

# bowtown community development group

Northern Ireland · Charity number 107722

## Details

Known as	BCDG
Status	Received
Registered	2020-12-14
Register	<a href="#">View on the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland register</a>

## Contact

Address	24 Abbot Drive Newtownards BT23 8uj BT23 8UJ
Phone	07764470764

## Activities

**Purposes:** the association is established to promote the benefit of the inhabitants of the bowtown estate and their environment in newtownards without distinction of age, race , gender , political religious or other opinion, by associating the statutory authorities , voluntary organisations and inhabitants in a common effort to advance education, and to provide facilities in the interests of social welfare for the protection of health and the recreation with the object of improving the conditions of life for the said inhabitants.

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

**How the charity works:** Community development

**Who the charity helps:** Specific areas of deprivation

## Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-03-31	£25,250	£24,067	£0	0

# Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Miss Tracy Mcvea		
Mr Paul West		
Mr Stephen Beatie		
Mrs Christina West		

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# Accounts

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Bowtown Community Development Group

Income & Expenditure Report  
& Independent Examiners Report

Year Ended 31 March 2025

*Stanley Woods & Co.*

Alexander House  
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## Bowtown Community Development Group

### Income & Expenditure Report

#### Year Ended 31 March 2025

	<u>£</u>	<u>£</u>	<u>£</u>
<b><u>Income</u></b>			
Opening Bank Balance per statement	2,151.71		
Opening Bank Balance		2,151.71	
NIHE		18,498.06	
Ards & NDBC		3,347.11	
Donations		500.00	
Dept. of Foreign Affairs Reconciliation Fund (3500 Euros)		2,905.30	
<b><u>Expenditure</u></b>			
Utilities			2,816.32
Insurance			207.20
Consumables			2,654.00
Maintenance			2,969.13
Youth Club			215.76
Christmas Party			1,700.00
Office costs			3,486.65
Accounts fees			360.00
Bank fees			60.52
Food			467.08
Meadows costs			3,558.45
Stationery			660.78
Trips / Days out			2,361.60
Hardship Vouchers			2,400.00
Sundry			150.00
Closing Bank Balance per statement	3,334.69		
Closing Bank Balance			3,334.69
		<u>27,402.18</u>	<u>27,402.18</u>

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## Income & Expenditure Report

### Year Ended 31 March 2024

	<u>£</u>	<u>£</u>	<u>£</u>
<b><u>Income</u></b>			
Opening Bank Balance per statement	1,969.78		
Opening Bank Balance		1,969.78	
NIHE		18,512.66	
Ards & NDBC		8,676.16	
Cash for Kids		4,650.00	
Donations		1,200.00	
<b><u>Expenditure</u></b>			
Utilities			4,156.10
Insurance			291.20
Consumables			4,475.47
Maintenance			1,872.32
Youth Club			1,273.24
Christmas Party			1,200.00
Equipment			663.00
Accounts fees			360.00
Bank fees			59.14
Food			2,336.85
Council			7,348.28
Stationery			176.49
Cash for Kids			4,600.00
Donation			1,500.00
Sundry			2,544.80
Closing Bank Balance per statement	2,151.71		
Closing Bank Balance			2,151.71
		<u>35,008.60</u>	<u>35,008.60</u>

## Independent Examiners Report to the Members of Bowtown Community Development Group

We report on the accounts of the association for the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> March 2024, which are set out on the statement of income & expenditure.

### **Basis of Independent Examiner's Report**

We have examined your accounts as requested. Our examination included a review of the accounting records kept by the association 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 members of the association concerning any such matters.

My role is to state whether any material matters have come to my attention giving me cause to believe:

- That appropriate accounting records were kept
- That the accounts do not accord with those accounting records
- That the accounts do not comply with the accounting requirements
- That there is further information needed for a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

### **Independent Examiner's Statement**

We have completed our examination and have no concerns in respect of the matters listed above and, we have found no matters that need to be brought to your attention.

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Date: 20<sup>th</sup> January 2025

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# Annual report

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## Bowtown Community Development Group Annual Report

Another successful year has been and gone for BCDG. This year we focused on helping those affected by the current cost of living crisis. We were in a position to offer support to those most in need with funding obtained from Ards and North Down Borough Council, Cash for Kids and the NIHE's small pockets of deprivation funding. We are extremely happy to report that we helped over 1000 individuals. The help and assistance we provided made a positive impact in their daily life.

We are extremely thankful to our funders and those organisations that continue to support the work we do within the community.

Special thanks to NIHE for their support in all that we do.

Special thanks to Cash for Kids for their support at Christmas time

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Special thanks to ANDBC for their community development Funding.

Special thanks to the PSNI for their input and assistance.

Special thanks to the Hygiene bank and the Warehouse for their continued support.

Special thanks to Supporting Communities.

Special thanks to the local MLAS and Councillors who assist us.

Special thanks to the local businesses that continue to support us.

We look forward to what the next year brings.

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# Bowtown Community Development Group

## Income & Expenditure Report

### Year Ended 31 March 2023

	<u>£</u>	<u>£</u>	<u>£</u>
<b><u>Income</u></b>			
Opening Bank Balance per statement	5,959.34		
Opening Bank Balance		5,959.34	
NIHE		22,781.89	
Ards & NDBC		1,735.00	
PSNI Fund		500.00	
Donations		200.00	
Refund - re last year		1,285.42	
<b><u>Expenditure</u></b>			
Light, heat, power & water			3,021.22
Insurance			705.60
Consumables			2,624.94
Maintenance			6,991.41
Accounts fees			720.00
Bank fees			82.36
Equipment			4,566.21
Food			7,193.35
Stationery			884.91
PSNI Fund			456.87
Bouncey Castles			3,000.00
Sundry & PC			245.00
Closing Bank Balance per statement	1,969.78		
Closing Bank Balance			1,969.78
		<u>32,461.65</u>	<u>32,461.65</u>

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## Annual Report 22/23

Since the last report, there has been good progress within the group. Following securing our community let at 24 Abbot Drive, we are pleased to report that footfall is steadily increasing. At present, there are several advice surgeries in the office. Some of which include housing and councillor surgeries.

This year we marked the coronation of His Majesty the King. The community came together to celebrate a fantastic day of family celebrations. This was a huge success and we are grateful to Ards and North Down Borough Council for assisting us with funding. In terms of funding, we are extremely grateful to NIHE for continuing to fund us through their Small Pockets of Deprivation funding. This funding is crucial as we could not run without it. We are also thankful to our community cohesion officer for supporting our Christmas projects.

Special thanks to Cash for Kids for their continued support by providing us with toys for our most vulnerable children. The work the Cash for Kids team does each year cannot be measured in value as it is simply priceless.

Our community police officers continue to engage with the youth and facilitate several trips and programmes. We thank them for their dedication to our community and we are grateful for the positive working relationship we have with them.

The Warehouse in Newtownards has continued to provide support over the Christmas period. The Warehouse is a wonderful organisation that serves the whole of Ards and North Down. Their support is invaluable to the group.

Special thanks to the local businesses who continue to provide us with donations for our projects.

Special thanks to North Down Community Assistance who continue to facilitate the groups cultural expression grant. This year, the local community opted for a beacon as

opposed to a traditional bonfire. We are pleased to report this was a success and will continue in future years.

To summarize, from the last Annual Report, the group has continued to build and maintain positive relationships with our funders and statutory agencies.

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Date: 14<sup>th</sup> February 2024