

# St Comgall's Youth Club

Northern Ireland · Charity number 108157

## Details

Status	Received
Registered	2021-08-13
Register	<a href="#">View on the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland register</a>

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## Activities

**Purposes:** To further the personal, social, educational and spiritual development of all children and young people without distinction of gender, sexual orientation, ethnicity, political or religious opinion particularly within the below detailed area of benefit and generally within the geographical area of the Diocese of Down and Connor with the object of enriching their lives in a safe and appropriate environment. To encourage young people to have active and responsible participation in the life of the faith community and society.

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

**How the charity works:** Education/training, Youth development

**Who the charity helps:** Children (5-13 year olds), Youth (14-25 year olds)

## Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-06-30	£14,182	£18,073	£0	0

## Trustees

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Name	Role	Appointed
Mr Mark Duffy		
Mrs Olena Makarchuk		
Ms Bronagh Maguire		
Ms Elizabeth Mcquillan		
Ms Grace Henry		
Ms Kerri Murphy		
Rev David Aksenczuk		

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# Accounts

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Charity Number	NIC 108157
Address	St Comgall's Youth Club 11 Oriel Road Antrim BT41 4HP

We the Trustees of St Comgall's Youth Club are all together in agreement that at all times we must have regard to the Commission's Public benefit requirement statutory guidance.

We are all aware that we are legally obliged to have regard to the Commission's guidance in regards to the Public Benefit requirement.

We have a model constitution.

The Trustees of St Comgall's Youth Club are as follows:

Mr Mark Duffy	
Mrs Maria Buick	Secretary
Ms Elizabeth McQuillan	
Ms Bronagh Maguire	Chairperson
Ms Grace Henry	Treasurer
Rev David Aksenczuk	

## **Report of The Trustees**

### **St Comgall's Youth Club**

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#### **Background and Purpose**

St Comgall's Youth Club (the Club) has been operating for more than 40 years, from a range of buildings throughout this period, providing a service for the young people of Antrim town and surrounding areas.

Our purpose is to further the personal, social, educational and spiritual development of all children and young people without distinction, with the object of enriching their lives in a safe and appropriate environment and to encourage them to have active and responsible participation in their community and society.

In 2016 the Club moved into the newly refurbished St Comgall's Youth Centre which offers an excellent facility providing access to a hall, outdoor areas, several smaller rooms suitable for arts and crafts, games, social and programmes. The Youth Centre also has a well equipped kitchen, pool table area, tuck shop, office and meeting areas.

In 2021 the Club became a registered charity with our operating year running from 1 July to 30 June. We are a part-time Club, open on Thursday, Friday and Saturday nights.

Historically the Club received funding from the Education Authority (EA) for salary costs. However, with changes to the EA strategy, this funding ceased. As a result, the Club now operates through self-funding and a small generic grant from the EA for programme and some operational costs.

Following a period in 2023/2024 and mainly due to challenges in recruiting a Leader in Charge and funding, the Trustees made the decision to operate as a volunteer lead Club. In 2024/2025, having built up a small reserve, the Club is now operating with a Leader in Charge, Assistant Leader in Charge and a range of volunteers.

#### **OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES OF THE CHARITY**

The Club aims to provide a space where young people can relax, unwind, socialise, meet other young people and develop friendships in a safe environment, increase confidence, self-esteem and emotional well-being, support the development of skills, increase awareness and active participation in their wider community.

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#### **Membership**

The Club is open to all young people aged from 8 to 25 years. The number of registered members has increased slightly from 240 in 2023/24 to 256 in 2024/25.

Attendance has remained high with on average 50 - 60 (P5's and P6's) attending on Friday nights and 35 - 45 (P7, Y8 and above) attending on Saturday nights.

#### **Acknowledgements and Achievements**

The Club has continued to focus on confidence and participation and throughout 2024/25 we have achieved the following:

##### **Kitchen**

This year we expanded our cooking and baking programme, introducing a dedicated Thursday evening baking sessions. Eight young people took part in making a variety of items, including sausage rolls, Easter rice crispy buns, filled cookies and tray bakes. On Friday evenings we continued the same cookery from the previous evening however our junior members had the chance to get creative experimenting with different fillings and decorative designs. The popularity and success of these sessions have inspired us to extend the nightly kitchen activities into a fuller, structured programme next year.

##### **Arts & Craft**

Over the summer of 2024 we reviewed and reorganised the space available and created a dedicated arts and crafts room which enabled our weekly programme to continue to flourish on Friday evenings, offering young people a wide variety of creative activities such as school bag charm making, slime production, colouring and laminated bookmarks, bracelet making, Hama bead fridge magnets, hair braiding with beads, and macramé plant holders. Across both Friday and Saturday sessions, themed projects were also delivered to enhance seasonal events including Easter, Halloween, Christmas and the end of summer celebrations. Halloween proved particularly memorable, with 56 participants enjoying pumpkin carving on one evening alone. Regular sessions engaged up to 40 young people, giving them the chance to explore new skills, express creativity, and take home their own unique masterpieces.

##### **Being Active**

Nightly sports activities, both indoor and outdoor, were delivered throughout the year and enjoyed by members of all ages. Young people took part in a wide range of games including pool, football, dodgeball, and table tennis, promoting physical activity, teamwork and social interaction.

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We also refreshed our hall programme by introducing new activities such as chairball, parachute games, badminton, and junior games, ensuring variety and fun for all participants. In addition, we invested in new outdoor basketball nets, creating another opportunity for members to enjoy active play within our outdoor space and adding further choice to our already extensive games roster.

#### **Self-Improvement Programmes**

An eight-week self-awareness and confidence building programme was delivered by an external facilitator on Friday and Saturday evenings, with funding support from the Clear Project. The sessions explored key themes including mood matters, self-belief, emotional regulation, kindness to self and others, and setting personal dreams and goals for the future. An arts and crafts element were incorporated to encourage creativity and reflection. The programme was well attended, with 50 young members taking part in one or more sessions. Feedback highlighted that participants reported increased confidence, improved coping strategies, and a stronger belief in their own potential. One of our volunteers undertook their level 3 OCN in Community Youth Work through YouthLink, which they subsequently achieved. A significant part of the OCN was to deliver a 6-8 week programme, to be developed and lead by young people. The group chose to develop a quiet space which they named the Zen Den. This was something the young people were saying would be important to those young members who have additional learning and behavioural needs and needed somewhere to go if they felt over stimulated. The Club now has a dedicated space developed by the young people in the project who chose the space purpose, the wall paint colours, the soft furnishings, colouring books, furniture, and lighting. The Zen Den.

On Thursday evenings, eight young people worked together to create a bespoke pool table cover to help keep the table clean and protected from dust and dirt. The large flat wooden board was first painted white, then added the details of the youth club logo, which they carefully outlined and filled in using acrylic paints. To preserve their artwork, the finished design was sealed with a coat of lacquer/clear varnish, leaving a durable and creative addition to the club,

#### **Junior Leaders**

Junior Leaders have continued to support the operation of the Club working alongside our adult volunteers. They help by running the tuck shop, assisting the activities in the hall, supervision of the games room and the outdoor space. They play pool with other members encouraging them to participate in the nightly session. They have also taken part in our themed nights that we have had including our Summer Hawaiian Themed night, Halloween Spooktacular night and our Christmas Jumper Night.

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#### **Acknowledgements**

**Volunteers:** Like many community groups, we know how difficult it can be to find and keep volunteers, especially on a Saturday night. Even so, we are proud to have a pool of around 30 dedicated volunteers, some giving their time week after week and others stepping in when they can. The Trustees want to give a heartfelt thank you to all the parents and guardians who offer their time and skills - your support is what makes it possible for the Club to open its doors and welcome young people.

As we reflect on 2024/25, we are incredibly proud that we have continued to provide a vital and much-loved service for the young people of Antrim. This has only been possible thanks to the support of our Leader and Assistant Leader in Charge and dedication of our volunteers and the support of the community. While challenges around volunteer numbers and funding remain, we are delighted to have built on our membership year on year. We look forward with confidence to expanding our capacity, growing our expertise, and creating even more opportunities for learning, growth, and fun for our members.

**Funders:** We would also like to thank the following organisations for their support and funding. The Education Authority, The Public Health Agency/Clear Project and Black Santa. With their valuable financial support, we were able to provide a range of programmes and activities.

#### **Financial Review**

During the year £14,182 of income was received. There was £0 of restricted funds brought forward from previous year. There was £1,852 of restricted income during the year and £1,496 restricted expenditure leaving a restricted reserve of £356 at 30 June 2025 (2024: £0). Total expenditure for the year was £18,073 (2024: £13,228). Total reserves at 30 June 2025 were £8,275 (2024: £12,166).

#### **Reserves policy**

The Trustees would like to build up reserves to allow the charity to be in a position where it could comfortably deal with any unforeseen circumstances. Ideally they have set this level at between three and six months running costs. At 30 June 2025 there was the equivalent to five months running costs in unrestricted reserves.

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**Disclosures of Information to Independent Examiners**

To the knowledge and belief of the Trustees there is no relevant information of which the organisation's independent examiners are not aware. The Trustees have taken all the necessary steps of which they are aware, provided relevant information and established that the organisation's independent examiners are aware of the information.

These accounts were approved by the Trustees at a meeting on 11 December 2025.

Signed on behalf of the board of Trustees:

Name: B Maguire  
Bronagh Maguire (Chairperson)

Name: Grace Henry  
Grace Henry (Treasurer)

Date: 11/12/25

Date: 11/12/25

**Independent Examiner's Report To The Charity Trustees of  
St Comgall's Youth Club  
For The Year Ended 30 June 2025**

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I report on the accounts of the charity for the period ended 30 June 2025, which are set out on pages 8 and 9.

**Respective responsibilities of charity trustees and examiner**

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.

**Basis of independent examiner's report**

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 a consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from you as 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 that there are no significant matters.

  
Aidan Corrigan, ACA

Independent Examiner

**Corrigan CA Limited**

24 Greystone Road, Antrim, BT41 2QN

Date 11 December 2025

**St Comgall's Youth Club**  
**Receipts & Payments Accounts**  
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		2025	2025	2025	2024
	Notes	Restricted Funds £	Unrestricted Funds £	TOTAL £	TOTAL £
<b>Receipts</b>					
<u>Income From Charitable Activities</u>					
Membership Fees	2	0	5,679	5,679	5,367
Tuck Shop Income		0	5,146	5,146	4,410
Grants		1,852	1,300	3,152	3,875
Donations		0	205	205	575
		<u>1,852</u>	<u>12,330</u>	<u>14,182</u>	<u>14,227</u>
<u>Income from Fundraising</u>		<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
<b>Total Receipts</b>		<b>1,852</b>	<b>12,330</b>	<b>14,182</b>	<b>14,227</b>
<b>Payments</b>					
<u>Cost of Charitable Activities</u>					
		1,496	16,577	18,073	13,228
<u>Governance</u>		<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>240</u>
<b>Total Payments</b>		<b>1,496</b>	<b>16,577</b>	<b>18,073</b>	<b>13,468</b>
<b>Net of Receipts/(Payments)</b>		<u>356</u>	<u>-4,247</u>	<u>-3,891</u>	<u>759</u>
Transfers Between Funds		0	0	0	0
Funds Brought Forward		0	12,166	12,166	11,407
<b>Cash Funds This Year</b>		<u><u>356</u></u>	<u><u>7,919</u></u>	<u><u>8,275</u></u>	<u><u>12,166</u></u>
<b>Reconciliation 30/06/2025</b>					
Cash at bank & in hand 01/07/2024		0	12,166	12,166	11,407
Surplus/Deficit this year		356	-4,247	-3,891	759
Assets/Liabilities		0	0	0	0
Cash at bank & in hand 30/06/2025		<u><u>356</u></u>	<u><u>7,919</u></u>	<u><u>8,275</u></u>	<u><u>12,166</u></u>

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	2025	2025	2025	2025	2024
Funds Reconciliation	Restricted Funds £	Unrestricted Funds £	Endowment Funds £	Total Funds £	Total Funds £
Cash/Bank at 01/07/2024	0	12,166	0	12,166	11,407
Surplus/Deficit in year	356	-4,247	0	-3,891	759
Assets/Liabilities	0	0	0	0	0
Cash/Bank at 31/06/2025	<u>356</u>	<u>7,919</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>8,275</u>	<u>12,166</u>

	2025	2025	2025	2025	2024
Bank & Cash Deposits	Restricted Funds £	Unrestricted Funds £	Endowment Funds £	Total Funds £	Total Funds £
Bank Deposit Accounts	0	0	0	0	0
Bank Current Accounts	356	7,900	0	8,256	12,153
Cash in hand	0	19	0	19	13
Assets/Liabilities	0	0	0	0	0
	<u>356</u>	<u>7,919</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>8,275</u>	<u>12,166</u>

Approved by the Trustees and signed on their behalf by:

Name: B. Maguire Name: Grace Henry  
 Bronagh Maguire (Chairperson) Grace Henry (Treasurer)

Date: 11/12/2025 Date: 11/12/2025

## St Comgall's Youth Club

### Notes

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#### 1. Accounting Policies

##### Charity Information

St Comgall's Youth Club is a registered Charity registered with the Charity Commission of Northern Ireland with a registration number of 108157.

##### Accounting Convention

The accounts have been prepared on a receipts and payments basis, in accordance with the charity's governing document and the Charities Act (Northern Ireland) 2008.

The accounts have been prepared under the historical cost convention.

##### Charitable Funds

Unrestricted funds are available for use at the discretion of the trustees in furtherance of their charitable objectives unless the funds have been designated for other purposes. Restricted funds are subject to specific conditions by donors as to how they may have been used.

##### Incoming Resources

Income is recognised when the charity is legally entitled to it after any performance conditions have been met.

Cash donations are recognised on receipt.

##### Resources Expended

Liabilities are recognised as expenditure as soon as there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the charity to that expenditure, it is probable that a transfer of economic benefits will be required in settlement and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably.

#### 2. Grants Received

Included within income relating to grants are the following:

	2025	2024
	£	£
<b>Restricted Funds</b>		
Education Authority	2,600	3,875
Education Authority Refund	-1,748	0
Clear	1,000	0
	<u>1,852</u>	<u>0</u>

#### 3. Related Parties

There were no disclosable related party transactions during the year.

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## **Report of The Trustees**

### **St Comgall's Youth Club**

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#### **Background and Purpose**

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In 2021 the Club became a registered charity with our operating year running from 1 July to 30 June. We are a part-time Club, open on Thursday, Friday and Saturday nights.

Historically the Club received funding from the Education Authority (EA) for salary costs. However, with changes to the EA strategy, this funding ceased. As a result, the Club now operates through self-funding and a small generic grant from the EA for programme and some operational costs.

In July 2023, primarily due to reductions in funding alongside challenges in recruiting a Leader in Charge to a part-time youth Club leader role, the Trustees made the strategic decision to trial a new operating model, moving to being a volunteer lead Youth Club.

#### **OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES OF THE CHARITY**

The Club aims to provide a space where young people can relax, unwind, socialise, meet other young people and develop friendships in a safe environment, increase confidence, self-esteem and emotional well-being, support the development of skills, increase awareness and active participation in their wider community.

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**Membership**

The Club is open to all young people aged from 8 to 25 years. The number of registered members has increased slightly from 236 in 2022/23 to 240 in 2023/24.

Attendance numbers as follows:

	<b>Thursday – Young Leaders</b>	<b>Friday – P5 &amp; P6</b>	<b>Saturday – P7, Y8 &amp; above</b>
<b>2022/2023</b>	10 -15	50 - 65	20 – 35
<b>2023/2024</b>	6 (actual no.)	56 (average number) (34 lowest to 98 highest)	34 (average number) (12 lowest to 52 highest)

**Acknowledgements and Achievements**

Over the period 2023-2024 the Club achieved the following:

**Confidence and participation**

- **in the Kitchen**

We continued our programme of basic cooking and hospitality skills for our Friday members and expanded this to Saturday night members. Additionally, 8 young leaders attended food hygiene training.

- **in being creative**

Weekly arts and crafts programmes continued to be delivered from bracelet making, colouring, wool craft and seasonal focused makes for Halloween, Christmas and Easter. These programmes continuing to engage up to 40 young people per week. Additionally, we delivered a 6 week performing arts programme for Friday night members, focusing on drama, dance and performance with 15 young people participating.

- **in being active**

Weekly sports based activities, indoor and outdoor were delivered throughout the year benefiting all members. Activities from pool, football, dodge ball and table tennis. Additionally, we developed volunteer and young leader confidence and skill levels with 15 attending session on indoor hall and street games.

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- **in self confidence**

A 6 week confidence programme was delivered by Powerful Young Minds NI on both Friday and Saturday nights. This programme explored gratitude, their powerful minds, their dreams and goals, how to be kind to themselves, how to believe in themselves and how to manage their emotions. The sessions were well attended and appealed to both boys and girls with 50 young members participating in one or more sessions.

- **in skills development**

Young leaders have continued to support the running of the Youth Club and particularly the management of the tuck shop. They gained skills in customer service, stock and money management. Additionally young leaders continued to assist with organising seasonal activities including the end of year BBQ, Halloween, Christmas and Summer disco's developing their planning, organising and DJ skills.

#### Acknowledgements

**Young Leader:** We continue to have the support of 13 young leaders throughout the year, with 3 young leaders volunteering as part of their Duke of Edinburgh Awards programme. The Trustees wish to recognise and thank the young leaders for the support that they have given. Their dedication, creativity, skills and enthusiasm, with some volunteering 2 nights per week every week, has enabled the Club to operate and provide a service to other Youth Club members.

**Volunteers:** As with other organisations, it continues to remain a challenge to recruit and retain volunteers, particularly for a Saturday night. That said, we have been able to maintain a pool of 25 volunteers with some able to volunteer regularly and others occasionally. The Trustees wish to recognise and thank parents / guardians for offering their time and expertise and without their support the Club would not have been able to open.

#### And Finally

At the end of 2023/24, as a volunteer lead Youth Club, we are proud to have been able to continue to provide this valuable service to the young people of Antrim. Without doubt, challenges remain in terms of maintaining volunteer numbers and funding. We have managed to build up our reserves and will be exploring how best to increase our capacity and expertise to deliver youth work in the coming year as we continue to look forward to offering more opportunities for growth and fun for our members.

## Report of The Trustees

### St Comgall's Youth Club

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#### Financial Review

During the year £14,227 of income was received. There was £1,654 of restricted funds brought forward from previous year. All of the £1,654 was spent during the year leaving a restricted reserve of £0 at 30 June 2024 (2023: £1,654). Total expenditure for the year was £13,228 (2023:£14,283). Total reserves at 30 June 2024 were £12,166 (2023: £11,407).

#### Reserves policy

The Trustees would like to build up reserves to allow the charity to be in a position where it could comfortably deal with any unforeseen circumstances. Ideally they have set this level at between three and six months running costs. At 30 June 2024 there was the equivalent to eleven months running costs in unrestricted reserves. While this is considered to be high, the Trustees have planned to build the reserve funds to be able to return to paying staff in the next financial year.

#### Disclosures of Information to Independent Examiners

To the knowledge and belief of the Trustees there is no relevant information of which the organisation's independent examiners are not aware. The Trustees have taken all the necessary steps of which they are aware, provided relevant information and established that the organisation's independent examiners are aware of the information.

These accounts were approved by the Trustees at a meeting on 28 November 2024.

Signed on behalf of the board of Trustees:

Name: B. Maguire  
Bronagh Maguire (Chairperson)

Date: 28/11/24

Name: Grace Henry  
Grace Henry (Treasurer)

Date: 28/11/24

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**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 that there are no significant matters.

Amanda Harbinson

Amanda Harbinson, FCA

Independent Examiner

**Corrigan CA Limited**

24 Greystone Road, Antrim, BT41 2QN

28/11/24

Date

St Comgall's Youth Club  
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		2024	2024	2024	2023
	Notes	Restricted Funds £	Unrestricted Funds £	TOTAL £	TOTAL £
<b>Receipts</b>					
<u>Income From Charitable Activities</u>					
Membership Fees	2	0	5,367	5,367	5,786
Tuck Shop Income		0	4,411	4,411	4,988
Grants		3,875	0	3,875	0
Donations		0	575	575	0
		<u>3,875</u>	<u>10,352</u>	<u>14,227</u>	<u>10,774</u>
<u>Income from Fundraising</u>		<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>693</u>
<b>Total Receipts</b>		<b>3,875</b>	<b>10,352</b>	<b>14,227</b>	<b>11,467</b>
<b>Payments</b>					
<u>Cost of Charitable Activities</u>					
		5,289	7,939	13,228	14,253
<u>Governance</u>		<u>240</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>240</u>	<u>30</u>
<b>Total Payments</b>		<b>5,529</b>	<b>7,939</b>	<b>13,468</b>	<b>14,283</b>
<b>Net of Receipts/(Payments)</b>		<b>-1,654</b>	<b>2,413</b>	<b>759</b>	<b>-2,816</b>
Transfers Between Funds		0	0	0	0
Funds Brought Forward		1,654	9,753	11,407	14,223
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Charity Number	NIC 108157
Address	St Comgall's Youth Club 11 Oriel Road Antrim BT41 4HP

We the Trustees of St Comgall's Youth Club are all together in agreement that at all time we must have regard to the Commission's Public benefit requirement statutory guidance.

We are all aware that we are legally obliged to have regard to the Commission's guidance in regards to the Public Benefit requirement.

We have a model constitution.

The Trustees of St Comgall's Youth Club are as follows:

Mr Mark Duffy	
Mrs Maria Buick	Secretary
Ms Elizabeth McQuillan	
Ms Bronagh Maguire	Chairperson Appointed 06/04/2024
Ms Grace Henry	Treasurer
Rev David Aksenczuk	Appointed 06/04/2024
Mrs Esther McLornan	Resigned 11/05/2024

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For The Year Ended 30 June 2024

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The Trustees would like to build up reserves to allow the charity to be in a position where it could comfortably deal with any unforeseen circumstances. Ideally they have set this level at between three and six months running costs. At 30 June 2024 there was the equivalent to eleven months running costs in unrestricted reserves. While this is considered to be high, the Trustees have planned to build the reserve funds to be able to return to paying staff in the next financial year.

#### Disclosures of Information to Independent Examiners

To the knowledge and belief of the Trustees there is no relevant information of which the organisation's independent examiners are not aware. The Trustees have taken all the necessary steps of which they are aware, provided relevant information and established that the organisation's independent examiners are aware of the information.

These accounts were approved by the Trustees at a meeting on 28 November 2024.

Signed on behalf of the board of Trustees:

Name: B. Maguire  
Bronagh Maguire (Chairperson)

Date: 28/11/24

Name: Grace Henry  
Grace Henry (Treasurer)

Date: 28.11.24

**Independent Examiner's Report To The Charity Trustees of  
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It is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under section 65 of the Charities Act
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- state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

**Basis of independent examiner's report**

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 a consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from you as Trustees concerning any such matters.

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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 that there are no significant matters.

Amanda Harbinson

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Independent Examiner

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28/11/24

Date

St Comgall's Youth Club  
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		5,289	7,939	13,228	14,253
<u>Governance</u>		<u>240</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>240</u>	<u>30</u>
<b>Total Payments</b>		<b>5,529</b>	<b>7,939</b>	<b>13,468</b>	<b>14,283</b>
<b>Net of Receipts/(Payments)</b>		<b>-1,654</b>	<b>2,413</b>	<b>759</b>	<b>-2,816</b>
Transfers Between Funds		0	0	0	0
Funds Brought Forward		1,654	9,753	11,407	14,223
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Bank & Cash Deposits	Restricted Funds £	Unrestricted Funds £	Endowment Funds £	Total Funds £	Total Funds £
Bank Deposit Accounts	0	0	0	0	0
Bank Current Accounts	0	12,153	0	12,153	11,253
Cash in hand	0	13	0	13	154
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Approved by the Trustees and signed on their behalf by:

Name: B. Maguire Name: Grace Henry  
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<b>Restricted Funds</b>		
Education Authority	3,875	0
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**Report of The Trustees**

**St Comgall's Youth Club**

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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 charity and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with CCNI guidelines. The Trustees are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and to take reasonable steps to prevent and detect fraud.

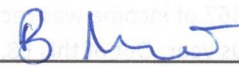
**Disclosures of Information to Independent Examiners**

To the knowledge and belief of the Trustees there is no relevant information of which the organisation's independent examiners are not aware. The Trustees have taken all the necessary steps of which they are aware, provided relevant information and established that the organisation's independent examiners are aware of the information.

These accounts were approved by the Trustees at a meeting on 30 November 2023.

Signed on behalf of the board of Trustees:

Name:   
Esther McLornan (Chairperson)

Name:   
Bronagh Maguire (Treasurer)

Date: 30/11/23

Date: 30 NOV '23

**Independent Examiner's Report To The Charity Trustees of  
St Comgall's Youth Club  
For The Year Ended 30 June 2023**

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I report on the accounts of the charity for the period ended 30 June 2023, which are set out on pages 8 and 9.

**Respective responsibilities of charity trustees and examiner**

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.

**Basis of independent examiner's report**

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 a consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from you as 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 that there are no significant matters.

Amanda Harbinson

Amanda Harbinson, FCA  
Independent Examiner  
Corrigan CA Limited

30/11/23

Date

24 Greystone Road, Antrim, BT41 2QN

**St Comgall's Youth Club**  
**Receipts & Payments Accounts**  
**For The Year Ended 30 June 2023**

	2023	2023	2023	2023	
	Restricted Funds £	Unrestricted Funds £	Endowment Funds £	TOTAL £	
Notes					
<b>Receipts</b>					
<u>Income From Charitable Activities</u>					
Membership Fees	2	0	5,786	0	5,786
Tuck Shop Income		0	4,988	0	4,988
		0	10,774	0	10,774
<u>Income from Fundraising</u>			693		693
<b>Total Receipts</b>		0	11,467	0	11,467
<b>Payments</b>					
<u>Cost of Charitable Activities</u>		7,102	7,151		14,253
<u>Governance</u>		0	30	0	30
<b>Total Payments</b>		7,102	7,181	0	14,283
<b>Net of Receipts/(Payments)</b>		-7,102	4,286	0	-2,816
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Date: 30/11/23 Date: 30 Nov '23

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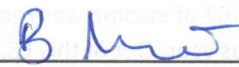
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**St Comgall's Youth Club**

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**For The Year Ended 30 June 2023**

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**2. Grants Received**

There were no grants received during the year.

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There were no disclosable related party transactions during the year.

**St Comgall's Youth Club**

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## **Report of The Trustees**

### **St Comgall's Youth Club**

#### **For The Year Ended 30 June 2023**

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##### **Background and Purpose**

St Comgall's Youth Club (the club) has been operating for well over 40 years and from a range of buildings. Throughout this period, it has been providing a service for the young people of Antrim and surrounding areas.

Our purpose is to further the personal, social, educational and spiritual development of all children and young people without distinction, with the object of enriching their lives in a safe and appropriate environment and to encourage them to have active and responsible participation in their community and society.

In 2016 the club moved into the newly refurbished St Comgall's Youth Centre which offers an excellent facility providing access to a hall, outdoor areas and several smaller rooms suitable for arts/crafts/ computer games, board games etc. The Youth Centre also has a well-equipped kitchen, pool table area, tuck shop, office and meeting areas.

In 2021 the club became a registered charity with our operating year running from 1 July to 30 June. We are a part-time club, open on Thursday, Friday and Saturday nights.

The Covid 19 pandemic had a severe impact on our operational capability and the club was mainly closed through 2020, re-opening in a phased capacity from September 2021. The club received funding from the Big Lottery Awards for All which supported our 'bounce back' programme. The Trustees would like to extend a big 'thank you' to the Lottery as with their support the club is well on its way to returning to its pre pandemic provision. However, challenges remain.

Historically the club have received funding from the Education Authority (EA) mainly for salary costs, alongside a few other funders following successful funding applications. With changes to EA strategy, in 2022/23 the club became primarily self-funding.

Towards the end of 2022/23 the Trustees made the strategic decision to trial a new operating model, moving to being a volunteer lead youth club. This decision was made primarily due to reductions in funding and challenges in recruiting a youth worker to a part-time youth club leader role.

**Report of The Trustees**  
**St Comgall's Youth Club**  
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**OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES OF THE CHARITY**

The club aims to provide a space where young people can relax, unwind, socialise, meet other young people and develop friendships in a safe environment; increase confidence, self-esteem and emotional well-being; support the development of skills, increase awareness and active participation in their wider community.

The club provides a range of activities and programmes for young people from the age of 8 years to 25 years and had 236 registered members in 2022/23.

The club is open 3 nights per week:

- |                                |                                  |
|--------------------------------|----------------------------------|
| Thursday: Young Leaders        | Attendance: 10 - 15 young people |
| Friday: P5 and P6              | Attendance: 50 – 65 young people |
| Saturday: P7, Year 8 and above | Attendance: 20 - 35 young people |

**Acknowledgements and Achievements**

**Young Leader:** Throughout the year we increased our number of young leaders from 9 to 16. Thursday nights were developed for young leaders to have a dedicated space for socialising, training, inputting and supporting the development of the programme of activities for the year. The young leaders have been an invaluable resource to the club.

The Trustees wish to recognise and thank the young leaders for the support that they have given. Their dedication, creativity, skills and enthusiasm, with many volunteering 2 nights per every week. Without this support it would not have been possible, on many occasions, to operate and provide a service to other youth club members.

**Volunteers:** Throughout the year and following a recruitment drive, we increased our volunteer pool to 25 with a rota being set up for Friday and Saturday night cover. The Trustees wish to recognise and thank parents for offering their time and expertise and again without their support the club, on many occasions, would not have been able to open.

**Paid Staff:** The Trustees would like to acknowledge and thank all the staff for their ongoing work, support and for their contribution to building on post covid recovery. We were challenged with a few personnel changes throughout the year which had an impact on leadership and management. Going forward and due to funding limitations, the Trustees are currently testing a new operating model and will regularly review the discussion to move forward a volunteer lead organisation.

## Report of The Trustees

### St Comgall's Youth Club

#### For The Year Ended 30 June 2023

Over the period 2022-2023 the club achieved the following:

#### Confidence and participation

- **in the Kitchen**

A programme of basic cooking and hospitality skills for our Friday night members, assisting cooking and serving pizza and toast, with 15 young people taking part throughout the year. Formal food hygiene training is planned for young leaders in 2023/24.

- **in planting and growing**

12 young people participated throughout May and June with planting seeds and vegetables in different containers and medium and comparing which grew faster and stronger. Unfortunately, we had limited success in tasting and eating what was grown. A programme for next year!

- **in being creative**

Weekly arts and crafts programmes were delivered, from making bracelets to colouring, drawing, making banners and seasonal focused makes including Christmas decorations for the Parish Hall, engaging up to 40 young people per week. A specific programme engaging 6 young leaders in designing, creating and painting a dedicated 'chill out' space was delivered, which has been very well used by members.

- **in being active**

Weekly sports-based activities, indoor and outdoor were delivered throughout the year benefiting all members. Activities from pool competitions, football, table tennis and a wide range of group games organised and delivered by the young leaders. Additional training in group and street games are planned for 2023/24.

- **in being entrepreneurial with a social conscious**

A social enterprise programmes was delivered with 7 young people building on their team working skills, planning, making, marketing and selling a range of handmade Christmas decorations. The funds raised donated to the local Food Bank and SVP.

- **in raising money**

The Friday night members planned and helped organise a sponsored silence to raise funds for the club. Over 40+ members remaining silent for an hour! This was quite an achievement and in the process, raised over £700. Congratulations to all members who participated and to everyone who sponsored this event.

## Report of The Trustees

### St Comgall's Youth Club

For The Year Ended 30 June 2023

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#### Good Relations

Through the TBUC programme, in partnership with Bytes, we were able to offer opportunities to 30 young people, developed links with Parkhall and Kells Youth Clubs, and take part in a residential programmes and day trip activities. Additionally, 10 young people achieved an OCN level 1 qualification.

#### Work Experience

We were able to facilitate 2 of our young leaders gain work experience as part of their lower 6th school year requirements. Subsequently one of the young leaders went onto having paid employment, through the same organisation, over the summer period, gaining valuable skills which they have brought back to the club. Additionally, 4 of our young leaders took on additional responsibility for a 6-month period organising activities and working with young members through the Awards for All funded programme.

#### Festive Fun and Parties

We organised and ran:

- A Christmas disco and summer disco and BBQ with young leaders developing their DJ skills
- Cinema nights with popcorn
- End of year volunteer and young leader dinner attended by 6 volunteers and 14 young leaders.

#### And Finally

Re-opening has been rewarding and at time a very challenging task, particularly recruiting staff and volunteers, however it has been heartening that throughout 2022/23 an increased number of parents have come forward to volunteer and at the same time the skills of the young leaders have continued to develop and grow. At the end of 2022/23 we are certainly in a stronger position and look forward to offering more opportunity for growth and fun for members in the coming years.

#### Financial Review

During the year £11,467 of income was received. There was £8,756 of restricted funds brought forward from previous year. Out of this £8,756, £7,102 was spent, leaving a restricted reserve of £1,654 at 30 June 2023. Total expenditure for the year was £14,283. Total reserves at 30 June 2023 were £11,407.

#### Reserves policy

The trustees would like to build up reserves to allow the charity to be in a position where it could comfortably deal with any unforeseen circumstances. Ideally they have set this level at between three and six months running costs. At 30 June 2023 there was the equivalent to nine months running costs in unrestricted reserves. This is above the ideal level of desired reserves as set by the trustees in their reserves policy.

**Report of The Trustees**

**St Comgall's Youth Club**

**For The Year Ended 30 June 2023**

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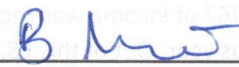
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