the maximum contribution to society. They also include a greater understanding of what Down's Syndrome is, how people with Down's Syndrome can be supported to achieve their potential and how they can be accepted into and contribute to everyday society. Other benefits are that we create of a network of people with experience of bringing up children with Down's Syndrome who can share advice with parents with younger children and babies with Down's Syndrome. This reduces isolation and enables them to make the correct choices for their child. More benefits include people being able to share knowledge about events, clubs and societies within the area. They also include social inclusion, the development of friendships and support networks, development of various skills such as social, motor skills, and life skills. These benefits are evidenced through monitoring the development and successes of our members to identify improvements in social interaction with peers, the public, educational and employment success. They are also evidenced by monitoring how our members feel they are accepted into society and comparing this with the experiences of older members. The benefits are also evidenced through our growing membership, especially those with very young children and babies. The benefits of the purpose are evidenced through seeing the friendships develop between the children and their parents. The events that we hold improve communication, gross and fine motor skills in infants and children and social skills and confidence in the older children.

The purpose does not lead to any harm.

The beneficiaries are primarily people with Down's Syndrome and their families, friends, carers and the general public. Greater social inclusion and acceptance will develop whilst encountering less barriers due to greater understanding by the public as a whole, thus providing benefit to wider society. Parents/ carers of people with Down's Syndrome who can be supported through their child's development in matters such as feeding, health, toileting and education.

There is no private benefit as a result of the purpose.

Approved by the Board of Trustees on 19/11/24 and signed on its behalf by

A handwritten signature in blue ink, reading 'Andrea McRoberts', followed by a stylized flourish.

Andrea McRoberts, trustee

North Down & Ards Down's Syndrome Support Group

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Annual return

Independent Examiner's Report to the trustees of ND & Ards Down Syndrome Support Group

I report on the Accounts of the company for the year ended **31 January 2024**, which are set on the following pages.

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

The trustees (who are the directors of the company for the purposes of company law) are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The trustees consider that an audit is not required for the year under section 65 (2) of the Charities Act (Northern Ireland) 2008 (the Charities Act) and that an independent examination is needed. The charity is required by company law to prepare accrued accounts, and I am qualified to undertake the examination by being a qualified member of CIMA.

Having satisfied myself that the charity is not subject to audit under company law and is eligible for independent examination, it is my responsibility to:

- Examine the accounts under Section 65 of the Charities Act (Northern Ireland) 2008 (the Charities Act)
- To 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
- To state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

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Basis of independent examiner's report

My examination was carried out in accordance with the general Directions given by the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts and seeking explanations from you as trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a 'true and fair view' and the report is limited to those matters set out in the next statement.

Independent examiner's statement

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention:

(1) Which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements:

- To keep accounting records in accordance with section 386 of the Companies Act 2006, and
- To prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records, and comply with the accounting requirements of the Companies Act 2006 and
- Which are consistent with the methods and principles of the Statement of Recommended Practice: Accounting and Reporting by Charities have not been met or

(2) To which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Name: Gerry O'Boyle, ACMA of O'Boyle Accounting & Taxation Ltd.

Relevant professional body: Chartered Institute Management Accountants

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Date: 22/11/2024

Signed:

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Director

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