

Drop Inn Ministries Limited

Trustees' Report

The trustees, who are directors for the purposes of company law, present the annual report together with the financial statements and auditors' report of the charitable company for the year ended 30 September 2023.

Objectives and activities

Objects and aims

The company's objects are:

- To advance the Christian religion for the benefit of the public in the area of benefit
- Associating together the said inhabitants and the local authorities voluntary and other organisations in the area of benefit in a common effort to relieve poverty and advance education and to provide facilities in the interests of welfare with the object of improving the conditions of life for the said inhabitants

Public benefit

The principal activities of the charity are to equip and mobilise people for mission and to bring hope, help and healing to the hurting world through the operation of various humanitarian projects. The projects are financed through surplus funds generated by the operation of numerous charity shops, various donations, sponsorship and fundraising activities.

The trustees confirm that they have complied with the requirements of section 17 of the Charities Act 2011 to have due regard to the public benefit guidance published by the Charity Commission for England and Wales.

Trustees and officers

The trustees and officers serving during the year and since the year end were as follows:

Trustees:	Mr Neville Gartland
	Mr Ronald Dawson
	Mr Thomas Stewart
	Mr Michael Rollo

Secretary:	Mr Thomas Stewart
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Structure, governance and management

Nature of governing document

The charity is registered with the Charities Commission for Northern Ireland (Registered Number 101694). The company is controlled by its trustees who are directors of the company for the purposes of the Companies Act 2006 and is governed by the provisions contained in the Memorandum and Articles of Association.

All trustees are members and directors of the Charitable Company and stand as guarantors of the charitable company in the sum of £ 10 each.

Headquarters- Ballyards Castle

Ballyards Castle is the head office of all Drop Inn Projects.

The facilities at Ballyards allow the charity to host prayer events, retreats, Christian conferences and visits from missions team and project partners from various nations. During the time period of this financial year we began to see the usage of Castle continued to develop, following on a lull after the COVID period.

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Finances

During this financial year we have saw a steady, and at time strong financial performance in our charity shops, with the development of some new stores, including outlet stores that sell off stock at reduced cost.

With a steady, and at times growing income base we have be able to maintain and grow our support to locally as well as internationally in 30 different nations as well as to continue with capital acquisition to aid the long-term stability of our income base.

The charity endeavours to keep a prudent amount in reserve for cash flow purposes but most funds are spent in the short term.

International Missions

During the year, members of the board and senior leadership team we have been able to visit international partners, review project work and provide increased leadership support to projects. These visits are a great source of engagements to our international partners. Short-term mission experiences often lead to increased prayer support for Drop Inn as well as an increase in Child Sponsorships and giving to the various projects people visit.

A continued aspect of international support this year, has been increased support to project partners in Ukraine, helping them address the humanitarian crisis that has taken place as a result of the war.

Local Missions

Local Outreach Ministries – Our team continue, as appropriate, to visit local people in need and offer practical support This helps to connect disenfranchised people with other organizations such as foodbanks, social workers etc. This serves to provide a service to bring immediate need as well as continuation of support to facilitate positive outcomes within our local community. In addition we have been able to partner with the Southern Trust to offer support to unaccompanied minors arriving in Northern Ireland from nations were their lives would have been at risk.

Drop Inn partners with Grace Community Church in Richhill, to operate a youth outreach in 'The Living Room' as well as a Drop Inn Centre for youth on Wednesday nights. Different staff and volunteers offer a safe place for local youth to connect to positive resources and mentors.

Three of our main focuses locally consist of: Aspire NI, Madlug, and Hope Mission.

Statement of trustees' responsibilities

The trustees (who are also the directors of Drop Inn Ministries Limited for the purposes of company law) are responsible for preparing the trustees' report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice), including FRS 102 "The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland".

Company law requires the trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year. Under company 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 charitable company and of the incoming resources and application of resources, including its income and expenditure, of the charitable company for that period. In preparing these financial statements, the trustees are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles in the Charities SORP;
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable accounting standards, comprising FRS 102 have been followed, subject to any material 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 charitable company will continue in business.

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The trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records that can disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charitable company and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Companies Act 2006 and Charities Act (Northern Ireland) 2008. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charitable company and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

The trustees are responsible for the maintenance and integrity of the corporate and financial information included on the charitable company's website. Legislation governing the preparation and dissemination of financial statements may differ from legislation in other jurisdictions.

Disclosure of information to auditor

Each trustee has taken steps that they ought to have taken as a trustee in order to make themselves aware of any relevant audit information and to establish that the charity's auditor is aware of that information. The trustees confirm that there is no relevant information that they know of and of which they know the auditor is unaware.

The annual report was approved by the trustees of the charity on 17 July 2024 and signed on its behalf by:



Mr Ronald Dawson
Trustee