

# The Church Lads' and Church Girls' Brigade Northern Ireland (CLCGB NI)

Northern Ireland · Charity number 107590

## Details

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Status	Received
Registered	2020-07-06
Register	<a href="#">View on the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland register</a>

## Contact

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## Activities

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**Purposes:** 1. To extend the Kingdom of Christ among young people and encourage them to be faithful members of their Church. 2. To provide fun, faith and fellowship in a safe and caring environment to young people aged three to under eighteen years of age from all backgrounds across Northern Ireland. 3. To help young people grow in confidence, develop their skills and abilities, and work together showing care and concern for others.

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

**How the charity works:** Religious activities, Youth development

**Who the charity helps:** Children (5-13 year olds), Preschool (0-5 year olds), Youth (14-25 year olds)

## Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-08-31	£15,802	£16,708	£0	0
2024-08-31	£15,602	£16,587	£0	0

## Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Mr Christopher Huw Mcalister		
Mr John Robert Kennedy		
Mr Martin Gillespie		
Mr Martin William Clayton		
Mr Melvyn Lockhart		
Mr Richard Smyton		
Mr Robin Albert Mack		
Mr Thomas Ringland		
Mr William Clayton		
Mrs Elaine Smyton		
Mrs Jennifer Lockhart		
Rev Paul Mcadam		

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# Accounts

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# FINANCIAL REPORT

## 2024/2025 Treasurers Report

### The Church Lads' & Church Girls' Brigade (Northern Ireland) Income and Expenditure Account

<b>Year Ending 31/08/2025</b>	<b>£</b>		<b>£</b>
Opening Balance at 01/09/2024	32,652.54		
<b>Income Groups:</b>		<b>Expenditure Groups:</b>	
Donations	328	Regimental Fees	6971
Uniforms	2177	Other Payments to NHQ (non-Uniform)	994
Misc./Other	275.65	Bank charge	39.71
Capitation Income	13021	Other Costs/Misc	3256.68
		Rent to 3 <sup>rd</sup> Party	1800
		Uniforms	2408.25
		Outings and Trips	1238.50
		Closing Balance at 31/08/2025	31746.05

- Steady year from a transaction point of view with all the normal incoming and outgoing payments with nothing unexpected
- Misc income entry of £275.65 is from the closing of the 4<sup>th</sup> Battalion bank account is to be held for one year - if not used then split over active 4th Batt companies
- Operated at a slight loss as compared to last year however there were not as many donations or Grants
- Donations and Grants are vital for the running of the organisation – some Donations and Grants are ring fenced for particular expenditure with a detailed financial tracker
- Finances are tracked at Regimental meetings throughout the year
- Online banking with Danske bank charitable account and a 2 Tier approval for payments is enforced

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Opening Balance at 01/09/2023	<b>33,638.35</b>		
<b>Income Groups:</b>		<b>Expenditure Groups:</b>	
Uniforms	2219.00	Regimental Fees	2407.45
Capitation Fees	4612.00	Other Payments to NHQ (non-Uniform)	5580.00
Donations	430.00	Bank charge	44.95
Misc./Other	8220.50	Battalion Fees	726.00
Outings/Trips	120.00	Other Costs/Misc	3705.43
		Uniforms	3717.48
		Outings and Trips	406.00
		Closing Balance at 31/08/2024	<b>32,652.54</b>

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	<u>£</u>		<u>£</u>
Opening Balance at 31/08/2021	34486.37		
<b>Income Groups:</b>		<b>Expenditure Groups:</b>	
Amazon Smile	17.60	Regimental Payments	4081.60
Capitation Fees and Uniforms	7103	Misc Payments	2836.61
Donations	615	Uniforms	3531.20
Interest	8.70	Bank charge	35.16
		Closing Balance at 31/08/2022	<b>31746.10</b>

CHRS McQUEEN

N.I. Church Lads & Church Girls Brigade Treasurer

 18/05/24

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# Annual report

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**The Church Lads' and Church Girls' Brigade  
Northern Ireland**

**Charities Commission for Northern Ireland  
Reg. NIC 107590**

**Trustees Annual Report for the year  
1<sup>st</sup> September 2022 - 31<sup>st</sup> August 2023**



## **The Church Lads' and Church Girls' Brigade Northern Ireland – Trustee Report**

Administrative details of the charity and its trustees for the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> August 2023.

### **Trustees:**

**Chair of the Trustees:** Melvyn Lockhart

**Honorary Secretary:** Jennifer Lockhart

**Honorary Treasurer:** Christopher McAlister

### **Other Trustees:**

John Williams  
Thomas Ringland  
Robert Keith Townley  
Martin Clayton  
Johnny Conn  
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**Charity Number: NIC** 107590

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Business banking  
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Donegal Square West  
Belfast  
BT1 6JS

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The trustees have the pleasure in presenting their report and financial statements for the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> of August 2023.

### **About Us**

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### **Our Aim**

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### **Our Motto**

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### **Financial Review**

The detailed results for the period are shown in the attached financial statements. During the year 1<sup>st</sup> September 2022 - 31<sup>st</sup> of August 2023 no trustee received any financial benefit or remuneration.

It was a busier year from a transaction point of view but was expected as 1<sup>st</sup> full year completed post COVID. Donations and Grants continued to be vital for the running of the organisation and some donations and grants are ring fenced for specific expenditure. Finances were tracked at meetings of the

trustees which were held 4 times in the reporting year (the winter meeting was held via ZOOM). Online banking with Danske bank charitable account was used and a 2 Tier approval for payments was enforced.

The opening balance for the year was £31,746.10 and the closing balance for the year was £33,638.35.

## **Public Benefit**

The trustees of The Church Lads' and Church Girls' Brigade confirm that they have complied with their duty under the Charities Act to have regard to the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit and that the public benefit requirement has informed the activities of the charity in the year 1<sup>st</sup> September 2022/31<sup>st</sup> August 2023.

The Church Lads' and Church Girls; Brigade Northern Ireland has had due regard to the public benefits that are registered with the Charities Commission for Northern Ireland and our activities throughout the reporting period have been with the aim of achieving these public benefits.

## **Public Benefits – The Advancement of Religion**

The Church Lads' and Church Girls' Brigade Northern Ireland's programme includes bible teaching and prayer. Our groups provide a safe place for children to explore their faith, ask questions and learn from others. We partner with and support local Church of Ireland Parishes and encourage greater connections between our companies and their parish. This seeks to benefit families and communities by creating fellowship and helping children to develop a moral framework. Our companies have been provided with Bible Teaching resources throughout the year to help them achieve our aim of extending God's Kingdom. Membership of the Church Lads' and Church Girls' Brigade Northern Ireland is open to children of all faiths and none.

## **Public Benefits – The advancement of citizenship or community development**

The Church Lads and Church Girls' Brigade Northern Ireland continued to provide a safe place for children to learn, grow and develop. They are provided with opportunities to form friendships and have new experiences, go on trips, and take part in competitions. As part of a company, they belong to a bigger Brigade family, fostering a sense of belonging and community. Our Badge scheme teaches them skills and gives them opportunities to try new activities. Our young people can take part in volunteering, Duke of Edinburgh Award Scheme and training which helps them to become well rounded individuals. Our groups benefit the community by providing low-cost extracurricular spaces for children to learn and thrive.

## **Activities and Achievements (from the Chairman)**

At the end of the reporting period the total membership of the charity was 567 which was a slight drop from the previous year; unfortunately, we are still suffering from the drop off from COVID and the few Companies which didn't reopen following COVID, remain closed. These groups had significant numbers and we keep pressing on towards a hopeful restart.

The new Badge Scheme which was introduced last year, is being widely used and the leaders find it extremely useful when planning their weekly programme.

Throughout the year, the Trustees and Regimental staff met on 4 occasions with the much-needed face-to-face meetings resuming.

Reports from the Trustees responsible for Finance, Training (included general officer training, First Aid, and TGA1 & 2 (taking groups away), Sports, Duke of Edinburgh's Award Scheme, Communication/Publicity and COVID Awareness were submitted at the AGM for approval. Social media continues to enhance our Organisation and keeps all our leaders informed of what is happening.

The Leaders' Handbook has now gone "live" and proving a powerful aid to our leaders. The DofEd reported that 5 participants had completed their Bronze Expedition and a further 5 completed their Gold. Awards received were 1 Silver and 7 Gold. All outdoor sporting activities resumed, bringing a much-needed boost to our membership.

Representatives from 12 Companies/Battalions attended the AGM, providing them with the opportunity to hear the various reports and enjoy a healthy discussion as required – it was useful to get feedback from the attendees.

One of the highlights during the year was the presentation of the Brigade Cross to my wife and I by the Archbishop of Armagh held in Church House, Armagh. A very special evening which was shared with the Regimental Staff and Trustees.

Another highlight was the invitation to Johnny Conn (2 I/C) to attend the Coronation of King Charles III in Westminster Abbey on 6<sup>th</sup> May. Johnny attended in CLCGB uniform representing our Organisation. Another highlight was afforded to Michael (our Brigade Standard Bearer) to act as Standard Bearer for the Royal British Legion, providing the Guard of Honour at the Coronation.

Our Regimental Chaplain retired at the end of the financial year and was presented with a beautiful watercolour of St. Patrick's Cathedral (Armagh) as a mark of appreciation for his help and guidance over the many years.

## **Partnerships**

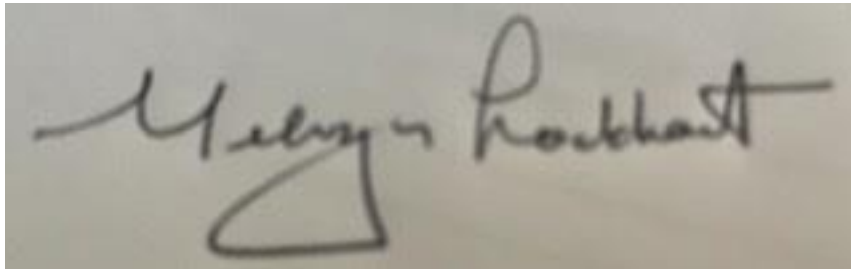
The Church Lads' and Church Girls' Brigade NI continued to engage with our partner churches who run CLCGB NI companies through email, face-to-face meetings, social media / printed material.

We continued with the following partnerships:

The Church of Ireland Youth Department, Connor Diocese Children and Youth, The Girls' Friendly Society and The Duke of Edinburgh's award.

I concluded by thanking all our leaders, chaplains, Regimental CO and staff for their continuing help and support throughout the year.

## **Signed**

A photograph of a handwritten signature in black ink on a light-colored background. The signature is written in a cursive style and reads "Melvyn Lockhart".

*Melvyn Lockhart*  
*05/6/24*

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**Melvyn Lockhart – Chair of the Trustees**

**The Church Lads' and Church Girls' Brigade Northern Ireland (CLCGB NI)**

Northern Ireland - Charity number 107590

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# Annual return

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**Independent examiner's report to the charity trustees of The Church Lads' and Church Girls' Brigade Northern Ireland Trust**

I report on the accounts of the Trust for the year ended 31 August 2023, which are set out on page 1.

**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 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: CASSANDRA BALKWILL

Relevant professional qualification or body: CHARTERED INST. OF MANAGEMENT ACCOUNTANTS

Address: 89 MULLADRY ROAD  
ROGERSDOWN  
BT62 4HH

Date: 18/05/24.

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# Accounts

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Please complete the boxes below detailing a general breakdown of the categories

**INCOME**

Donations / Grants (list general or specify for large one off donations) CLEARLY STATE IF THE AMOUNT IS A DONATION OR A GRANT	£
BLACKSANTA AWARD BOARD OF THE CATHE	600
Cash Donation from Company	15
<b>Total</b>	<b>£ 615</b>

Include, donations, and grants received

**EXPENDITURE**

Purchases from NHQ	£
Stores purchases	
<b>Total</b>	<b>£ -</b>

Show here, Stores Purchases,

National Music Competition & National Sports Competition

Fundraising and Tuckshop Income	£
Tuck shop	
Fundraising	
<b>Total</b>	<b>£</b>

List Fundraising and Tuckshop Income separate

Fundraising and Tuckshop costs	£
Fund Raising	
Tuckshop	
<b>Total</b>	<b>£ -</b>

Itemise money spent on events fundraising activities and shop expenditure

Other Income	£
Uniform Sales	£ 4,168.00
Interest	£ 8.70
Amazon Smile Initiative	£ 17.60

All other income: please list the general headings of items in this category, include uniform sales, and proceeds of sales of Investments / Fixed Assets if any

Brigade night activities	£
Misc items for remote meetings	£ 143.66
Misc items for DofE expenses	£ 94.75
<b>Total</b>	

Show here headings to include outings, social events, days out, Transport, hall hire, refreshments,

Camp Income	£
<b>Total</b>	<b>£</b>

Camp Expenditure	£
<b>Total</b>	<b>£</b>

AC2 - Questionnaire Pg 1

Pick  
Yes or No

Does your unit hold one or more bank account e.g. current/deposit  Yes

if YES, give total number of accounts and complete Form AC3 1

Does your unit hold one or more Building Society or similar account ?  No

if YES, give total number of accounts and complete Form AC3

Does your unit hold any investments ?  No

If YES, then include photocopies  
of relevant statements/ share certificates if purchased in the year

Have you disposed of any Investments during the year ?  No

If Yes, please provide details

Does your unit own one or more vehicles ?  No

If Yes, include photocopies  
of relevant vehicle registration certificate if purchased during the year

Have you disposed of any vehicles during the year ?  No

If Yes, please provide details

Has your unit purchased / been donated any equipment with an  
original cost of £100 or more per item  No

If Yes, please provide details of original cost, date purchased & name of item  
on the reverse of this sheet in the space provided

Has your unit disposed of any equipment  
(i.e. single items with a purchase cost of £100 or more)  No

If Yes, please provide details of original cost, date purchased, name of item  
and amount received

Does your unit have any outstanding financial commitments  
e.g.: hire purchase, leasing or rental agreement?  No

If YES, please identify and give brief details on Pg 2 ( a photocopy of relevant  
agreement will suffice)

Does your unit possess any freehold property ?  No

If YES, please identify and give brief details on Pg 2 including approximate valuation

Does the unit have any closing debtors at the year end (other than N.H.Q)  
(i.e. money owed to yourselves at the year end)  No

If YES, complete Pg 2 of this form

Does the unit have any closing creditors at the year end  
(i.e. money owed by yourselves at the year end)

No

If YES, complete Pg 2 of this form

Has the unit received or paid any moneys for designated or restricted funds ?

No

If YES, enter details in the space on Pg 2 of this form



The boxes on this column are handy to check that you have provided all the information we need

Yes  
No

**Debtors (Amounts owing to you )**

**Creditors (Amounts you owe )**

Closing debtors		All payments to NHQ & Formations	Closing creditors
	<input type="text"/>		<input type="text"/>
N.H.Q payments		Direct Activities	
All other Income	<input type="text"/>		
Total	<input type="text"/>	Total	<input type="text"/>

**Equipment sales or purchases details**

Please include description of item, original cost or proceeds of sale, and date purchased

Date	Firm	Item purchased	Cost
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Date	Firm	Item sold	Cost
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**Detail for Designated or Restricted income & Expenditure**

Please provide details of any Receipts and Expenditure in relation to the above and forward copies of any relevant documentation

**Market value of investments held**

Please provide details of what any shares or Investments were worth at the year end

**CLCGB  
Bank Reconciliation Statement**

Company Name  
Ulster Regiment

Company No'  
N/A

Balance as per bank statement (as at 31st August 2022)	£31,746.10
Add below any amounts not yet credited at bank	
1	
2	
3	
4	
Total (this box auto fills)	0
Deduct any cheques not presented at bank/building society	
1	
2	
3	
4	
Total (this box auto fills)	0
Total (this box auto fills)	31746.1

Note: please do not include cash in hand or balance at NHQ on this statement

Breakdown of Accounts:

Account No & name	Deposit/Current	Amount
95067930152587 Church L&G	Current	31746.1
<b>Total (this box auto fills)</b>		<b>31746.1</b>

Please enclose copy bank statements for the period  
from 1st August to 31st August 2022 only

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# Annual report

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**Charities Commission for Northern Ireland  
Reg. NIC 107590**

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2022**

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## **Activities and Achievements**

At the end of the reporting period the total membership of the charity was 597. This comprised of 13 Chaplains (3 Companies shared a Chaplain), 124 leaders and/or trustees and 460 members.

A section of The Chairman's report for the 2021-2022 year covered the following –

The year started off with much preparation for the possibility of restarting face to face weekly Brigade meetings. Approximately 70% of our Companies were able to open again from September onwards. 4 Companies were unable to open owing to lack of leadership. In January 2022, there was another pause as COVID had yet again reached a high level; thankfully we were able to resume from February onwards. Outdoor activities had already been gradually resuming.

The restart was supported by the sanitizing equipment supplied by NHQ and the Regiment, aiding our Companies to re-open safely.

During the year, the new Brigade Badge Scheme was sent to each Company, followed later by the Jubilee Badge. A "Road Ahead" document was produced for discussion and comment.

Throughout the year, the Trustees and Regimental Staff met on 3 occasions via ZOOM and ended with 1 face-to-face meeting.

Reports from the Trustees responsible for – Finance, Training, First Aid, Sports, Duke of Ed, Communications / publicity, COVID were submitted for approval.

The Chairman of the Trustees put on record he recognized that each Trustee has been appointed for a specific reason, and had the knowledge, expertise, and experience necessary to give to our Organisation in their specific field and thanked them for their dedication and hard work for and with the CLCGB NI.

During all of the reporting period various local sports competitions and Church services/parades continued to be on hold, though one Battalion was able to restart their junior athletics in April. This applied also to Training, with the exception of a "SHAKEN" training initiative facilitated by The Big House for secondary age children and went ahead via ZOOM. 9 leaders took part in this training session to enable them to confidently facilitate the Programme in their groups. A new training team was set up to take forward training progs.

There was much activity in the communication / publicity department as they covered a wide range of topics, highlighting the most important events to all our members. This was relayed via social media and the production of videos. A Newsletter for all leaders and members continued to be produced.

The Duke of Edinburgh's Award suffered, with no new members enrolling in the 21/22. However, in September 2021, 8 existing members were able to complete their Gold Expedition in the Mourne Mountains. This was possible using "temporary" variations to the Award introduced by The Duke of Edinburgh's Award HQ in Windsor. Three young people did complete their Gold Award and 5 others in the process of getting their sections signed off. The incoming year, however, looks promising.

A draft leaders handbook was produced, a Scripture Course was sourced, The Archbishops Award for the Champion Company continues, and plans are in place to hold 130<sup>th</sup> Anniversary events in 22/23.

It was encouraging to see an increase of those attending the AGM when we reviewed each Department's report and set some goals for the year ahead. Representatives from 10 Companies attended.

### **Partnerships**

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We continued with the following partnerships: The Church of Ireland Youth Department, Connor Diocese Children and Youth, The Girls' Friendly Society, The Big House, The Duke of Edinburgh's Award.

**Signed**

*Melvyn Lockhart*

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**Melvyn Lockhart – Chair of the Trustees**



**The Church Lads' and Church Girls' Brigade Northern Ireland (CLCGB NI)**

Northern Ireland - Charity number 107590

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# Annual return

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**Independent examiner's report to the charity trustees of The Church Lads' and Church Girls' Brigade Northern Ireland Trust**

I report on the accounts of the Trust for the year ended 31 August 2022, which are set out on page 1.

**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 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: CASSANDRA BALKWILL

Relevant professional qualification or body: CHARTERED INST. OF MANAGEMENT ACCOUNTANTS.

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21 JUNE 2023.