

Donaghcloney Community Garden

Northern Ireland · Charity number 108152

Details

Status	Received
Registered	2021-12-09
Register	View on the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland register

Contact

Address	67 Drumlin Road Donaghcloney Craigavon BT66 7nj BT66 7NJ
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Activities

Purposes: The group shall be known as the Donaghcloney Community Garden the purpose of which shall be to promote the welfare and interests of the residents in Donaghcloney and its surrounding area, in all such ways that are exclusively charitable and, if necessary, to cooperate with other similar organisations both locally and nationally. The objectives of the group are to promote the benefit of residents of the Donaghcloney and surrounding areas without distinction of political opinion, sexual orientation, religious belief, disability, age, gender, race, marital status and family status, or other opinion by engaging in and organising community activities and projects with the object of improving the quality of life of said residents. We are a not-for-profit organisation.

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

How the charity works: Community development,Environment/sustainable development/conservation,Rural development,Volunteer development

Who the charity helps: Carers,General public,Men,Mental health,Older people,Physical disabilities,Sensory disabilities,Volunteers,Women

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-03-31	£4,163	£3,543	£0	0

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Mr Walter Ferris		
Mrs Eleanor Ferris Mbe		
Mrs Helen Wilson		

Accounts

DONAGHCLONEY COMMUNITY GARDEN - EXPENDITURE 1 APRIL 2024 - 31 MARCH 2025									
Income					Expenditure				
01/04/2024		Balance at Bank		183.20	04/30/2024	Standing Order	Bank Fees	5.05	
05/10/2024		Loan - EF		330	05/11/2024	On Line	William Kerr Insurance	329.73	
05/21/2024		Donation May Lunch Group		282	05/13/2024	DC	Haldane Fisher	40	
08/06/2024		Donation D/Lord Mayor		100.00	05/31/2024	Standing Order	Bank Fees	5	
08/11/2024		Social Farms & Gardens		323	06/03/2024	On Line	William Kerr Insurance	40	
09/13/2024		ABC Council 2024/25 Grant		1,000	06/29/2024	Standing Order	Bank Fees	5.71	
11/26/2024		DRBL eZone Trading Ltd		78.98	07/31/2024	Standing Order	Bank Fees	5.05	
12/18/2024		Donation DCG		460	08/27/2024	On Line	Social Farms Event	50	
03/04/2025		Donation DCLG		168.00	08/30/2024	Standing Order	Bank Fees	5	
03/21/2025		DAERA Micro Grant		1,238	09/12/2024	Paypal	Ezonetradin	78.98	
					09/30/2024	Standing Order	Bank Fees	5.3	
					10/31/2024	Standing Order	Bank Fees	5.1	
					11/25/2024	On Line	Refund of Loan EF	330	
					11/29/2024	Standing Order	Bank Fees	5	
					12/31/2024	Standing Order	Bank Fees	5.05	
					01/31/2025	Standing Order	Bank Fees	5.92	
					02/28/2025	Standing Order	Bank Fees	5	
					03/04/2025	On Line	Donaghcloney CLG	168	
					07/03/2025	DC	Murdock Builders Merchants	1,481.52	
					07/03/2025	DC	Murdock Builders Merchants	60	
					26/03/2025	On Line	Donaghcloney RBL Rent	900	
				4,163.62				3543.41	
		Balance as per Danske Bank Statement 31 March 2024 - £183.20			Councillor Kyle Savage				
		Balance as per Danske Bank Statement 31 March 2025 - £620.21			Armagh City, Banbridge & Craigavon Borough Council				
Independently verified by Kyle Savage, dated 29/3/2025					kyle.savage@armaghbanbridgecraigavon.gov.uk				
					07742 401132				

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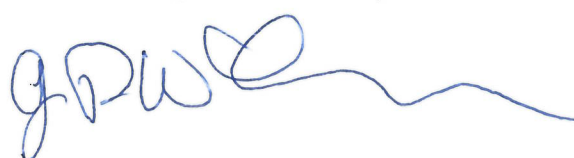
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Statement of Assets and Liabilities for Donaghcloney Community Garden
Year end 31st March 2024

Funds Reconciliation	Unrestricted funds	Restricted Funds	Endowment Funds	TOTAL 2024	
Cash at bank and at hand	£183.20	£1000	none	£1,183.20	
Surplus this year end			none		
Cash in bank and at hand 31st March 2024			none	£183.20	
Other Assets(restricted Fund)	Polytunnel Tools				
Liabilities (Unrestricted Fund)					
Approved by the trustees and signed on behalf by: 					

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Annual report

**DONAGHCLONEY COMMUNITY GARDEN - ANNUAL REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES FOR
YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024
CHARITY NUMBER -108152**

The Donaghcloney Community Garden was started in May 2017 at the Royal British Legion with the help of The Conservation Volunteers. Since the beginning the group has grown in numbers, on average 30 per week, and attracts self-employed, pensioners, people with various mental health problems, strokes and the unemployed. The garden meets twice weekly, Monday and Friday mornings, 10.30 - 13.00, not only to promote horticultural aspects but provides educational information by various projects facilitated by The Conservation Volunteers/other organisations. The volunteer ages range from 16 - 80+, including those with disabilities, retired and those still working. The aim of the garden is to provide the opportunity to learn new skills, work with partners to promote health/wellbeing, physical activities and healthy eating programmes. The Community Garden received charity status on 9 December 2019 No 108152.

The garden provides an opportunity for all to keep active and related to their abilities. It has encouraged TCV's Green Gym model approach ensuring there are strong links made between the enhanced green space, health and well-being. We have also made connect with the Donaghcloney Surgery and they are promoting wellness in participating in the garden.

Great use was made of the polytunnel during the year to grow plants from seed – vegetables and flowers. The vegetables were used by the Community Lunch Group which met monthly at the RBL. The flowers were used to supplement the plants from the ABC Small Floral Grant Scheme. Sweetpea was used to decorate the Lunch Group tables and these were then given to members in the community.

Recycling of materials, garden kneeler/seats have been made for individual needs, window boxes, an automatic watering system and bug hotels. DGC has made huge efforts to ensure everyone feels welcome, has a role and included in the gardening project, an extremely positive approach has seen the group grow from strength to strength in numbers and skill base.

The Community Garden and its volunteers have gained the confidence/respect of the wider community. This is evidenced by the work now undertaken in the village re planters, raised beds, hanging baskets, litter picks and working in collaboration with TCV to provide community window boxes, all increasing community ownership. The feedback received from the wider community for their regeneration of the village Bell Garden has been amazing, with young families and older people alike describing it as a life-line - being able to access safe green space during lockdown.

DCG continues to work closely with the Donaghcloney Royal British Legion, ABC re revenue costs, The Conservation Volunteers, Live Here Love Here, TADA Rural Support Network, DAERA, Co- Operation Ireland, various funders, local Primary School, other garden groups willingly sharing its advice/experiences and welcomes visitors who go away with some of the vegetables, fruits, etc.

Donaghcloney is a growing village with many newcomers, people who are in early retirement and seeking new outlets for their spare time. The garden is meeting this need as well as reducing social isolation. It is a key player in creating and bonding new friendships within and around the area. We are now being asked by youth groups to identify ways the young can learn and participate within the community garden. The Brownies was an example of this. They planted a tree in The Bell Garden and tidied the area. The Chairperson received a phone call enquiring if the garden would contact a gentleman from Thailand who had returned to Northern Ireland. He was very interested in working in the community and has been very beneficial with his skills in horticulture.

Facebook is used to promote the garden and allow those who cannot attend in person to see what is going on.

Walter Ferris, Chair

Public Benefit and Purpose

In setting our objectives and planning our activities for the year the trustees have given careful consideration to the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland's guidance on public benefit to ensure that the activities have helped to achieve the charity's purposes and provide a benefit to the beneficiaries. All our activities are related to one or more of the following charitable objectives:

The advancement of citizenship or community development.

The trustees who served during the year 2023 - 2024 are listed below

Mr Walter Ferris
Mrs Shirely Coggan
Mrs Helen Wilson
Mrs Eleanor Ferris

There were no funds by held by our charity that was in any way deficit at the end of our financial year and we had a closing balance of £183.20

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'W Ferris', written in a cursive style.

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Annual return

Independent examiner's report to the charity trustees of Donaghcloney Community Garden

I report on the accounts of the Trust for the year ended 31st March 2024, which are set out on pages 3 and 4.

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.

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: Joanne Laverty, Community Development Officer

Relevant professional qualification or body:

Address: TADA Rural Support Network, 19 Carn Road, Portadown, BT63 5WG

Date: 14/01/2025

Joanne Laverty
14/1/25

Accounts

DONAGHCLONEY COMMUNITY GARDEN - EXPENDITURE 1 APRIL 2022 - 31 MARCH 2023

Income				Expenditure			
01/04/2022	Balance at Bank	1,250.66	13/04/2022	On Line	DRBL Rental	700	
05/08/2022	Loan - E Ferris	30	22/04/2022	DC	KM Fuels	69.3	
31/08/2022	Donation	100	22/04/2022	Paypal	Ebay UK	12.32	
30/09/2022	ABC Call 1 Grant	1,000.00	26/04/2022	On Line	Walter Ferris	71.11	
06/01/2023	Cash - Garden Club	373	29/04/2022	SO	Bank Fees	5.75	
			18/05/2022	On Line	Kerr Group Insurance	321.78	
			31/05/2022	SO	Bank Fees	5.2	
			30/06/2022	SO	Bank Fees	5.05	
			29/07/2022	SO	Bank Fees	5	
			16/08/2022		ABC Refund	56.34	
			31/08/2022	SO	Bank Fees	5	
			30/09/2022	SO	Bank Fees	5.3	
			24/10/2022	DC	Décor 8 (Paint)	43.98	
			31/10/2022	SO	Bank Fees	5.05	
			13/11/2022		DRBL Poppy Appeal (E F)	20	
			30/11/2022	SO	Bank Fees	5	
			30/12/2022	SO	Bank Fees	5	
			31/01/2023	SO	Bank Fees	5	
			28/02/2023	SO	Bank Fees	5.75	
			07/03/2023	On Line	DRBL Rental	700	
			31/03/2023	SO	Bank Fees	5	
		2,753.46				2,056.93	
					Accrual (EF)	20	
						2,036.93	
Balance as per Danske Bank Statement 31 March 2023 - £716.53							
Independently verified by Kyle Savage, dated							
K. Savage 5 May 2023.							

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Year end 31st March 2023

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Cash at bank and at hand	1753.46	£1000	none	£2753.46	
Surplus this year end			none	£716.53	
Cash in bank and at hand 31st March 2022			none	£716.53	
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It has developed a community garden with a polytunnel, raised beds, fruit orchard, colourful flower displays and seating areas for relaxation. Recycling of materials, garden kneeler/seats have been made for individual needs, window boxes, an automatic watering system and bug hotels. DGC has made huge efforts to ensure everyone feels welcome, has a role and included in the gardening project, an extremely positive approach has seen the group grow from strength to strength in numbers and skill base.

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The Garden was awarded winner of the TCV Great Britain Green Heroes Outside and Active Award 2021. The Community Garden was one of three finalists in the All Ireland IPB Pride of Place Community Awards 2021 which was held on June 2022.

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Name: Mr Kyle Savage

Relevant professional qualification or body: Councillor ABC Council

Address: 67 Drumlin Road, Donaghcloney, Co Armagh, Northern Ireland