

# Crossmaglen and District Community First Responders

Northern Ireland · Charity number 107646

## Details

Status	Received
Registered	2021-01-15
Register	<a href="#">View on the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland register</a>

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## Activities

**Purposes:** The charity's purposes ('the purposes') are: 1. To provide initial care to members of the public over 12 years of age, to provide lifesaving skills and to contribute to a person's chance of survival in response to being alerted by Northern Ireland Ambulance Service (NIAS). This service is provided within a seven-mile radius of Crossmaglen. 2. To provide CPR skills to be members of the public. 3. To provide First Aid at community events in Northern Ireland. For the avoidance of doubt, the system of law governing the constitution of the charity is the law of Northern Ireland.

**What the charity does:** The advancement of health or the saving of lives

**How the charity works:** Medical/health/sickness

**Who the charity helps:** General public

## Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2024-10-31	£7,719	£13,186	£0	0

## Trustees

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Name	Role	Appointed
Mr David Rushe		
Mrs Alicia Griffen		
Mrs Bernadette Teresa Oconnor		
Mrs Edele Mcgeown		
Mrs Jean Rushe		
Mrs Louise Mcshane		
Ms Orla Traynor		

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# Accounts

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<b>Charity Name</b>	<b>Charity No.</b>
Crossmaglen & District Community First Responders	107646

### Receipts and payments accounts

<b>For the period from</b>	01/11/2023	<b>To</b>	31/10/2024
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#### Section A Receipts and payments

	<b>Unrestricted funds</b>	<b>Restricted funds</b>	<b>Endowment funds</b>	<b>Total funds</b>
	to the nearest £	to the nearest £	to the nearest £	to the nearest £
<b>A1 Receipts</b>				
Donations	7,705	-00	-00	7,705
Petty Cash	-	-00	-00	-00
Bank Interest	14	-00	-00	14
<b>A1 Sub total</b> (Gross income for the Annual Return)	<b>7,719</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>7,719</b>
<b>A2 Asset and investment sales</b> (see tables 1 and 2 in section 7 of the guidance).				
	-	-	-	-00
	-	-	-	-00
<b>A2 Sub total</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Total receipts</b>	<b>7,719</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>7,719</b>
<b>A3 Payments</b>				
Consumables	3,548	-00	-00	3,548
Insurance	1,307	-00	-00	1,307
Petty Cash	-	-00	-00	-00
Gifts/Hampers/Christmas Party	380	-00	-00	380
Bank Fees	52	-00	-00	52
New Equipment	7,899	-00	-00	7,899
	-	-00	-00	-00
<b>A3 Sub total</b>	<b>13,186</b>	<b>-00</b>	<b>-00</b>	<b>13,186</b>
<b>A4 Asset and investment purchases</b> (see tables 1 and 2 in section 7 of the guidance)				
	-	-	-	-00
	-	-	-	-00
<b>A4 Sub total</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Total payments</b>	<b>13,186</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>13,186</b>
<b>Net of receipts/(payments)</b>	<b>-5,467</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-5,467</b>
<b>A5 Transfers between funds</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-00</b>	<b>-00</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>A6 Cash funds last year end</b>	<b>18,004</b>	<b>-00</b>	<b>-00</b>	<b>18,004</b>
<b>Cash funds this year end</b>	<b>12,537</b>	<b>-00</b>	<b>-00</b>	<b>12,537</b>

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# Accounts

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**Receipts and payments accounts**

For the period	01/11/2022	31/10/2023		
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**Section A Receipts and payments**

	Unrestricted funds to the nearest	Restricted funds £ to the nearest £	Endowment funds to the nearest £	Total funds to the nearest £	Last year to the nearest £
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**A1 Receipts**

Donations	6,180	-	-	6,180	13,561
Petty Cash	-	-	-	-	20
Bank Interest	18	-	-	18	10
<b>A1 Sub total</b> (Gross income for the Annual Return)	<b>6,198</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>6,198</b>	<b>13,591</b>

**A2 Asset and investment sales**  
(see tables 1 and 2 in section 7 of the guidance).

	-	-	-	-	-
<b>A2 Sub total</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>

**Total receipts**

	<b>6,198</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>6,198</b>	<b>13,591</b>
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**A3 Payments**

Consumables	1,674	-	-	1,674	6,278
Computer purchases	1,336	-	-	1,336	-
Insurance	640	-	-	640	849
Petty Cash	-	-	-	-	40
Gifts / Hampers / Annual Party	250	-	-	250	843
Bank Fees	53	-	-	53	61
	-	-	-	-	-
<b>A3 Sub total</b>	<b>3,953</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>3,953</b>	<b>8,071</b>

**A4 Asset and investment purchases** (see tables 1 and 2 in section 7 of the guidance)

	-	-	-	-	-
<b>A4 Sub total</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>

**Total payments**

	<b>3,953</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>3,953</b>	<b>8,071</b>
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**Net of receipts/(payments)**

	<b>2,245</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>2,245</b>	<b>5,521</b>
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**A5 Transfers between funds**

	-	-	-	-	-
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**A6 Cash funds last year end**

	17,578	-	-	17,578	12,260
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**Cash funds this year end**

	<b>19,823</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>19,823</b>	<b>17,781</b>
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## Treasurer's Report

Period 1st November 2022 - 31st October 2023

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### **Opening Balance at 1st November 2022**

Bank	£	17,549		
Petty Cash	£	232		
O/S Cheque C/fw	-£	203	£	17,578

### **Total Income for period**

#### **BANK**

Donations	£	6,180		
Bank Interest Earned	£	18		

#### **PETTY CASH**

Donations	£	-		
			£	6,198

### **Total Expenditure for period**

Consumables (Pads,Medical Supplies, Clc	£	1,674		
Insurance/Registrations	£	640		
Petty Cash Deductions/Deposits	£	-		
Computer Equipment	£	1,337		
Flowers/Gifts/Hampers	£	250		
Bank Fees	£	53	£	3,953

**Closing Balance at 31st October 2023** £ **19,823**

<b>Closing Bank balance 31st October 2023</b>	£	18,004		
Petty Cash	£	232		
OS Cheques	£	13		
OS Lodgements	£	1,600		
	<b>£</b>	<b>19,823</b>		

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# Annual report

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Good Evening

A warm welcome to our 9<sup>th</sup> Annual General Meeting.

I want to take this opportunity to thank you for coming along this evening and for your continual support.

I would like this evening to share with you some statistics in relation to our calls over the last year and to give you a snapshot of some of the work we have been involved in over the last 12 months.

As a group we currently have 16 active volunteers and a committee of 7.

### **CALL OUTS**

This year we were dispatched to 52 call outs by NIAS. In addition to that we are often called by members of the public to attend to family and friends.

The 52 call outs varied from chest pain, choking, unconsciousness, to not breathing.

The average time spent on a call is 1hour 17 mins with call lengths ranging in length from 5mins to 4 hours 2mins

Each call had an average of 3 volunteers.

In total as a group we have spent 3624 hours on call outs this year alone in addition to this volunteers take part in monthly training sessions and training events within the community.

The times of the calls vary throughout the day and night and the busiest months were February and June with 8 calls each. The quietest month was August with only 1 call.

### **Training events**

In April our scheme Co Ordinator and I represented our group at the Community First Responder Event held by NIAS in Templepatrick. On the day there was an opportunity for networking with volunteers from other schemes, and some informative training sessions. During the event a beautiful tribute was paid to our Chair the late Thomas McKenna, for the work he had done to assist in the development of Community First Responders' groups in Northern Ireland. The group was presented with a voucher to buy a tree and a plaque to put alongside it in Thomas's memory. We planted a Tree in Culloville Gaelic Park in September in the presence of Thomas's Family and members of the community.

This year several volunteers, attended the Community First Responder Training event in Mullingar held by Respond Ireland. The day was excellent giving us additional training and skills and allowing us the opportunity to speak to other volunteers from across the country.

### **CPR Awareness and First Aid Cover**

This year, we held CPR awareness events for the volunteers of St Patricks Church and the Crossmaglen Community Association. These people now have basic CPR and defibrillator awareness. Thank you to all our volunteers who helped at these events. A special word of thanks to Bernie O Connor, our scheme co Ordinator, for giving of her time and professional skills to provide members of the community with this vital training.

During the past year we provided first aid at a number of events including: the turning on of the Christmas Tree Lights, Darkness Into Light, and The South Armagh Halloween Festival. We use these events to raise public awareness of what we do as a group as well as helping manage event safety.

### **Public AEDs**

We continued this year to maintain 9 public access defibs, ensuring that they are in working order and are ready and available should a member of the public require them.

### **NIAS Training**

A special word of thanks to Stephanie Lecky and her community resuscitation team for the ongoing support, training, and guidance that they provide our group. Thanks also to all the NIAS staff, the call takers and paramedics who have been very supportive to us in our roles over the last year. Thank you also to Bernie O Conner and David Rushe who lead our training sessions with professionalism and bring a wealth of experience and knowledge to the group.

### **Awards**

We were honoured to be nominated this year for Armagh Person of the Year Awards. A number of the group attended the awards in the Armagh City Hotel in November and were delighted to be runners up at the event another testimonial of the appreciation for the groups work in from the community.

## **Patients and those who passed away**

I want to make pay a special tribute to all our patients over the last year. Thank you for allowing us into your homes to help you and your families in what were often difficult and vulnerable circumstances. We hope that you have made a speedy recovery and wish you good health for the future.

We remember the patients and their families who unfortunately passed away. We keep them in our thoughts and prayers and hope that by being there we were able to offer some practical help, comfort and support, in their hour of need. We also take this opportunity to remember members of our own team who lost loved ones over the past year. We take a moment in silence to reflect and remember.

## **Thank you's**

I have a long list of people, businesses, and organisation that I want to offer a heartfelt thank you to. We are completely funded by the generosity of our community, without them we would be unable to continue to provide our essential lifesaving service. We thank everyone who made donations this year, we appreciate your generosity and would be unable to continue to operate if it wasn't for your support.

Thank you to the all the families who made donations, often anonymously, following loved ones having used our services.

- Thank you to the Hearty family who donated to the group following the sale of a prize cow.
- Thank you to the Feeney Family who made a generous donation following the death of their mother Bernie.
- Thank you to the McConville Family who donated to the group in lieu of Christmas cards.
- Thank you to Ashfield golf club for their annual golf tournament which we are gladly the recipient of the proceeds each year.
- Thank you to Kay McArdle for her generous donation.
- Thank you to Community Association for their donation following first aid training.
- Thank you to Eileen McNamee and the McGowan Family for their kind donation in memory of Martin McGowan
- Thank you to Crafty Owl productions for the donation of our display cheque.
- Thank you must also to our parish priest father Dermot for allowing us to use the parish rooms for tonight meeting.
- A special thanks to Crossmaglen Fire service for the use of the Fire Station for Trainings and meetings.
- Thanks must also be said to Cullyhannah community association for kindly giving us use of premises for storage for out groups equipment.

I want to say a massive thank you to all of my fellow committee members. The work that they do behind the scenes is paramount to the success of the group. From long monthly meetings, to dealing with correspondence, looking after financial matters, coordinating trainings and events, communicating with group members and the public, sourcing and maintaining our equipment and dealing with governance and policies. The roles they undertake come with almost daily often thankless tasks that they complete all in a voluntary capacity.

Lastly a massive thank you to all our volunteers. Your tireless efforts and sacrifices do not go unnoticed. You provide round-the-clock coverage to our community. The challenges you face are numerous, yet your professionalism, resilience, and selflessness shine through in every call you respond to, and every life you touch. Your willingness to put the needs of others before your own is truly commendable. You are the true heroes of our community, and I am privileged to lead such a dedicated and capable team of volunteers. May the coming year bring us continued success, good health and safety.

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# Annual return

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**Independent examiner's report to the charity trustees of Crossmaglen &  
District Community First Responders**

I report on the accounts of the Trust for the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> October 2023.

**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: AILEEN Gray

Relevant professional qualification or body: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: 31 Killybane Rd, Cullyhanna, Newry, Co. Down BT35 0L9

Date: 22/8/24

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# Accounts

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Crossmaglen & District Community First Responders		107646			
<b>Receipts and payments accounts</b>					
For the period from			31/10/2022		
<b>Section A Receipts and payments</b>					
	<b>Unrestricted funds</b>	<b>Restricted funds</b>	<b>Endowment funds</b>	<b>Total funds</b>	<b>Last year</b>
	to the nearest £	to the nearest £	to the nearest £	to the nearest £	to the nearest £
<b>A1 Receipts</b>					
Donations	13,561	-	-	13,561	425
Petty Cash	20	-	-	20	10
Bank Interest	10	-	-	10	10
<b>A1 Sub total</b> (Gross income for the Annual Return)	<b>13,591</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>13,591</b>	<b>445</b>
<b>A2 Asset and investment sales</b> (see tables 1 and 2 in section 7 of the guidance).					
	-	-	-	-	-
<b>A2 Sub total</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Total receipts</b>	<b>13,591</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>13,591</b>	<b>445</b>
<b>A3 Payments</b>					
Consumables	6,278	-	-	6,278	880
Insurance	849	-	-	849	531
Petty Cash	40	-	-	40	35
Gifts / Hampers / Annual Party	843	-	-	843	110
Bank Fees	61	-	-	61	56
	-	-	-	-	-
<b>A3 Sub total</b>	<b>8,070</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>8,070</b>	<b>1,612</b>
<b>A4 Asset and investment purchases</b> (see tables 1 and 2 in section 7 of the guidance)					
	-	-	-	-	-
<b>A4 Sub total</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Total payments</b>	<b>8,070</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>8,070</b>	<b>1,612</b>
<b>Net of receipts/(payments)</b>	<b>5,521</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>5,521</b>	<b>- 1,167</b>
<b>A5 Transfers between funds</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>A6 Cash funds last year end</b>	<b>12,260</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>12,260</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Cash funds this year end</b>	<b>17,781</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>17,781</b>	<b>- 1,167</b>

<b>Period 1st November 2021 - 31st October 2022</b>			
			<b>£</b>
<b><i>Opening Balance at 1st November 2021</i></b>			
Bank	£	11,806	
Petty Cash	£	252	£ 12,057
<b><u>Total Income for period</u></b>			
<b>BANK</b>			
Donations	£	13,561	
Bank Interest Earned	£	10	
<b>PETTY CASH</b>			
Donations	£	20	
			£ 13,591
<b><u>Total Expenditure for period</u></b>			
Consumables (Pads,Medical Supplies	£	6,278	
Insurance/Registrations	£	849	
Petty Cash Deductions/Deposits	£	40	
Flowers/Gifts/Hampers	£	843	
Bank Fees	£	61	£ 8,070
<b><i>Closing Balance at 31st October 2022</i></b>			
			£ 17,578
	OS Cheques		£ 203
			<b>£ 17,781</b>
Bank Balance at 31st October 2022	£	17,549	
Petty Cash	£	232	<b>£ 17,781</b>

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# Annual report

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# Trustee Annual Report

**Crossmaglen and District Community First Responders**

**Charity no. 107646**

**Year Ending- October 31<sup>st</sup>, 2022**



## **For the Year Ended 31<sup>st</sup> October 2022**

### **Board of Trustees**

Mrs Edele McGeown (Chairperson)  
Mrs Bernadette O'Connor (scheme co Ordinator and Vice  
Chair)  
Mrs Louise McShane (Treasurer)  
Ms Karen Mccambridge (Secretary)  
Mrs Jean Rushe (PR Officer)  
Mrs Lorraine Murphy (VSO Officer)  
Mr David Rushe (Health and Safety Officer)

### **Charity Number:**

NI107646

### **Registered Office:**

112 Culloville Road  
Crossmaglen  
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## **Introduction:**

We are pleased to present the annual report of Crossmaglen and District First Responders for the year ending October 31<sup>st</sup> 2022. This report highlights our activities, accomplishments, and financial performance as a charitable organisation dedicated to providing essential first response services to our community. Our efforts are made possible by the dedication of our volunteers, the support of the community, and the commitment of our trustees.

## **Mission and Objectives:**

Crossmaglen and District First Responders are committed to Working as part of a team supporting the Northern Ireland Ambulance service to make a significant contribution to a person's chance of surviving a life-threatening medical emergency and to strengthen the chain of survival.

As an organisation we promote and encourage the setting up of Community First Responder groups.

We also when approved by the Committee Provide First Aid cover at Community and Fund-Raising Events.

We aim to educate the public how to deal with an emergency and how to carry out CPR and use a defibrillator.

## **Chairperson's Report**

*Overview of the organisation for year ending 31<sup>st</sup> October 2023, as read by Chairperson Edele McGeown at annual general meeting held on Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> November Parish Rooms Crossmaglen.*

It was with mixed emotions that I took on the role as chairperson in November 2021 following the untimely death of our previous chairperson Thomas McKenna.

Thomas is still sorely missed within our first responder family, his passing has left a void that is impossible to replace. With that being said, Thomas would have wanted it to be business as usual and for the team to continue their work. Therefore, I was only too proud to continue in his footsteps as chairperson.

I want to take the opportunity this evening to share with you some of the call statistics over the last year and also want to give you a snapshot of some of the work the groups have been involved in over the last 12 months.

This month marks 7 years of the Crossmaglen First responders. We currently have 15 active volunteers and a committee of 7.

### **CALL OUTS**

This year we were dispatched to 58 call outs by NIAS. In addition to that we are often called by members of the public to attend to family and friends.

The 58 call outs varied from chest pain, diabetic related problems, cardiac arrest and unfortunately death.

The average time spent on a call is 1 hour 14 mins with call lengths ranging in length from

33mins to 3 hours 25mins

Each call had an average of 3 volunteers.

In total as a group we have spent 4300 hours on call outs this year alone.

The times of the calls vary throughout the day and night and the busiest month was August with a total of 9 calls that month.

## **First Aid Training and events**

Earlier in the year In March and April our team further enhanced their skills with a 2 day training course in emergency first aid with MCP training. We undertook this course so that we could further enhance our skills and knowledge to enable us to provide first aid at local events by request.

This year we provided first aid at a number of events including: the turning on of the Christmas tree lights, darkness into light, the Santa run, the county camogie final, Michael McConville Blitz, a Time to Play fundraiser and the South Armagh Halloween festival.

## **CPR Awareness**

This year, with the lifting of covid restrictions we were able to hold a number of CPR awareness events in local football clubs. These events were held in Forkhill, and Dorsey and on two occasions in Silverbridge and Culloville. This allowed us to train over 100 local people in CPR. Thank you to all our volunteers who helped at these events. A special word of thanks to Bernie O Connor, our scheme co Ordinator, for giving of her time and professional skills to provide members of the community with this vital training.

## **Public AEDs**

This year we updated our public access AED cabinets in both Crossmaglen and Cullyhannah this allows members of the public access to defibrillators if they are advised by NIAS to obtain one following a 999 Call. This year the groups took guardianship of a new defibrillator donated in memory of a former firefighter Sean Cumiskey to the fire station in Crossmaglen. this means we are now the guardian of 9 public access defibs in our local area.

## **NIAS Training**

In September NIAS provided the group with Manual handling training. A special word of thanks to Stephanie Lecky and her community resuscitation team for the ongoing support, training, and guidance that they provide our group. Thanks also to all the NIAS staff, the call takers and paramedics who have been very supportive to us in our roles over the last year.

## **Raising the groups public profile**

We hit the headlines and the airways a number of times this year. Making headlines on Armagh I for the work our schemes has done and I personally had the honour of speaking on behalf of the group on BBC Radio and at Stormont

bringing to the forefront how essential first responder groups are giving the current health crisis.

### **Assisting other schemes**

We are always happy to see new schemes being formed and were delighted when earlier in the year we were able to provide advice and guidance to two new schemes: Sieve Croob and the Mourne First responders. We wish them every success.

### **Patients and those who passed away**

I want to make a special mention to all our patients over the last year. Thank you for allowing us into your homes to help you and your families in what were often difficult and vulnerable circumstances. We hope that you have made a speedy recovery and wish you good health for the future.

We remember the patients and their families who unfortunately passed away. We keep them in our thoughts and prayers and hope that by being there we were able to offer some practical help and support, in their hour of need. We also take this opportunity to remember members of our own team who lost loved ones over the past year. We take a moment in silence to remember all those in our community who we have lost this year.

### **Thank you's**

I have a long list of people, businesses, and organisation that I want to offer a heartfelt thank you to. Please forgive me if I omit someone, it will certainly not be intentionally. We are completely funded by the generosity of people in our community, without them we would be unable to continue to provide our essential lifesaving service. We thank everyone who give donations this year, if you put money in a bucket, give to a just giving page, donated your winnings from a raffle, sponsored equipment or held an event in our name, we appreciate every penny and every effort to help fund our group.

Thanks this year to all the families who made donations following loved ones having used our services.

Thank you to the McCooey family for the extraordinary amount of money raised in memory of their son Conor. Following a sponsored walk earlier in the year.

Thank you to Ashfield golf club for their annual golf tournament which we are gladly the recipient of the proceeds each year.

Thank you to Lisa from Acushla Yoga for the yoga morning she held on our behalf.

Thank you to the Hatzler family for their kind donations in memory of the late Sean.

Thank you to all who donated their winnings from the Rangers half time draw, it is very much appreciated.

Thank you to John Glen and the mainliners and all those who organised a raffle at the event to support our scheme.

Thank you to Armagh ladies who kindly selected our group as one of their chosen charity in the January fitness challenge.

Thank you to McEvoy's in Newry for sponsoring Hivis vests for our first aid events

Thank you to Declan at MCK embroidery for his constant support with providing uniforms.

Thank you must be said to our parish priest father Dermot for allowing us to use the parish rooms for meetings and trainings. A special thanks to Father Tremor former parish priest in Cullyhannah for his support over the years and for welcoming us into his home for meetings and trainings. We wish him well in his new parish.

Thanks must also be said to Cullyhannah community association for kindly giving us use of premises for storage for our groups equipment. Thank you also to Sally McKenna who allowed us to store equipment in her garage for a considerable amount of time until we sourced new premises.

I want to say a massive thank you to all of my fellow committee members. The work that they do behind the scenes is paramount to the success of the group. From long monthly meetings, to dealing with correspondence, looking after financial matters, co-ordinating trainings and events, communicating with groups members and the public, sourcing and maintaining our equipment and dealing with governance and policies. The roles they undertake come with almost daily often thankless tasks that they are all completed in a voluntary capacity.

Lastly a massive thank you to all our volunteers. Without you, we would not have a first responder scheme. What the public often don't realise is that our volunteers are on call 365 days per year 24/7. They can be called in the middle of

the night, the middle of a meal, the middle of their work day. They can have their sleep disrupted, family time interrupted and leisure time taken away and they do all of this, for no personal gain, only to help save lives and assist members of their community.

They often have to return to their families and work after dealing with extremely difficult circumstance and they do this selflessly. They also give up time on a monthly basis to attend trainings to further develop their skills. provide first aid cover at local events, and help to create a community of life savers by assisting at CPR awareness events. I look forward to working together as a team for another year to make a further impact on our community.

I want to finish by saying it is a honour and a privilege to be the chairperson of the Crossmaglen First Responder scheme and I look forward to what 2023 brings for the group.

*Edele McGeown*

*15/11/2022*

Chairperson

**Crossmaglen and District Community First Responders**

Northern Ireland - Charity number 107646

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# Annual return

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## Independent examiner's report to the charity trustees of Crossmaglen & District Community First Responders

I report on the accounts of the Trust for the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> October 2022.

### 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: AILEEN GREY

Relevant professional qualification or body: INVESTMENT ACCOUNTANT

Address: 51 KILTYDANE ROAD, CULLYHANNA, NEWRY, BT35 0LR

Date: 10/8/23