

The Friends of Drumross

Northern Ireland · Charity number 107343

Details

Status Received

Registered 2020-05-11

Register [View on the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland register](#)

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Activities

Purposes: The object of The Friends of Drumross is to assist Drumross Adult Centre and New Way Unit in the provision of day care resources for service users who have been assessed as having a learning disability.

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: Disability

Who the charity helps: Learning disabilities

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-03-31	£8,088	£6,615	£0	0

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
E Hawthorne		
J Mcmillan		
Julie Jamieson		
Margaret Pierce		
Mrs Vivienne Mcgranaghan		
Natalie Jackson		
Niqi		
R Dallas		
S Byrne		
S Warwick		
Sarah Forde		

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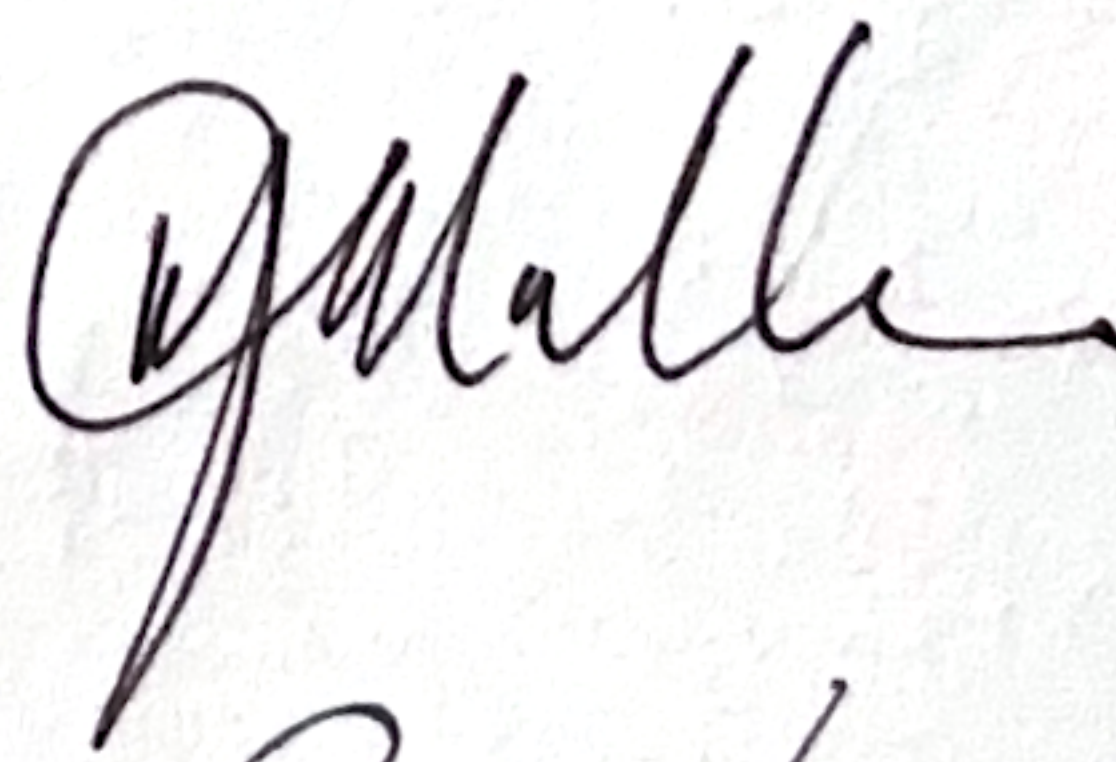
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FRIENDS OF DRUMROSS
INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT
Year ended 31st March 2025

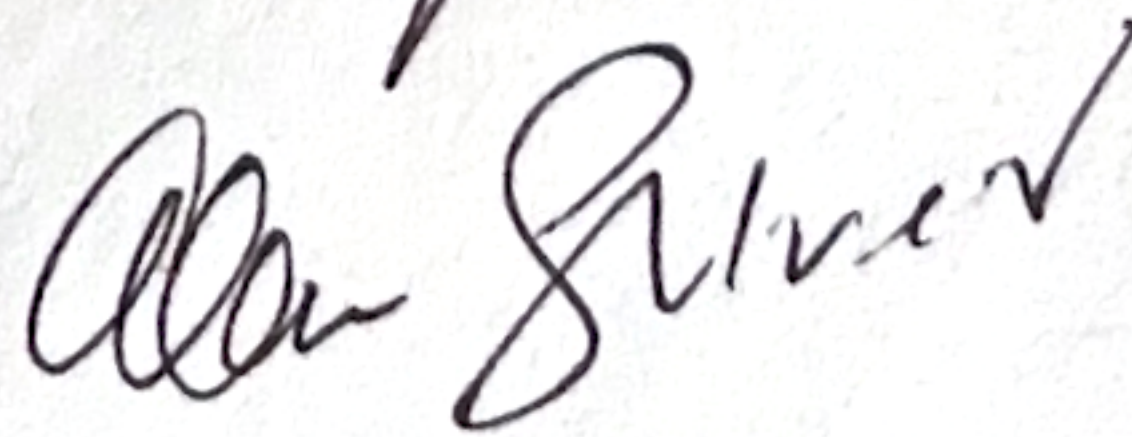
	<u>2025</u>
	£
OPENING BANK BALANCE	5,729
INCOME	
Donations	8,088
TOTAL INCOME	<u>8,088</u>
EXPENDITURE	6,615
NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)	1,473
CLOSING BANK BALANCE	<u>7,202</u>

I certify that the foregoing Income and Expenditure schedule is in accordance with the information supplied by the Treasurer and also, again based on information supplied by the Treasurer, the current account is the only asset retained by Friends of Drumross.

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Alan Gilmour , Treasurer



Nikki Rainey , Chair



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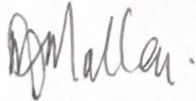
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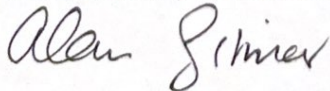
	<u>2024</u>
	£
OPENING BANK BALANCE	4323
INCOME	
Donations	4986
TOTAL INCOME	<u>4986</u>
EXPENDITURE	3580
NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)	<u>1406</u>
CLOSING BANK BALANCE	<u>5729</u>

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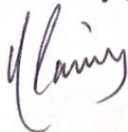
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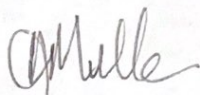


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Mr. William Mullen
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of The Friends of Drumross, Charity number 107343 - 0



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HRMC Officer (retired)

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Annual report

Friends of Drumross – Trustees Report,

During the year 1st April 2023 – 31st March 2024 there were 4 committee meetings and an AGM. The officers were re-elected to their posts as follows; Chairman – Niqu Rainey, Vice Chairman – Jim McMillan, Treasurer – Alan Gilmour & Minutes Secretary – Susan Byrne.

I confirm that all the trustees have complied with their duty under charity law to have regard to the Commission's public benefit guidance when exercising any powers or duties to which the guidance is relevant.
Niqu Rainey, 31st October 2024

This report covers our accounting year of 1 April 2023 to 31 March 2024.

For the year to end of March 2024 Drumross continued to keep the number of visitors in the building to a minimum. So, it has still not been possible for any fundraising events to be held at Drumross. I'm sure you'll agree that we are all missing the wonderful Summer and Christmas Concerts that Michael Murtagh organizes and are looking forward to them happening again. The changes to the handling, or rather non-handling of cash by both of the day centres has had a negative impact on our ability to sell event tickets or gather in fund raising money and also on how we can ensure staff are not out of pocket. We continue to try to work with the management team to facilitate our ongoing support for Drumross and New Way, but don't have a clear process yet.

January 2024 marked the 40th anniversary of Drumross Adult Centre opening its doors to Service Users for the first time. Plans are underway to celebrate this with a Formal in August. Friends of Drumross have been approached by the staff to cover the costs of the event, which will take place at Corrs Corner. Room hire, all meals, a DJ, Photographer and decorations are expected to cost around £2,500 .

Antrim & Newtownabbey Borough Council opened applications for a Special Event Grant, to hold an event celebrating the King's Coronation in May 2023. After consulting with the Service Users, they decided that they wanted a petting zoo to come to Drumross, a barbeque for lunch and a visit by an ice cream van. We were successful in our application and everyone had a great day, including a visit by Paula Bradley, the Deputy Mayoress.

Our March 2024 year end accounts have been signed off. In summary we received £4986, with our main fundraising events being a walk at Hazelbank in May and a Hallowe'en Quiz and Disco in October and had expenditure of £3580, with our account for the year ending with a balance of £5729. Our constitution has been updated to accurately reflect that we raise funds to provide resources to both Drumross and New Way Adult Centres, albeit that we will retain the name of Friends of Drumross.

We have set up a fundraising charity account with Just Giving. This has allowed us to receive additional monies in the form of Gift Aid. It also provides us with an easier way to promote our fundraising activities online and to reach a much wider audience. This was first used for our Hazelbank walk and Emma Lusk has set up a fundraiser page as she will be running the Belfast Marathon on 5th May in aid of Friends of Drumross. Our plans to have a team run the marathon on our behalf hasn't been possible this year, so we are grateful for Emma thinking of us. If anyone is interested in running next year's marathon for us, either individually or as part of a team, please give your contact details to Robert Dallas. If you have any other ideas for fundraising, please let me or one of the other committee members know. Alternatively, Just Giving allows anyone to set up a fundraising page linked to our Charity Account, they don't even have to contact us to do this.

We continue to be extremely grateful to those families that think of us when a loved one dies. This year we have received donations in the memory of Janet Patterson and Jimmy Moore.

During this year Friends of Drumross has funded various resources and outings requested by the service users and staff including Sports Day medals, various DJ and ice cream van visits, an open top bus tour around Belfast and trips to the Pantomime at the Grand Opera House. In December we funded the Christmas Dinner for staff of Drumross at Corrs Corner, as the Trust was only funding meals for the Service Users.

I want to give a special thank you to Nadia Fox, Susie Knox and Liz McVarnock as they stepped down as committee members and Trustees in October 2023. Their work over the years has made a big impact on our fundraising, especially in the organising of our quiz nights. Also, an enormous thank you to Ann McMurtry who retired from her

post as clerical assistant in December. Her work in support of Friends of Drumross is greatly missed. I want to thank the committee and trustees for their ongoing commitment to Friends of Drumross, and to everyone that makes donations or otherwise supports us to help to enhance the daily experience for the Service Users and Staff at Drumross and New Way Adult Centres.

Niqi Rainey

10th October 2024

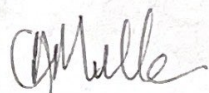
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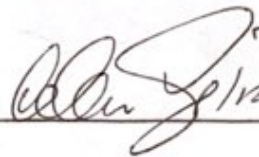
		2023
		£
OPENING BANK BALANCE		6752
INCOME		
Donations	2116	
TOTAL INCOME	<u>2116</u>	
EXPENDITURE	4545	
NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)	<u> </u>	(2429)
CLOSING BANK BALANCE		<u>4323</u>

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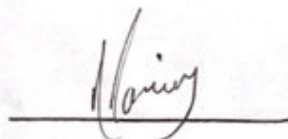


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Treasurer



Nigi Rainey
Chair

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Niqi Rainey, 30th December 2023

This report covers our accounting year of 1 April 2022 to 31 March 2023.

Whilst the year to end of March 2023 saw a significant reduction in restrictions and regulations, Covid continued to have a major impact on our fundraising abilities during this period. As Drumross continued to keep the number of visitors in the building to a minimum, allowing only essential personnel in, it has not been possible for any fundraising events to be held at Drumross. I'm sure you'll agree that we are all missing the wonderful Summer and Christmas Concerts that Michael Murtagh organizes and are looking forward to them happening again.

We arranged a coffee morning at Corrs Corner to be held on 4th April for parents and carers. We asked Clare and Gillian from the Carer's Hub in NHSCT to join us to talk about the services they provide to NHSCT. Unfortunately, due to covid in their office, no one from the Carer's Hub was able to attend on the day, we still held the coffee morning, which wasn't as well attended as we would have hoped. If there are signs of interest, we would think about holding similar events in the future.

Antrim & Newtownabbey Borough Council opened applications for a Special Event Grant, to hold an event celebrating the Platinum Jubilee of the Queen in June. After consulting with Clare as to what type of event might be possible within the Covid restrictions, we successfully applied for funding of around £600 to hold a Jubilee Picnic for Drumross & NewWay service users and staff, with special dispensation to hold the event on the Wednesday immediately ahead of the jubilee weekend. I want to thank the committee members that helped to pack the 120+ individual picnic bags. The event had to be held outside due to the restrictions that were still in place at the time and fortunately the weather was good. It was so good we had to have additional drinks provided by the Drumross catering team, and try to keep the service users in the shade.

During the year Friends of Drumross has also funded other items and services requested by the service users and staff including the cost of an open top bus tour, New Age Kurling equipment and candle & soap making paraphernalia. In December we funded the Christmas Dinner for service users and staff of Drumross at Corrs Corner.

At our meeting on 5th December 2022 the committee agreed to add support and fundraising with and for New Way Adult Centre into our constitution. This has been happening for a while but will make it official.

We have submitted another application to ANBC, this time for their Special Events grant for the King's Coronation for May 2023. The service users have chosen to celebrate with a petting zoo, BBQ and a visit by the ice cream van.

Our March 2023 year end accounts are awaiting the independent examination. In summary we received £2100 in donations and grants, with no fundraising events and had expenditure of £4500, with our account for the year ending with a balance of £4323.

I want to thank the committee and trustees for their ongoing commitment to improving the daily experience for the Service Users and Staff at Drumross and NewWay Adult Centres. Especially to Alan, our Treasurer for keeping us on track financially. Elizabeth, for the administration side of things, including our first annual return to the CCNI in January. Susan for taking the minutes and Jim, for providing inspiration, a venue and catering for our meetings.

Niqi Rainey

12th Sept 2023

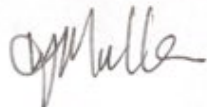
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 19/10/2023.

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HMRC Officer (Retired)