

Forthill Gospel Hall Trust

Northern Ireland · Charity number 107283

Details

Known as	Forthill Gospel Hall
Status	Received
Company number	634935
Registered	2019-02-05
Register	View on the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland register

Contact

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Activities

Purposes: The Trust is established for charitable purposes only, specifically the advancement of Religion (specifically the Christian Faith), the advancement of education and the advancement of community development.

What the charity does: The advancement of religion

How the charity works: Community development, Religious activities

Who the charity helps: General public

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-09-30	£20,399	£31,874	£0	0
2024-09-30	£21,714	£26,709	£0	0

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Mr Alex Connor		
Mr Eric Hull		
Mr John Cromie		
Mr Samuel Smyth		

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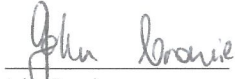
Period from 01/10/2023 - 30/09/2024

Receipts & Payments

To the nearest £

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total	Last Year
A1 - Receipts				
Donations - weekly offerings	20,505	-	20,505	24,657
Interest on deposit accounts	-		-	-
Other Charitable Receipts (Power NI / weebly ref+ Gift Aid)	1,209		1,209	1,086
A1 Subtotal	21,714	-	21,714	25,743
Total Receipts	21,714	-	21,714	25,743
A2 - Payments				
Direct charitable activity	18,035		18,035	22,076
Governance costs	34		34	-
Other costs	45		45	50
A2 Subtotal	18,114		18,114	22,126
Total Payments	18,114	-	18,114	22,126
Net of receipts/(payments)	3,601		3,601	3,617
A3 - Cash funds last year end	23,365		23,365	19,747
CASH FUNDS THIS YEAR END	26,965		26,965	23,364

On behalf of Forthill Gospel Hall Trust



John Cromie
TREASURER

Date: 27/10/24



Alex Connor
CHAIRMAN

Date: 27/10/2024

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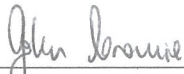
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Assets & Liabilities

To the nearest £

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B4 - Assets retained for the Charities own use			
Buildings and car park	50,000	50,000	50,000
B4 Subtotal	50,000	50,000	50,000
Total Net Assets	76,965	76,965	73,364

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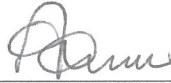
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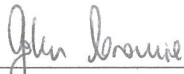
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Friends of New Row (c/o New Row Primary School) Castledawson PTA Account 2023-24
Santander Bank Account: 89345699

Reconciliation of Income and Expenditure

Opening Balance as at 9 September 2023	£11,346.71
Plus Income Lodged	£8,566.30
Plus Bank Interest	£0.00
Less Expenditure	(£2,257.78)
Less Bank Charges	£0.00
Closing Bank Balance as at 2 September 2024	£17,655.23

The Income and Expenditure account for Friends of New Row
(c/o New Row Primary School) Castledawson
PTA Account has been audited from the books of account, documents provided
and information received and I certify same to be correct and in accordance
therewith.

Ciara Shivers

Ciara Shivers
Accountant
November 2024

Income and Expenditure High Level Summary 09 September 2023 - 02 September 24

Income - Summary	£	Expenditure - Summary	£
Balance b/forward	11,346.71		
School Calendar - Sponsorship	2,500.00	Parentkind Membership	(163.00)
Calendar sales	380.00	Goodie bags for movie night, selection boxes, Easter prizes	(773.68)
Christmas movie night	324.50	Assistance with school printing costs	(562.50)
Neon Day - Fundraising	2,024.00	Y7 NRPS Leavers Hoodies	(758.60)
Easter Raffle	1,605.00	Assistance with school costs - school trips , uniform tokens, other misc costs (New Row PS Assistance)	(£8,541.61)
Bookathon - Sponsored walk	1,732.80		
Total	19,913.01	Total	(10,799.39)
Balance b/d	9,113.62		

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Annual report

Our last AGM took place on Tuesday 14th October 2023, with the re-election of officers for the incoming year – Claire Coleman as secretary, Pat Hanson as treasurer and myself, Grainne Diamond, as chairperson, all conducted and approved by Mrs Deirdre Graffin.

The past year has been as successful as every other year, with many fundraisers, donations to local charities and support given to our school community in different ways!

Quick review of the year

- The big focus for the year was the official adoption of St. Patrick to the school's name. It was agreed that the official launch would be 9TH March 2024, which would coincide with St. Patrick's Day celebrations. A fantastic display of artwork, song, music, dance and prayer took centre stage to celebrate the new chapter in life at New Row St. Patrick's. There was a strong sense of community as everyone came along to the beautiful mass and tea celebration. Many thanks to Fr. Gates, Fr. Juan, CCMS, Marie and the kitchen staff (for their delicious goodies!), all the staff and our very own FoNRSt.P for helping make this occasion as wonderful as it was.
- We held our 2nd **Christmas Movie** night on 19th December, which was a huge hit again for both parents (who were getting a little free time!) and children. The school council helped choose the movies, and many thanks to everyone who helped make the treat packs up for every child! Very well supported by our helping hands within the committee and staff members from the school, this event proved valuable in the wellbeing and happiness of everyone within the school community.
- Our **annual calendar** was as successful as ever, and without the support of our loyal sponsors this would not have been so rewarding. Of course, we wouldn't have any sponsors without the dedication and hard work of our own team, specifically Natalie Erwin and Madeline Gribbin. Massive thanks to Madeline for all the photographs and organising of adverts that she does for the calendar.
- The annual **Easter Raffle** took place, with an abundance of prizes donated from local businesses. A final total of £1650 showed how successful it was. This event always creates a great buzz around the school and the visit from the Easter bunny always adds to the excitement! Many thanks to the local businesses who supported it, to Christy's for the tickets and to our own FoNRStP members for collecting the donations, but our main thanks goes to the families and friends of the school who continue to buy and sell tickets, and help to make this a huge success every year.
- **First Communion** was another special day shared with the school community, that saw the hall and outside area filled with laughter, fun and food! Special thanks to Laoise who provided the beautiful balloon displays, to Marie for the wonderful hospitality and to all the Friends of New Row St Patrick's, who helped make this day special for the Primary 4 children.
- All these events, alongside our usual events such as **Neon Day** and the **Sponsored Walk** took place, enabling the committee to help support different occasions within the school - every class went on an end of year trip, the P7 children were presented with beautiful leavers hoodies, our new P1 children received their schoolbags, to name a few.

- We were in a lovely position last year again, to hold a **'Thank You' raffle** for the families within the school. Every child's name was put into a raffle where they could win some vouchers from local stores. FoNRStP were delighted to support the costs of this to say our thank you to them for their continued support throughout the year.

Development of the school's resources are ongoing, with particular focus this year on the Senory areas within the school. FoNRStP continue to work closely alongside the staff and children within the school to help continue with the development of these very important areas.

Final thoughts.....

Thank you to all the members of the FoNRStP committee. Without the commitment of a strong team, these events are not possible. Thank you to Mrs Graffin for continuing to lead us in the right direction, and for always making good use of the money raised (!). The children are exceptionally lucky to have such a focussed, driven leader who has their best interests at heart. Thank you to the entire school staff – a staff who genuinely care about each child, wanting the best for them academically, emotionally and physically. Thank you to Marie – we hope she never retires! Nothing is ever a bother, and she never ceases to amaze us in going above and beyond what is expected. Thank you to Ciara Shivers for her ongoing professional support and advice.

Finally, thank you to our parents, children, families and wider school community – without you, there is no FoNRStP.

I look forward to a new school year and continued successful events, in terms of both fundraising and health and wellbeing needs.

Mrs Grainne Diamond
Chairperson

Forthill Gospel Hall Trust

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Annual return

Independent Examiner's Report to the Charity Trustees of Friends of New Row PTA

I report on the accounts of the Trust for the year ended 02 September 2024, which are set out in the attached pages.

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:

1. Examine the accounts under Section 65 of the Charities Act
2. Follow the procedures laid down in the general directions given by the Commission under Section 65(9)(b) of the Charities Act.
3. State whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of the independent examiners 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 Charities Commission for Northern Ireland I have found no matters that require drawing to your attention.

Signed: __Ciara Shivers__-----

Name: __Ciara Shivers__

Position: __Accountant__

Date: __30 November 2024__

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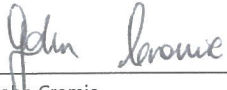
Period from 01/10/2022 - 30/09/2023

Receipts & Payments

To the nearest £

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total	Last Year
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Donations - weekly offerings	23,642	1,015	24,657	19,540
Interest on deposit accounts	-		-	
Other Charitable Receipts (Power NI + Gift Aid)	1,086		1,086	3,132
A1 Subtotal	24,728	1,015	25,743	22,672
Total Receipts				
	24,728	1,015	25,743	22,672
A2 - Payments				
Direct charitable activity	21,061	1,015	22,076	18,879
Governance costs	-		-	150
Other costs	50		50	30
A2 Subtotal	21,111	1,015	22,126	19,059
Total Payments				
	21,111	1,015	22,126	19,059
Net of receipts/(payments)	3,617		3,617	3,613
A3 - Cash funds last year end	19,747		19,747	16,134
CASH FUNDS THIS YEAR END	23,364		23,364	19,747

On behalf of Forthill Gospel Hall Trust



John Cromie
TREASURER

Date: 26/10/23



Alex Connor
CHAIRMAN

Date: 26/10/2023

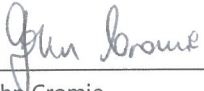
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Assets & Liabilities

To the nearest £

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B1 Subtotal	23,365	23,365	19,747
<u>B4 - Assets retained for the Charities own use</u>			
Buildings and car park	50,000	50,000	50,000
B4 Subtotal	50,000	50,000	50,000
Total Net Assets	73,365	73,365	66,134
On behalf of Forthill Gospel Hall Trust			



John Cromie
TREASURER

Date: 26/10/23



Alex Connor
CHAIRMAN

Date: 24/10/23

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Annual report



FORTHILL GOSPEL HALL

ANNUAL TRUSTEE AND SUMMARY FINANCIAL REPORT

For year ending
30th September 2023

This report has been prepared by the Trustees of Forthill Gospel Hall to review the activities of the charity for the financial period of 1st October 2022 to 30th September 2023 in line with the requirements of the Charities Commission and the Charities Act (Northern Ireland) 2008.

BACKGROUND

Forthill Gospel Hall (hereafter referred to as the charity) was first registered with the Charities Commission for Northern Ireland (CCNI) in January 2015 under registration number NI100676 at 116 Low Road, Lisburn. In 2018 our registration was changed to reflect that we are now registered as Forthill Gospel Hall Trust and we were allocated the new number NI107283. Forthill Gospel Hall Trust has appointed the following trustees:

Alex Connor (Secretary)
Eric Hull
Samuel Smyth
John Cromie (Treasurer)

The charity is limited by guarantee and is governed by a constitution agreed by the trustees in December 2014 and approved by the Charities Commission in January 2015. In addition, the constitution refers to a Trust Deed and is supported with an Articles of Association document.

The trustees meet regularly throughout the year in accordance with the above documents, where the minutes of the previous meeting are read and agreed, a status report on our finances is discussed, distribution of monies (where applicable) is agreed as a group and various activities are reviewed and planned.

An Annual General Meeting takes place each year shortly after the financial year end. A financial report and progress report of all activities, which has been compiled by the treasurer and secretary and approved by the trustees, is presented to the church as a whole and opportunity given for questions and answers. The members of the church are also invited to endorse the list of trustees at this AGM meeting.

PURPOSES OF THE CHARITY

The charity is established for the advancement of religion through the Evangelical Christian Faith (as outlined in the First Schedule of the Trust Deed). The Trust considers that promotion of the Christian Faith has a beneficial and transformative effect on society locally and worldwide.

PUBLIC BENEFIT

The charity has declared that the benefit to the public of its existence is that they might have a place where they can come and worship God and find fulfilment, satisfaction and peace in their lives as a result. We believe we have carried out our activities in compliance to the Charity Commission's Public benefit requirement statutory guidance.

With vigilance in mind whilst living with Covid-19 present in our midst, a number of activities associated with this charity have begun to re-commence throughout the time period that we are reporting on. This decision was taken in line with Government regulations to continue to protect the health and welfare of our aged members.

1st October 2022 – end November 2022

We extended the Sunday morning and Wednesday evening meetings respectively to be 'up to' 1 hour in duration. This was done ensuring safe access to those who sought to worship God and join with us in so doing within all relevant Covid guidelines and recommendations.

In addition, the re-commencement of Sunday School in October 2022 has been another very welcome sign of the return to normal services.

December 2022 – 30th September 2023

We re-commenced our Sunday evening and Sunday School services in addition to the existing Sunday morning and midweek service, thereby enabling people to meet together again in person and fulfil our Church's purposes.

We also held a Church BBQ in August 2023 and were delighted that members of the community joined us as a church.

Whilst holding these meetings we continued to use the 'virtual' methods of:

- A WhatsApp group so that members of the church could keep in contact with each other especially when unable to attend meetings, or being unwell.
- Our Website continues to contain selected video and audio messages of church meetings.

We distributed approximately 1400 wall calendars and tracts to every house within the vicinity of our hall along with an invitation to our Church services in a special outreach event in December 2022.

We were also pleased to be able to pass on a gift of £200 to 2 families in our community through the guidance of Forthill Integrated Primary School which is situated close by. We have a long association with FIPS and at the end of this school year (June 2023) we were granted the opportunity by the school to present a bible to each year 7 pupil as they leave the school for the next stage of their education. Although the schools are still somewhat impacted by government restrictions, we were still thankful and grateful to supply the Bibles in June this year.

All of these outreaches have involved church members who have given of their time freely and willingly and where applicable, are Access NI cleared to meet the requirements of our Child Protection Policy and Guidelines.

FINANCIAL REPORT

The charity depends on the freewill giving of the members of the church for the upkeep of our facilities and the distribution of finance to those in need and for this the trustees acknowledge their generosity throughout the last financial year. Additionally, many church members, and in some instances those who come to speak at our meetings, also give of their time freely. Numerous tasks are required to maintain the building and prepare as necessary for every planned event and for such no-one has wanted or received any financial recompense for their efforts.

At no time during this financial year did we have any debtors or have any financial deficit. It has always been our intention to ensure our funds can support any major unforeseen expenditure (e.g. major roof repairs) however, we are confident that our church members would support an emergency need if such arose.

Our accounts were compiled by our treasurer, reviewed and agreed by the trustees and independently audited for this financial year and approved as satisfactory. The accounts cover the full financial year and are not limited by Covid-19 restrictions. The financial report will be presented to the members of the church at the AGM on 8th November 2023.

In comparison to last year, our Income has increased by £ 3,160.16, (an increase of 14%); we remain grateful to the continued thoughtfulness and generosity of our members who when able to attend contribute weekly offering gifts.

Our Expenditure increased by £3,066.35 (16% up on the 2021/22 figure). Expenditure increases have been made possible by the continued steady donation levels and our cash in bank levels at the end of the 2022 financial year.

The charity started the year with a strong cash balance of £19747.44 and closed with a cash balance of £23,364.53. This is due to the strong levels of donations being maintained enabling increased (but carefully managed) expenditure through gifts we have been able to distribute to missionaries and the community, along with reduced Covid protection costs during 2022/2023. We believe ourselves to have acted prudently in our financial transactions. The trustees consider this to be a healthy financial position moving into the next financial year.

Table 1 (below) shows the Income grouped into appropriate categories.

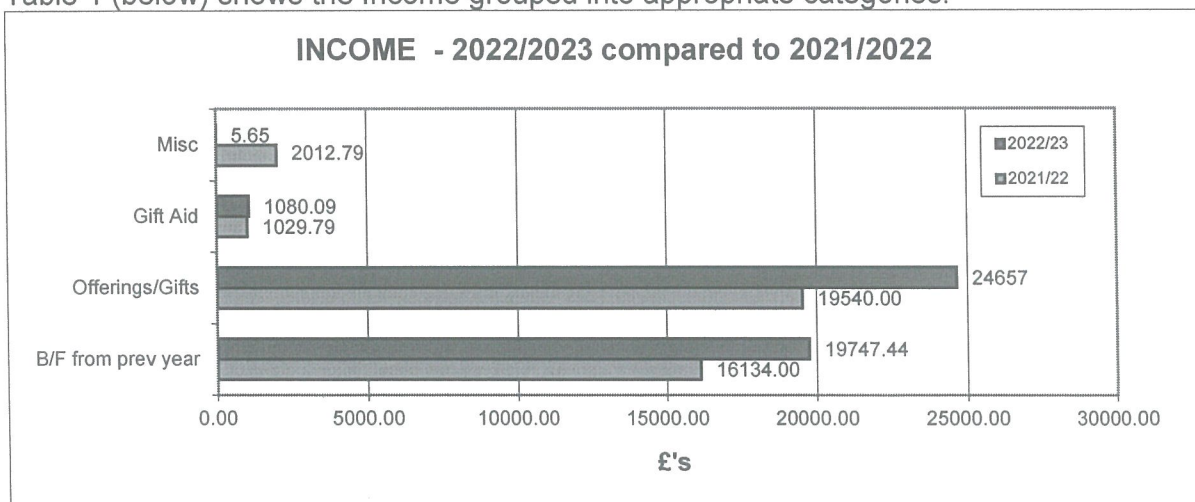


Table 2 (below) shows the Expenditure grouped into appropriate categories

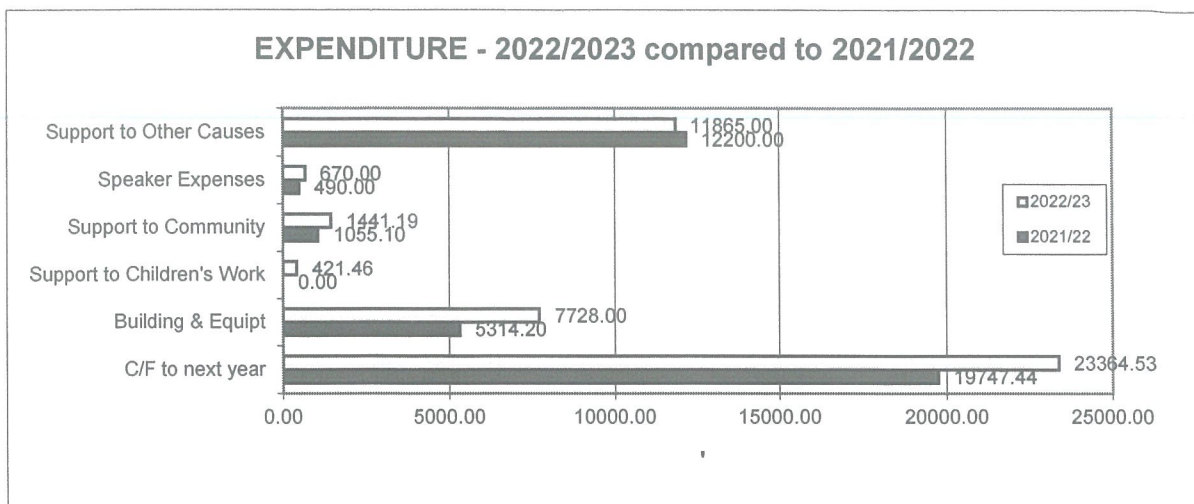


Table 2 – Expenditure chart

No expenses were paid to any of the Trustees during the year except to reimburse them for purchases made on behalf of the charity.

This document has been reviewed by each trustee and approved accordingly by signature below.

Alex Connor

Eric Hull

Samuel Smyth

John Cromie

26th October 2023

Date of Report Approval

Forthill Gospel Hall Trust

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Annual return

Independent examiner's report to the charity trustees of Forthill Gospel Hall Trust

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Respective responsibilities of charity trustees and examiner

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Basis of independent examiner's report

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Independent examiner's statement

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Mark Rogers
Chartered Accountant
CAI 09C1464

26/10/23

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Reconciliation of Income and Expenditure

Opening Balance as at 9 September 2022	£8,319.99
Plus Income Lodged	£8,706.50
Plus Bank Interest	£0.00
Less Expenditure	(£7,054.03)
Less Bank Charges	£0.00
Closing Bank Balance as at 09 September 2023	£9,972.46

The Income and Expenditure account for Friends of New Row
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Ciara Shivers

Ciara Shivers
Accountant
September 2023

Income and Expenditure High Level Summary 09 September 2022 - 08 September 23

Income - Summary	£
Balance b/forward	8,319.99
School Calendar - Sponsorship	3,500.00
Calendar sales	304.00
Christmas movie night	300.21
Neon Day - Fundraising	1,569.31
Easter Raffle	1,534.97
DAERA	1,498.01
Bookathon - Sponsored walk	1,374.25
Total	18,400.74
Balance b/d	11,346.71

School) Castledawson PTA Account 2022-23

nt: 89345699

Expenditure - Summary	£
Parentkind Membership	(145.00)
Goodie bags for movie night, selection boxes, Easter prizes, other misc costs (New Row PS Assistance)	(725.41)
Chair covers	(90.99)
Outside work - grant application	(2,539.00)
Sandpit, storage containers, chalkboards, tricycles	(£3,553.63)
Total	(7,054.03)

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Annual report

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The past year has been an action packed year, with many successful fundraisers, donations to local charities and support given to our school community in different ways, not to mention the addition of St Patrick to the school and a new school crest to the uniform!

Quick review of the year

- We held a **Christmas Movie** night on Tuesday 20th December, which was a huge hit for both parents (who were getting a little free time!) and children. Very well supported by our helping hands within the committee and staff members from the school, this event proved valuable in the wellbeing and happiness of everyone within the school community.
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- Our first ever **Christmas jumper swap shop** took place, although smaller than the uniform swap, nonetheless just as successful! It was lovely to see every donated jumper / dress passed on to new homes!
- The annual **Easter Raffle** took place, with an abundance of prizes donated from local businesses. This event always creates a great buzz around the school and the visit from the Easter bunny always adds to the excitement! Many thanks to the Mid Ulster Clinic for covering the cost of the tickets for this, to the local businesses who supported it, to Christy's for the tickets and to our own FoNRStP members for collecting the donations, but our main thanks goes to the families and friends of the school who continue to buy and sell tickets, and help to make this a huge success every year.
- All these events, alongside our usual events such as **Neon Day** and the **Sponsored Walk** took place, enabling the committee to help support different occasions within the school - every class went on an end of year trip, the P7 children were presented with beautiful leavers hoodies, First Communicants and their families were welcomed back into the school hall for refreshments and a beautiful balloon photo wall, our new P1 children received their schoolbags, to name a few.
- We were in a lovely position last year to hold a '**Thank You**' raffle for the families within the school. Every child's name was put into a raffle where they could win some vouchers from local stores. FoNRStP were delighted to support the costs of this to say our thank you to them for their continued support throughout the year.
- 2022/2023 saw the addition of St. Patrick to the school name, and with this came a lot of hard work from the staff, children and wider community. A new school crest

was designed and after a few(!) different designs, the updated school uniform was chosen. Huge thanks to Sportique and Select Kids for helping with this, not to mention the staff and school council for their endless hours of work put into this. FoNRStP were delighted to be a part of this and were able to offer vouchers for every child to help to support families in the purchasing of new uniforms.

- **Donations** were also made to Marie Curie, Trocaire and Mellon Educate over the course of the year.

Development of the school's resources are ongoing, with particular focus on the Sensory Garden and the proposal of a Sensory room. FoNRStP continue to work closely alongside the staff and children within the school to help continue with the development of these very important areas.

Final thoughts.....

Thank you to the members of FoNRStP for their endless hours of planning and preparation for the different events throughout the year. The children and staff are extremely lucky to have such a dedicated group of volunteers.

Thank you to Mrs Graffin and the staff of New Row St. Patrick's for genuinely caring about every individual child in the school. The nurture and care shown by every member of staff is second to none, not to mention the high standards in teaching and learning, the sporting successes and musical talents – the opportunities given are endless - so a big thank you from us to you, for taking such good care of our little angels(!). A special thanks to Marie and the ladies in the canteen – nothing is ever a bother to help make our events that little bit more special, and delicious!

And finally, to our children, parents and families – thank you for making it all possible.

I look forward to a new school year and continued successful events, in terms of both fundraising and health and wellbeing needs.

Mrs Grainne Diamond
Chairperson

Forthill Gospel Hall Trust

Northern Ireland - Charity number 107283

Annual return

Independent Examiner's Report to the Charity Trustees of Friends of New Row PTA

I report on the accounts of the Trust for the year ended 08 September 2023, which are set out in the attached pages.

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:

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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 Charities Commission for Northern Ireland I have found no matters that require drawing to your attention.

Signed: *Ciara Shivers*

Name: Ciara Shivers

Position: Accountant

Date: 01 October 2023

Forthill Gospel Hall Trust

Northern Ireland - Charity number 107283

Accounts

Friends of New Row (c/o New Row Primary School) Castledawson PTA Account 2021-22
Santander Bank Account: xxxxx699

Reconciliation of Income and Expenditure

Opening Balance as at 2 September 2021	£9,040.00
Plus Income Lodged	£9,153.87
Plus Bank Interest	£0.00
Less Expenditure	(£9,898.23)
Less Bank Charges	£0.00
Closing Bank Balance as at 2 September 2022	£8,295.64

The Income and Expenditure account for Friends of New Row
(c/o New Row Primary School) Castledawson
PTA Account has been audited from the books of account, documents provided
and information received and I certify same to be correct and in accordance
therewith.

Ciara Shivers

Ciara Shivers

Accountant

September 2022

Income and Expenditure Detail for Friends of New Row for Year Ending 2021/22

	Dr		Cr
Income - Summary	£	Expenditure - Summary	£
Balance b/forward	9,040.00		
School Calendar - Sponsorship	3,100.00	Parentkind Membership	(121.00)
Calendar sales	433.50	Tables, calander print costs, panto bus costs (New Row PS Assistance)	(3,487.98)
Neon Day - Fundraising	2,199.37	First Holy Communion goody bags	(24.35)
Easter Raffle	1,530.45	First Holy Communion Rosaries	(43.80)
End of Year Disco	472.05	Leavers hoodies, panto costs, canteen break for Jan & Feb 22 (New Row PS Assistance)	(5,016.25)
Bookathon - Sponsored walk	1,418.50	Leavers gifts, hardship vouchers, contribution to school trips (New Row PS Assistance)	(1,204.85)
Total	18,193.87	Total	(9,898.23)
Balance b/d	8,295.64		

Forthill Gospel Hall Trust

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Annual report

Friends of New Row

AGM 2022 – Tuesday 4th October

Chairperson's Report for 2021/22

I'm delighted to present my Chairperson's report for the 2021/22 year, and to be doing so in person. It is wonderful to be able to come together again for a physical meeting.

Our last AGM took place on Thursday 7th October 2021, with the election of officers for all roles conducted by Mrs. Deirdre Graffin.

This past year, alongside the fundraising events that were held, much of our focus was on supporting our people and their families, many of whom have been struggling in the aftermath of Covid, and with the rising costs of living.

We are so privileged to have the unwavering support of staff, families and the wider community, allowing us to generate funds to do just that.

Year in review

The Covid-19 pandemic caused considerable pressures for many families in our communities. Last year, we committed to doing more to support our pupils and their families, and we were extremely grateful to the whole community for their support with our fundraising efforts, which allowed us the opportunity to do so.

Some examples of how Friends of New Row were able to support families in New Row throughout the last year include:

- Our hardship fund for help towards groceries and/or fuel
- Provision of break for students entitled to free school meals in December/January
- School Pantomime trip subsidized to reduce cost for families
- School trips transport subsidized
- Uniform 'grab and go'

Special mention needs to go to our second uniform 'grab and go', which was a huge success, with so many donations of all sizes to pass on. It is such a wonderful, beneficial event, and we were thrilled to see virtually everything taken away to benefit pupils coming back this year.

We were delighted to be in a position to hold some fundraising events this year, trying to be mindful of the demands these may place on families, whilst still providing enjoyable, memorable experiences for the pupils.

It was a New Row first this year, with a trip to the Panto in the Opera House last December, and what a memory those children will have. We were delighted to support the school with covering costs for this, to ensure all pupils who wanted to go would be able to. Seeing their faces returning that day was just unforgettable, and I felt privileged to be a part of our committee, and this school.

Alongside our old favourites, such as Neon Day and the sponsored walk, we were quick to mark the wonderful achievements of the Derry team with a few 'red and white' themed days, and a hugely successful guess the score competition.

Our Annual School Calendar was back for its fifth successful year. We could not do this without the hard work and commitment of two of our committee, Carmel and Madeleine. Massive thanks to Madeleine for all of the photographs taken for the calendar, and to Carmel for all of her work securing sponsors and working with the printer. We were privileged to benefit from the continued support of many of our local businesses. On behalf of the committee, thank you to all who sponsored and purchased the calendar.

We were brave enough to run an end-of year School Disco in June, where the children absolutely had a ball! It was heart-warming to see both big and small enjoying the evening, and the free goodie bags!

Development of the school's resources is an on-going commitment, and FoNR are so proud to have been able to contribute to some of the wonderful new facilities the school has introduced in recent years. The outdoor equipment in the playground is due to be replaced shortly.

Just to conclude, a few thank yous! Can I say a huge thank you to the committee of Friends of New Row – each and every one has played their part in helping over the past year, and this could not happen without you. The school and the pupils are so fortunate to have such a committed team behind them.

I would also like to say a heartfelt thank you to Mrs Graffin and all of the staff at New Row. Our children are so, so blessed to have a team of staff here that truly care.

We have many, many others who have kindly given up their time to volunteer at our events over the year, thank you all.

Mrs. Marianne Cushley
Chairperson

Forthill Gospel Hall Trust

Northern Ireland - Charity number 107283

Annual return

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Independent examiner's statement

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Signed: __Ciara Shivers_____

Name: __Ciara Shivers_____

Position: _Accountant_____

Date: __30 September 2022_____

Forthill Gospel Hall Trust

Northern Ireland - Charity number 107283

Accounts

Forthill Gospel Hall Trust Accounts

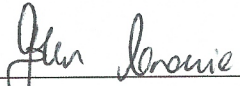
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Receipts & Payments


To the nearest £

	Unrestricted Funds	Total	Last Year
A1 - Receipts			
Donations - weekly offerings	22,345	22,345	9,825
Interest on deposit accounts	14	14	10
Other Charitable Receipts (NIE + Gift Aid)	911	911	882
A1 Subtotal	23,270	23,270	10,717
Total Receipts	23,270	23,270	10,717
A2 - Payments			
Direct charitable activity	15,975	15,975	18,469
Governance costs	13	13	13
Other costs	17	17	17
A2 Subtotal	16,005	16,005	18,499
Total Payments	16,005	16,005	18,499
Net of receipts/(payments)	7,266	7,266	- 7,782
A3 - Cash funds last year end	8,869	8,869	16,651
CASH FUNDS THIS YEAR END	16,134	16,134	8,869

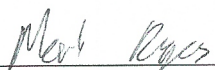
On behalf of Forthill Gospel Hall Trust



 John Cromie
 TREASURER
 Date: 21/10/21



 Alex Connor
 CHAIRMAN
 Date:

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 I agree that the above receipts and payments agrees with the book and records of the charity

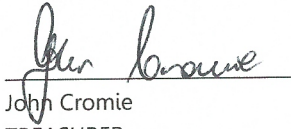
Forthill Gospel Hall Trust Accounts

Period from 01/10/2020 - 30/09/2021

Assets & Liabilities

To the nearest £

	Unrestricted Funds	Total	Last Year
B1 - Cash Funds			
Bank	16,134	16,134	8,869
B1 Subtotal	16,134	16,134	8,869
B4 - Assets retained for the Charities own use			
Buildings and car park	50,000	50,000	50,000
B4 Subtotal	50,000	50,000	50,000
Total Net Assets	66,134	66,134	58,869
On behalf of Forthill Gospel Hall Trust			



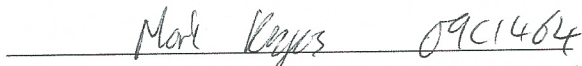
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Forthill Gospel Hall Trust

Northern Ireland - Charity number 107283

Annual report



FORTHILL GOSPEL HALL

ANNUAL TRUSTEE AND SUMMARY FINANCIAL REPORT

For year ending
30th September 2021

This report has been prepared by the Trustees of Forthill Gospel Hall to review the activities of the charity for the financial period of 1st October 2020 to 30th September 2021 in line with the requirements of the Charities Commission and the Charities Act (Northern Ireland) 2008.

BACKGROUND

Forthill Gospel Hall (hereafter referred to as the charity) was first registered with the Charities Commission for Northern Ireland (CCNI) in January 2015 under registration number NI100676 at 116 Low Road, Lisburn. In 2018 our registration was changed to reflect that we are now registered as Forthill Gospel Hall Trust and we were allocated the new number NI107283. At the time of first registration and now as Forthill Gospel Hall Trust the appointed trustees were declared as follows:

Alex Connor (Secretary)
Eric Hull
Samuel Smyth
John Cromie (Treasurer)
Gary Maxwell.

Gary Maxwell has taken the decision that effective of 1st October 2020 he no longer wished to serve as a Trustee and has been duly removed from the list of Trustees. He remains an active member of the charity, but no longer serves as a trustee.

From 1st October 2020 the following named trustees are in position and as of the date of this report and have not been added to or taken from.

Alex Connor (Secretary)
Eric Hull
Samuel Smyth
John Cromie (Treasurer)

The charity is limited by guarantee and is governed by a constitution agreed by the trustees in December 2014 and approved by the Charities Commission in January 2015. In addition, the constitution refers to a Trust Deed and is supported with an Articles of Association document.

The trustees meet regularly throughout the year in accordance with the above documents, where the minutes of the previous meeting are read and agreed, a status report on our finances is discussed, distribution of monies (where applicable) is agreed as a group and various activities are reviewed and planned.

An Annual General Meeting takes place each year shortly after financial year end. A financial report and progress report of all activities, which has been compiled by the treasurer and secretary and approved by the trustees, is presented to the church as a whole and opportunity given for questions and answers. The members of the church are also invited to endorse the list of trustees on this occasion.

PURPOSES OF THE CHARITY

The charity is established for the advancement of religion through the Evangelical Christian Faith (as outlined in the First Schedule of the Trust Deed). The Trust considers that promotion of the Christian Faith has a beneficial and transformative effect on society locally and worldwide.

PUBLIC BENEFIT

The charity has declared that the benefit to the public of its existence is that they might have a place where they can come and worship God and find fulfilment, satisfaction and peace in their lives as a result. We believe we have carried out our activities in compliance to the Charity Commission's Public benefit requirement statutory guidance.

With the continuing prevalence of the Covid-19 pandemic in late 2020 into 2021 a number of activities associated with this charity have unfortunately had to be postponed throughout the time period that we are reporting on. This decision was taken in line with Government regulations on meeting in buildings and also to protect the health and welfare of our aged members. As Covid was with us for the entire 12 month period of this report (1st October 2020 to 30th September 2021) we would report as follows:

1st October 2020 – late November 2020

Our church was open every Sunday morning for 1 meeting restricted to 45 minutes and a Wednesday mid-week meeting (also lasting for 45 minutes).

This allowed safe access to those who sought to worship God and join with us in so doing within all relevant Covid guidelines and recommendations.

We then had to stop this practice for a period from 29th November 2020 due to a high spike in Covid cases within Northern Ireland and the roll out of the vaccine programme in Northern Ireland which led to greater restrictions on meeting. Due to this new lockdown guidance, we did not physically meet again and open our church until Sunday 25th April 2021 when we resumed our meetings again on the basis of a 45 minute Sunday morning meeting and a 45 minute single midweek meeting on Wednesdays.

From 29th November 2020 until 25th April 2021, we again used the 'virtual' methods of:

- A WhatsApp group so that members of the church could keep in contact with each other during isolation
- A YouTube account was created in order that recorded services could be broadcast each Sunday morning.
- Our Website was expanded to stream videos and audio messages.
- A large printed banner was located adjacent to the gates of the church to make neighbours and the general public aware of our church services on-line and offer our assistance if required to our community.

We had to postpone our planned December 2020 distribution of approximately 1000 wall calendars to every house within the vicinity of our hall along with an invitation to our Christmas carol services. We are planning, God willing to re-introduce this in December 2021 (Covid circumstances permitting).

- Forthill Gospel Hall has continued its long association with Forthill Primary School which is situated close by. At the end of this school year (June 2020) we were granted the opportunity by the school to present a bible to each year 7 pupil as they leave the school for the next stage of their education. Although the schools had been greatly impacted by government restrictions, we were still thankful and grateful to supply the Bibles in June this year.

All of these outreaches have involved church members who have given of their time freely and willingly and where applicable, are Access NI cleared to meet the requirements of our Child Protection Policy and Guidelines.

FUTURE PLANS

In accordance with government guidelines for places of worship, Forthill Gospel Hall has amended its facilities, seating and processes and procured all the necessary protection resources to enable our Sunday morning and single midweek services to take place, thereby enabling people to meet together again in person and fulfil its purposes.

The situation will be constantly reviewed for adequacy and adjusted where required to facilitate further activities to resume or reverse what has been already been implemented should government guidelines and public health concerns demand it.

FINANCIAL REPORT

The charity depends on the freewill giving of the members of the church for the upkeep of our facilities and the distribution of finance to those in need and for this the trustees acknowledge their generosity throughout the last financial year.

Additionally, many church members, and in some instances those who come to speak at our meetings, also give of their time freely. Numerous tasks are required to maintain the building and prepare as necessary for every planned event and for such no-one has wanted or received any financial recompense for their efforts.

At no time during this financial year did we have any debtors or have any financial deficit. It has always been our intention to ensure our funds can support any major unforeseen expenditure (e.g. major roof repairs) however, we are confident that our church members would support an emergency need if such arose.

Our accounts were compiled by our treasurer, reviewed and agreed by the trustees and independently audited for this financial year and approved as satisfactory. The accounts cover the full financial year and are not limited by Covid-19 restrictions. The financial report was presented to the members of the church at the AGM on 10th November 2021.

In comparison to last year, our Income and Expenditure has increased due to the thoughtfulness and generosity of our members who continued to gather and save their

weekly offering gifts cumulatively during the extended period of lockdown from 29th November 2020 until 25th April 2021. They also brought accumulated offerings / gifts to the church on the re-opening day of 4th October 2020 (which coincided as the start of our new financial year) and which was the date we met again after the 1st lockdown; as a result the combined sources of income were up by £12,552.80 which was an increase this year of 117% on last year's income.

The combined expenditure has decreased by £2,494.88 (13% of the 2019/20 figure), once again due to the Covid-19 closure. Despite the closure, expenditure to the community has increased with a local foodbank donation and 3 personal needs from within our community having been met.

The charity started the year with a balance of £8868.94 and closed with a balance of £16,134.47. This is due to the stronger giving (in comparison to the previous year) and the lower expenditure due to the longer lockdown in 2020/2021.

The trustees consider this to be a healthy financial position moving into the next financial year as all major building works and repairs to areas such as the roof and the boilers mean that the building is in a better state of repairs following 2 - 3 years of investment.

Tables 1 and 2 below show the Income and Expenditure grouped into appropriate categories.

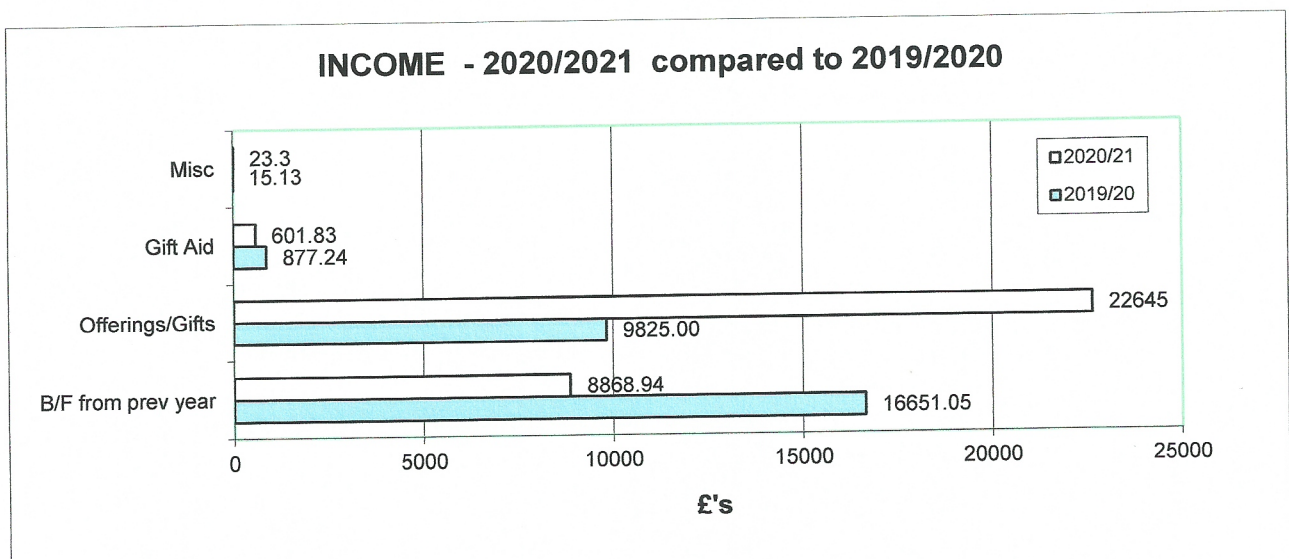


Table 1 – Income chart

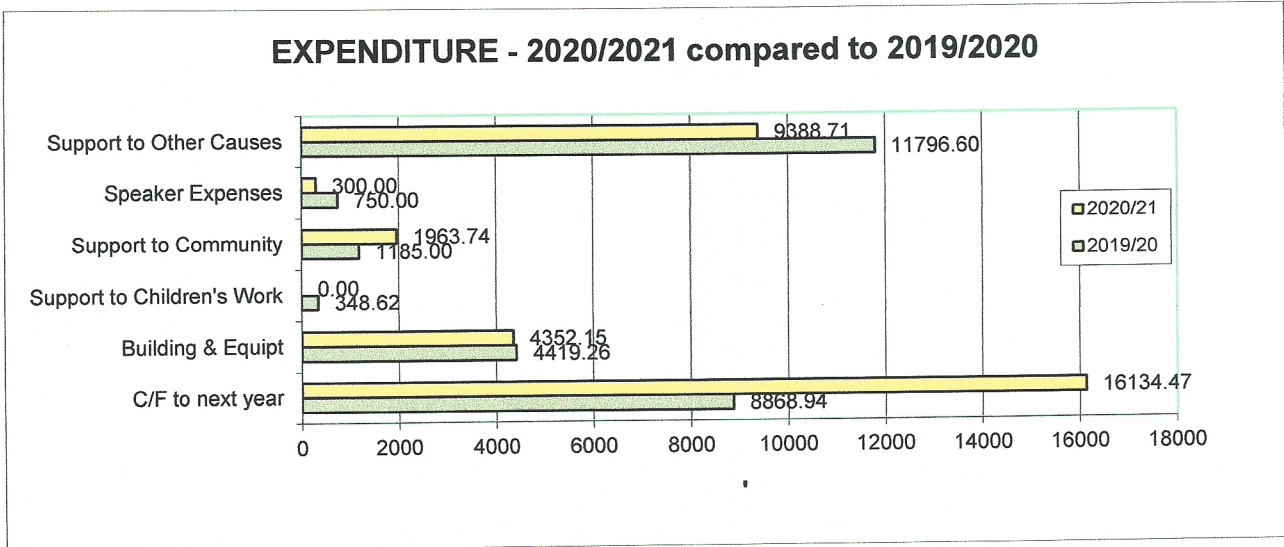


Table 2 – Expenditure chart

No expenses were paid to any of the Trustees during the year except to reimburse them for purchases made on behalf of the charity.

This document has been reviewed by each trustee and approved accordingly by signature below.

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Alex Connor

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Eric Hull

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Samuel Smyth

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John Cromie

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Date of Report Approval

Forthill Gospel Hall Trust

Northern Ireland - Charity number 107283

Annual return

Independent examiner's report to the charity trustees of Forthill Gospel Hall Trust

I report on the accounts of the Trust for the year ended 30th September 2021.

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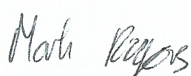
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Mark Rogers
CAI 09C1464

