

Sion Mills Community Association

Northern Ireland · Charity number 107755

Details

Status	Received
Registered	2021-08-16
Register	View on the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland register

Contact

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Activities

Purposes: The Association is established to; 2.1 - relive poverty,sickness and the aged to promote the benefit of the inhabitants of the Sion Mills and district are of Co.Tyrone and its environs (hereinafter described as "the area of benefit" without distinction of age, sex, race, 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 interest of social welfare for recreation or other leisure-time occupation, which the object of improving conditions of life for the said inhabitants. 2.2 - To establish or to secure the establishment of a community centre (hereinafter called "the centre") and to maintain and manage or to cooperate with any local statutory authority in the maintenance and management of such a centre for activities promoted by the Association and its constituent bodies in furtherance of the above objects.

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

How the charity works: Community development

Who the charity helps: Children (5-13 year olds),General public,Older people

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-03-31	£17,450	£17,206	£0	0

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Ciara Porter		
Mrs Elaine Griffin		
Mrs Georgina Mcclintock		
Mrs Salome Preston		
Ms Dorinda Reid		
Ms Kathryn Bennett		

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Accounts

Sion Mills Community Association

Statement of Receipts and Payments For year ended 31st March 2025

Charity Number: 107755

	<i>Unrestricted Funds (£)</i>	<i>Restricted Funds (£)</i>	<i>Endowment Funds (£)</i>	<i>Total Funds (£)</i>	<i>Last Year (£)</i>
<i>A1 Receipts</i>					
<i>Donations & Legacies</i>	2,295	-	-	2,295	1,381
<i>Grants</i>	13,230	-	-	13,230	8,532
<i>Fundraising Activities</i>	905			<u>905</u>	<u>2,561</u>
A1 Subtotal	16,430			16,430	12,474
<i>A2 Asset and Investment</i>					
<i>Sales</i>					
<i>Room Hire</i>	1,020	-	-	1,020	210
<i>Insurance Reparation</i>		0		<u>0</u>	25,300
A2 Subtotal	1,020	0		<u>1,020</u>	<u>25,510</u>
Total Receipts				17,450	37,981
<i>A3 Payments</i>					
<i>Cost of fundraising events</i>	10,548			10,728	12,029
<i>Cost of travel events</i>	397			397	896
<i>Governance costs</i>	6,261			6,278	14,229
A3 Subtotal				17,206	27,154
Total Payments				17,206	27,154
Net of Receipts/ Payments				244	10,830
Transfer to/from Fund	-	-	-		
Surplus for the year				<u>244</u>	<u>10,830</u>

Signature: S. Preston

Salome Preston

Chairperson

Date: 21-01-25

Elaine Griffin

Elaine Griffin

Secretary

21-01-26

Sion Mills Community Association

Statement of Assets and Liabilities

For year ended 31st March 2024

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<i>Funds Reconciliation</i>	<i>Unrestricted Funds (£)</i>	<i>Restricted Funds (£)</i>	<i>Endowment Funds (£)</i>	<i>Total Funds (£)</i>	<i>Last Year (£)</i>
<i>Cash at bank and in hand 31.03.2023</i>	16,256		-	16,256	5,366
<i>Surplus for this year</i>	244	-	-	244	10,830
<i>Cash at bank and in hand at year end</i>	16,500		-	16,500	16,256
<i>Bank & Cash Balance</i>					
<i>Bank Account</i>	16,239	-	-	16,239	16,102
<i>Cash in hand</i>	261	-	-	261	94
<i>Totals</i>		-	-	16,500	16,256
<i>Other Assets</i>					
<i>Equipment</i>	7,106	-	-	7,106	6,990
<i>Hall</i>	90,000	-	-	90,000	90,000

The accounts have been approved by the committee on 21-01-26 and signed on its behalf by:

Signature: S. Preston

Salome Preston

Chairperson

Elaine Griffin

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Secretary

Sion Mills Community Association

Notes to the Financial Statements

For year ended 31st March 2025

1. Accounting Policies

1.1. Accounting convention

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The charity has taken advantage of the exemption in IFRS1 from the requirement to produce a cashflow statement because it is a small charity.

1.2. Income resources

Income from donations, fundraising and grants is included in incoming resources when these are received.

When donors specify that donations and grants are for a particular restricted purpose, which do not amount to preconditions regarding entitlement, this income is included in incoming resources of restricted funds when received.

1.3. Interest Receivable

Interest is included on a receivables basis by the charity.

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Resources expended are included in the Statement of Receipts and Payments on a payables basis.

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1.6. Taxation

The group is not registered for taxation purposes and there has been no tax charges arisen for the group for the year ended 31 March 2024.

2. Fundraising

The charity has raised funds through donations of £2,295 and fundraising of £905.

3. Grant Income

Funder	Amount	Purpose
Derry City & Strabane District Council	£9,405	Programmes and Running Costs
Clear Grants	£3,825	Health and Wellbeing Programmes

4. Trustees emoluments

The trustees neither received nor waived any emolument during the year.

5. Financial commitments

The charity has no financial commitments at present.

6. Transaction with trustees

The trustees attend meetings and carry out the business of the charity on a voluntary basis.

7. Charity Commission for Northern Ireland

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<i>Donations & Legacies</i>	1,380	-	-	1,380	220
<i>Grants</i>	8,532	-	-	8,532	16,338
<i>Fundraising Activities</i>	2,561			<u>2,561</u>	<u>4,562</u>
A1 Subtotal	12,474			12,474	21,120
<i>A2 Asset and Investment</i>					
<i>Sales</i>					
<i>Room Hire</i>	210	-	-	210	380
<i>Insurance Reparation</i>		25,300		<u>25,300</u>	-
A2 Subtotal	210	25,300		<u>25,510</u>	<u>380</u>
Total Receipts				37,984	21,500
<i>A3 Payments</i>					
<i>Cost of fundraising events</i>	12,029			12,029	9,788
<i>Cost of travel events</i>	896			896	4,006
<i>Governance costs</i>	14,229			14,229	4,479
A3 Subtotal				27,154	18,273
Total Payments				27,154	18,273
Net of Receipts/ Payments				10,830	3,227
Transfer to/from Fund	-	-	-		
Surplus for the year				<u>10,830</u>	<u>3,227</u>

Signature: S. Preston

Salome Preston

Chairperson

Date: 13-11-24

Elaine Griffin

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Secretary

13-11-24

Sion Mills Community Association

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<i>Cash at bank and in hand 31.03.2023</i>	5,366		-	5,366	2,139
<i>Surplus for this year</i>	10,376	-	-	10,830	3,227
<i>Cash at bank and in hand at year end</i>	15,742		-	16,256	5,366
<i>Bank & Cash Balance</i>					
<i>Bank Account</i>	16,102	-	-	16,102	5,346
<i>Cash in hand</i>	94	-	-	94	20
<i>Totals</i>		-	-	16,256	5,366
<i>Other Assets</i>					
<i>Equipment</i>	6,990	-	-	6,990	6,000
<i>Hall</i>	90,000	-	-	90,000	90,000

The accounts have been approved by the committee on 13-11-24 and signed on its behalf by:

Signature: 

Salome Preston
Chairperson



Elaine Griffin
Secretary

Sion Mills Community Association

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An amount of £25,300 was claimed from the insurance company due to a flood in the community hall. This hall was repaired extensively with new electrics and plumbing installed.

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particular purposes. The cost of raising and administering such funds are charges against the specific fund.

1.6. Taxation

The group is not registered for taxation purposes and there has been no tax charges arisen for the group for the year ended 31 March 2024.

2. Fundraising

The charity has raised funds through donations of £1,380 and fundraising of £2,567.

3. Grant Income

Funder	Amount	Purpose
Derry City & Strabane District Council	£6,431	Programmes and Running Costs
Clear Grants	£2102	Health and Wellbeing Programmes

4. Trustees emoluments

The trustees neither received nor waived any emolument during the year.

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Sion Mills Community Association

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Annual report

Sion Mills Community Association

Trustees' Report

For year ended 31st March 2024

The Trustees present their report and the financial statements for the year ended 31st March 2024.

Trustees

The committee of the group, known as the trustees for the purposes of charity law, who served during the year end up to the date of this report are set out on page 3.

Charitable Objects

The group provides a welcoming community centre for all. We offer a number of activities to include social events for senior citizens- coffee mornings, bingo; provide classes to include arts & crafts, music and dance; health and well-being; youth facilities – youth clubs for 5 yrs- 12 yrs; summer scheme, day trips; work along with government agencies to provide onsite services such as citizens advice, health, housing, educations colleges.

The direct benefits include- improved health and well-being of the inhabitants of the village and hinterland – these benefits include reduced isolation especially within senior citizens, increasing social interaction, develops friendships and improves physical and mental awareness. Improves educational skills – providing the community with classes and education on their doorstep and working with agencies to ensure certification courses are run. Improved facilities and services for the citizens – offering a welcome centre open to all, providing services through agencies i.e advice services, health services, social services. These benefits are and will be demonstrated through the continued evaluation of all programmes / classes run at the community hall – we will promote and carry out or assist in promotion and carrying out research through surveys, workshops and interval

discussions with our groups. The group is a registered charity with the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland since 16th August 2021 under registration number 107755.

Organisational Structure

The day-to-day management of the charity is carried out by the Chairperson, Treasurer and Secretary and the trustees meet on a regular basis to inform and discuss all matters concerning the charity to enable the trustees to make all the policy decision.

Review of activities and achievements

The Statement of Receipts and Payments on Page 9 sets out the results for the year. The purpose of the funds is outline in the notes to the financial statements.

The Trustees are indebted to the funding bodies for their support and the opportunities the funding provides to the group. Due to the pandemic many of our activities were curtailed and with some not recommencing.

Over the year we have been successful in the delivery of a number of programmes: Summer scheme where up to 50 children attended and we had a range of entertainment and activities on site. £1,420 funding from NI Housing Executive Cohesion Fund supported the costs of onsite activities for the summer scheme. This money was paid directly to the suppliers by NIHE and wasn't received as an income to SMCA.

Youth club for 5 years – 12 years old on Friday's 4pm – 6pm with up to 40 young people in attendance on a weekly basis.

A Christmas Programme to include a Senior Christmas Dinner and Dance funded by PHA thru the Clear Project and Rural Housing Association; a family fun Christmas event with Christmas Characters, Games, Magic Show Face Painting and Fun Farm funded by Derry City & Strabane District Council. A Senior's Health & Wellbeing

Programme to include flower arranging, intergenerational craft workshops, pottery painting, glass painting and light exercise also kids storytelling and movement

sessions funded by PHA thru the Clear Project.

Derry City & Strabane District Council provided grants totalling in £6,431 to include the above Christmas Programme elements and also for light, heat, insurance, phone, broadband and a number of classes such as senior exercise movement classes, kids learning and education session with youth arts and crafts.

PHA thru the Clear Project funded the above-mentioned programmes to a total of £2,102. Donations from local businesses in the village helped to provide prizes at the Senior Christmas Dinner. Room Hire has also generated £210 of income.

As with all community groups in Northern Ireland the group continues to have trouble in obtaining long term funding. However, in view of the grants awarded, fundraising and with volunteer support, the trustees are confident that the group can continue its activities and therefore is satisfied that it is appropriate for the financial statements to be prepared on the going concern basis.

Reserves

The statement of Receipts and Payments on page 9 sets out the results for the year. The purpose of the funds is outlined on the notes to the financial statements.

Statement of trustees' responsibilities

The trustees are responsible for preparing the Trustees' Report and the financial statements in accordance with the applicable law and regulations.

Charity Law

Charity law require Trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year. Under that law, the trustees have elected to prepare financial statements in accordance with the United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice (United Kingdom Accounting Standards and applicable law).

The trustees must not approve the financial statements unless they are satisfied that they give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charity and of the surplus or deficit of the charity for that year. In preparing the financial statements,

the trustees are required to:

Select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently; Make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent; State whether applicable accounting standards and statements of recommended practice have been followed subject to departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements; and

Prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in business.

The trustees are responsible for keeping adequate accounting records that are sufficient to show and explain the charity's transactions and disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the group and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the applicable law. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the group and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

Statement of disclosure of information to independent examiner

So far as each of the trustees in office at the date of approval of them financial statements are aware:

There is no relevant audit information of which the group's independent examiner is unaware; and

The trustees have taken all the steps that they ought to have taken to make themselves aware of any relevant audit information and to establish that the group's independent examiner is aware of that information.

This report was approved by the trustees on 31st January 2024 and signed on its behalf by:

Signature:



Salome Preston

Chairperson



Elaine Griffin

Secretary

Sion Mills Community Association

Northern Ireland - Charity number 107755

Annual return

Sion Mills Community Association

Independent examiner's report to the charity trustees of Sion Mills Community Association

For year ended 31st March 2024

I report on the financial statements of Sion Mills Community Association for the year ended 31st March 2024.

Respective responsibilities of charity trustees and examiner

As the charity 's trustees you are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements in accordance with Section 63 of the Charities Act (Northern Ireland) 2008. Having satisfied myself that the charity is not subject to audit, and is eligible for independent examination, it is my responsibility to:

- Examine the accounts under section 65 of the Charities Act (NI) 2008:
- Follow the procedures laid down in the general directions given by the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland under section 65(9)(b) of the Charities Act (NI) 2008:
- State whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of independent examiner's report

I have examined your charity financial statements as required under section 65 of the Charities Act (NI) 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 financial statements presented with those records. It also included consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the financial statements 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 (NI) 2008;
2. That the financial statements do not accord with those accounting records;
3. That the financial statements do not comply with the accounting requirements of section 63 of the Charities Act (NI) 2008 and with the methods and principles of the Charities Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to

charities preparing their financial statements in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland:

4. That there is further information needed for a proper understanding of the financial statements to be reached.

Independent examiner's statement

I have completed my examination and have no concerns in respect to the matters (1) to (4) listed above and, in connection with following Directions of the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland, I have found no matters that require drawing to your attention.

Signature: 

<i>Name:</i>	Heather Loughrey, Loughrey & Co Accountancy
<i>Relevant Professional Qualification or Body:</i>	Accountant Technicians Ireland MIATA Certified Public Accountants FCPA
<i>Address:</i>	14a Laghel Road, Castleberg, Co. Tyrone BT81 7SX
<i>Date</i>	31/11/2024

Sion Mills Community Association

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Accounts

Sion Mills Community Association

Statement of Receipts and Payments For year ended 31st March 2023

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<i>A1 Receipts</i>					
<i>Donations & Legacies</i>	220	-	-	220	-
<i>Grants</i>	6,150	10,188	-	16,338	-
<i>Fundraising Activities</i>	4,562			<u>4,562</u>	-
<i>A1 Subtotal</i>				21,120	
<i>A2 Asset and Investment</i>					
<i>Sales</i>					
<i>Room Hire</i>	380	-	-	<u>380</u>	-
<i>A2 Subtotal</i>	11,312	10,188		<u>380</u>	
Total Receipts				21,500	
<i>A3 Payments</i>					
<i>Cost of fundraising events</i>	9788			9,788	
<i>Cost of travel events</i>	4006			4,006	
<i>Governance costs</i>	4,479			4,479	
A3 Subtotal				18,273	
Total Payments				18,273	
Net of Receipts/ Payments				3,227	
Transfer to/from Fund	-	-	-		
Surplus for the year				<u>3,227</u>	

Signature: S. Preston

Salome Preston

Chairperson

Date: 22-09-23

Elaine Griffin

Elaine Griffin

Secretary

22-09-23

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Statement of Assets and Liabilities

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<i>Cash at bank and in hand 31.03.2022</i>	2,139		-	2,139	-
<i>Surplus for this year</i>	3,227	-	-	3,227	-
<i>Cash at bank and in hand at year end</i>	5,366		-	5,366	-
<i>Bank & Cash Balance</i>					
<i>Bank Account</i>	5,346	-	-	5,346	
<i>Cash in hand</i>	20	-	-	20	
<i>Totals</i>	5,366	-	-	5,366	
<i>Other Assets</i>					
<i>Equipment</i>	6,000	-	-	6,000	
<i>Hall</i>	90,000	-	-	90,000	

The accounts have been approved by the committee on 22-9-23 and signed on its behalf by:

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2. Fundraising

The charity has raised funds through donations of £220 and fundraising of £4,562.

3. Grant Income

Funder	Amount	Purpose
Derry City & Strabane District Council	£7,045	Core costs and Programme Activity
Public Health Agency	£3,143	Christmas Programme of Classes and Fun Day
Halifax Foundation NI	£3,950	Senior programmes
Power NI	£600	Cost of living Grant towards electric etc.
Kathleen Trust	£1,600	Youth Trips

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Annual report

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Trustees Report and Financial Statements

For year ended 31st March 2023

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Sion Mills Community Association

Legal and Administrative Information

For the year ended 31st March 2023

Legal Status

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Trustees Salome Preston (Chairperson)
Kathryn Bennett (Treasurer)
Elaine Griffin (Secretary)
Dorinda Reid
Brenda Hyndman
Georgina McClintock

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The day-to-day management of the charity is carried out by the Chairperson, Treasurer and Secretary and the trustees meet on a regular basis to inform and discuss all matters concerning the charity to enable the trustees to make all the policy decision.

Review of activities and achievements

The Statement of Receipts and Payments on Page 9 sets out the results for the year. The purpose of the funds is outline in the notes to the financial statements.

The Trustees are indebted to the funding bodies for their support and the opportunities the funding provides to the group. Due to the pandemic many of our activities were curtailed and with some not recommencing.

Over the year we have been successful in the delivery of a number of programmes:

Summer scheme where up to 50 children attended and we had a range of entertainment and activities on site. £1,183 funding from NI Housing Executive Cohesion Fund supported the costs of onsite activities for the summer scheme. This money was paid directly to the suppliers by NIHE and wasn't received as an income to SMCA.

Youth club for 5 years – 12 years old on Friday's 4pm – 6pm with up to 40 young people in attendance on a weekly basis.

A Christmas Programme to include intergenerational Christmas Craft Workshops with grandparents and their grandchildren, Senior Christmas Dinner and Dance, a family fun Christmas event with Mrs Claus, Fun Farm and music funded through PHA Clear Project to a total of £3,143. The Rural Housing Association also co-funded with the PHA the Senior Christmas Dinner & Dance.

Derry City & Strabane District Council provided grants totalling in £7,045 for light, heat, insurance, phone, broadband and a number of classes such as; Light Exercise for seniors, Flower Arranging, Arts & Crafts, Genealogy, Jo Jingles and funding for the Christmas Light Switch on Event.

£3,950 was given through the Halifax Grant towards a Senior Programme such as arts, crafts and exercise classes. A £1,600 given through Kathleen Graham Trust for cinema trips and days out for the youth club. A £600 grant given through Power NI towards heat and light. Donations from local businesses in the village helped to provide prizes at the Senior Christmas Dinner. Room Hire has also generated £380 of income.

As with all community groups in Northern Ireland the group continues to have trouble in obtaining long term funding. However, in view of the grants awarded, fundraising and with volunteer support, the trustees are confident that the group can continue its activities and therefore is satisfied that it is appropriate for the financial statements to be prepared on the going concern basis.

Reserves

The statement of Receipts and Payments on page 9 sets out the results for the year. The purpose of the funds is outlined on the notes to the financial statements.

Statement of trustees' responsibilities

The trustees are responsible for preparing the Trustees' Report and the financial statements in accordance with the applicable law and regulations.

Charity law require Trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year. Under that law, the trustees have elected to prepare financial statements in accordance with the United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice (United Kingdom Accounting Standards and applicable law).

The trustees must not approve the financial statements unless they are satisfied that they give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charity and of the surplus or deficit of the charity for that year. In preparing the financial statements, the trustees are required to:

- Select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- Make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- State whether applicable accounting standards and statements of recommended practice have been followed subject to departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements; and
- Prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in business.

The trustees are responsible for keeping adequate accounting records that are sufficient to show and explain the charity's transactions and disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the group and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the applicable law. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the group and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

Statement of disclosure of information to independent examiner

So far as each of the trustees in office at the date of approval of them financial statements are aware:

- There is no relevant audit information of which the group's independent examiner is unaware; and
- The trustees have taken all the steps that they ought to have taken to make themselves aware of any relevant audit information and to establish that the group's independent examiner is aware of that information.

This report was approved by the trustees on 31st January 2024 and signed on its behalf by:

Signature: S Preston

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Chairperson

Elaine Griffin

Elaine Griffin

Secretary

Sion Mills Community Association

Northern Ireland - Charity number 107755

Annual return

Sion Mills Community Association

Independent examiner's report to the charity trustees of Sion Mills Community Association

For year ended 31st March 2023

I report on the financial statements of Sion Mills Community Association for the year ended 31st March 2023.

Respective responsibilities of charity trustees and examiner

As the charity 's trustees you are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements in accordance with Section 63 of the Charities Act (Northern Ireland) 2008. Having satisfied myself that the charity is not subject to audit, and is eligible for independent examination, it is my responsibility to:

- Examine the accounts under section 65 of the Charities Act (NI) 2008:
- Follow the procedures laid down in the general directions given by the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland under section 65(9)(b) of the Charities Act (NI) 2008:
- State whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of independent examiner's report

I have examined your charity financial statements as required under section 65 of the Charities Act (NI) 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 financial statements presented with those records. It also included consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the financial statements 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 (NI) 2008;
2. That the financial statements do not accord with those accounting records;
3. That the financial statements do not comply with the accounting requirements of section 63 of the Charities Act (NI) 2008 and with the methods and principles of the Charities Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their financial statements in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland;
4. That there is further information needed for a proper understanding of the financial statements to be reached.

Independent examiner’s statement

I have completed my examination and have no concerns in respect to the matters (1) to (4) listed above and, in connection with following Directions of the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland, I have found no matters that require drawing to your attention.

Signature:  _____

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