

**Omagh Quilters Guild
NIC107858**

TRUSTEES ANNUAL REPORT

For the financial year 1st September 2022 – 31 August 2023

The Charity is an unincorporated association established under a constitution.

In fulfilling the public benefit requirement, the charity trustees have had regard to the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland's statutory public benefit guidance.

The purpose of this charity continue to be

The purpose of Omagh Quilters' Guild is to provide an organisation that encourages its members to promote the craft of quilting for the public benefit by offering inspiration through regular meeting, workshops and demonstrations.

The information below sets out the activities we have carried out to further our purposes and fulfil the public benefit elements during the last 12 months.

Activities

Omagh Quilters Guild reconvened on 12th October 2022 after a short break for the Summer.

Ann & Geraldine taught a beginners workshop on 29th September – new members availed of this class.

Mrs Kathleen Ward conducted an interesting workshop in November where a number of new skills were taught, which continues to push the boundaries for our new members and build on the skills for other workshops.

Christmas lunch was again a highlight where we spend time together and enjoy good food and company.

This year is very busy as we prepare for the Connecting Threads Exhibition which is scheduled for November 2023 in the Strule Arts Centre. Our show

and Tell is superb as we continue to encourage and inspire each other with the variety of projects that are underway for the exhibition. Preparation is also ongoing to interact with school groups in particular to share the skills involved in our craft.

We continue to make baby quilts for our Premature Baby Units in the South West Acute Hospital and Altnagelvin Hospital.

A planned workshop in May had to be shelved as our expected tutor was unwell. This workshop was procured with funding from Fermanagh & Omagh District Council's Community Grant Aid so it will be reconvened in September 2023.

We travelled to Sligo in May 2023 with visits to two quilt shops. It was a most enjoyable and inspirational outing for our members.

A request from a local school which is closing to have a memory quilt made is underway with visits to the school to plan the layout. There is much work involved but we are honoured to be able to reach out to the community and help with the planning and completion of this project in September 2023.

Our year end in June was a total relaxing day with a quiz which proved a lot of fun and we enjoyed a special lunch together and discussed plans for the year beginning 1st September 2023.

Finances

In the financial year we collected fees of £1075.00 and had income from sale of wadding of £275.00 along with Fermanagh & Omagh District Council's Grant Aid for the year 2022 being paid out to the group, provided an income for the year of £1848.00.

Rent was paid to the Dún Uladh Cultural Heritage Centre which along with other expenses, gave a total expenditure of £1285.63. We had applied and were successful for a Community Grant from Fermanagh & Omagh District Council and have submitted the claim forms and are awaiting payment.

We have assets which is two Janome Sewing Machines acquired in 2020 and we have no liabilities.

The Charity's finances are in surplus and accounts are prepared to comply with the requirements of the Charity Commission for N Ireland.

Trustees

The following trustees served during the financial period:

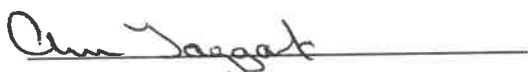
Ann Taggart – Chairperson

Evelyn McLean – Secretary

Elizabeth Gilmour – Treasurer

Gwen Hall – Assistant Treasurer

Signed on behalf of the Trustees by:

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Name: Ann Taggart

Date: 30th October 2023