



## **DRUMBO & DISTRICT COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION**

### **TRUSTEES' ANNUAL REPORT**

**FINANCIAL YEAR 1 JANUARY 2022 – 31 DECEMBER 2022**

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#### **Structure Governance and Management**

<b>Registered Charity Name</b>	Drumbo & District Community Association (DDCA)
<b>Charity Registration Number</b>	107237
<b>Trustees</b>	Hazel Thompson (Chairperson)
	Alex Swan (Vice Chairperson)
	Margaret McCormick (Honorary Secretary)
	Gillian Mayhew (Honorary Treasurer)
	Paul Gregg
	Darren Moore
	Ian Douglas
	Shirley McGregor
	Desi Reid
	John Spreadborough
	Eric Wilkinson

The constitution of the Committee was adopted on the 28 November 2002, and amended on 11 March 2019. The Charity is made up of Individual Members. Organisations within the area of benefit, whether community, voluntary or statutory may upon application to and with the approval of the Committee be admitted as Affiliated Members. The Management Committee consists of a minimum of 8 people who are Individual members of the Association, elected at an Annual General Meeting.

#### **Objectives and Activities**

The purpose of the Association is to promote rural regeneration and social wellbeing for the benefit of the inhabitants of Drumbo and the surrounding area (the area of benefit) to

promote the protection and preservation of health and to promote the benefit of the inhabitants of the area of benefit without distinction of age, gender, sexuality, nationality, ethnic origin, disability, political or religious opinion by associating with the statutory authorities, voluntary organisations and the inhabitants in a common effort to advance education and to provide or assist in providing facilities in the interest of social welfare for recreation or other leisure-time occupation, with the object of improving the condition of life for the said inhabitants.

Drumbo & District Men's Sheds is affiliated to the Association and its aim is to promote men's health and development while putting something back into the community. It aims to create an environment for men to learn new skills and exchange ideas and for members to support each other and build friendships.

The Trustees have regard to the Charities' Commission Public Benefit requirement statutory guidance. The public benefit arising from the Association's work is the creation of social cohesion and its offering chances for people to meet, develop skills and increase social interaction.

### **Summary of activities undertaken in the year to 31 December 2022**

In March the committee organised a bus trip where over 40 local residents went to Lisburn Civic Centre for morning refreshments followed by a tour of the Antrim coast and Glens and a late lunch in the Tullyglass hotel. It was obvious during this day how much people had missed being out together so much so that we agreed to run another later in the year.

In May a very successful Queen's Jubilee tea party was held. Over 120 people of all ages attended and were greeted by a piper as they arrived. Everyone enjoyed afternoon tea while listening to music and singing songs from the last 70 years and watching video footage of various events during the Queen's reign. Visitors could view coins minted during the Queen's reign and have their photograph taken in a jubilee themed frame. Some of the younger folk provided entertainment for the children and everyone left with gifts of a Jubilee book and bookmark. DDCA also took the opportunity to welcome and congratulate a local resident on her 100<sup>th</sup> birthday and present her with flowers. A massive thank you to everyone who pulled together to make this a memorable event and to mark the occasion in a fitting way.

In June Committee members undertook a litter picking evening. The planter beside the community orchard was cleared and replanted and a Jubilee tree and plaque were sourced. In July Committee members assisted with the catering at the vintage car, bike and tractor rally in the village. This proved a very busy and successful evening.

In August another well attended bus run took place, this time to the Bann Valley Heritage centre and for lunch at Sintons on the Bridge at Scarva. A cheque for £810 raised at the jubilee tea party was handed over to the Children's fund for Cancer at Daisy Lodge. A tree



was planted during an official planting ceremony by the Deputy Mayor along with a plaque to indicate that the tree was planted as part of the Queen's Green Canopy initiative.

In September members assisted Drumbo PW to run an evening of fashion hosted by Jonzara, which was another well supported event with around 150 tickets sold providing support for PW missions and DDCA funding. Tickets were printed for the charity country concert to be held at the end of October. We also held a very worthwhile defibrillator awareness evening attended by representatives from local organisations which meet up in the village.

In October a charity concert hosted by Kenny Archer and Eugene O'Dornan took place with well over 100 people attending. It was arranged for David Graham to come and give a talk on the work done by charities supporting mental health. £1,040 was collected both from the sale of tickets and collection buckets on the night and shared between Action Mental Health and Project Ballynhinch.

In December the family evening to switch on the Christmas tree lights, sing and listen to Christmas music, enjoy festive refreshments and for the children to visit Santa took place. The weather was very cold and frosty but dry encouraging a great turn out to attend. The monthly Connect meeting took on a Christmas theme with nearly 50 in attendance.

### **Men's Shed**

Over the period The Men's Shed continued to make a variety of articles for local communities and schools including picnic benches, library boxes, insect hotels and hedgehog boxes. The men also maintained and painted the exterior of one of their containers and repaired and fitted out their clubhouse in Drumbo. Work continues on the repair of a Lister petrol engine and pump.

The Men's Shed ran several outings during the year including a Men's health event at Crumlin Road Gaol, a trip to Enniskillen in April where they had a guided tour of a Railway museum and Enniskillen castle and in September they completed a tour of the Ulster Aviation society at the Maze. In October a trip was organised to Londonderry and a Christmas lunch was held at the end of the year.

In line with their interest in remaining healthy and active a number of speakers attended the Shed to present on topics such as mental health, first aid for adults, bowel cancer screening, and wood turning.

The Community Association incorporating the Men's Shed continue to be grateful for the support of Lisburn and Castlereagh City Council (LCCC).

The Men's Shed has successfully recruited new members and has increased membership.

### **Financial Review**

The Association, incorporating the Men's Shed, operates on a receipts and payments basis.

Total receipts for the year were £10,799 mainly from Lisburn & Castlereagh City Council, other grant funders receipts from organised activities. Total payments were £10,005, which were incurred to run organised activities and for administration of the charity.

The Association recorded a surplus for the year of £793.

The Association's cash at bank and in hand balance as at 31 December 2022 was £5,113. The Association has no other assets.

### **Future Plans**

The Association intends to continue its charitable activities, with a format of activities which has been successful over many years.

Signed on behalf of the Trustees

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'M. H. Thompson'.

**Hazel Thompson**

**Chairperson**

**Drumbo & District Community Association**

**9 October 2023**