

St Comgall's Youth Club
Receipts & Payments Accounts
For The Year Ended 30 June 2024

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**Report of The Trustees
St Comgall's Youth Club
For The Year Ended 30 June 2024**

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
Ms Grace Henry	Treasurer
Rev David Aksenczuk	Appointed 06/04/2024
Mrs Esther McLornan	Resigned 11/05/2024

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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.

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:

	Thursday – Young Leaders	Friday – P5 & P6	Saturday – P7, Y8 & above
2022/2023	10 -15	50 - 65	20 – 35
2023/2024	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.

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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

**Independent Examiner's Report To The Charity Trustees of
St Comgall's Youth Club
For The Year Ended 30 June 2024**

I report on the accounts of the charity for the period ended 30 June 2024, 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
24 Greystone Road, Antrim, BT41 2QN

28/11/24
Date

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Receipts & Payments Accounts

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		2024	2024	2024	2023
	Notes	Restricted Funds £	Unrestricted Funds £	TOTAL £	TOTAL £
Receipts					
<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>
Total Receipts		3,875	10,352	14,227	11,467
Payments					
<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>
Total Payments		5,529	7,939	13,468	14,283
Net of Receipts/(Payments)		-1,654	2,413	759	-2,816
Transfers Between Funds		0	0	0	0
Funds Brought Forward		1,654	9,753	11,407	14,223
Cash Funds This Year		<u><u>0</u></u>	<u><u>12,166</u></u>	<u><u>12,166</u></u>	<u><u>11,407</u></u>
Reconciliation 30/06/2023					
Cash at bank & in hand 01/07/2023		1,654	9,753	11,407	14,223
Surplus/Deficit this year		-1,654	2,413	759	-2,816
Assets/Liabilities		0	0	0	0
Cash at bank & in hand 30/06/2024		<u><u>0</u></u>	<u><u>12,166</u></u>	<u><u>12,166</u></u>	<u><u>11,407</u></u>

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	2024	2024	2024	2024	2023
Funds Reconciliation	Restricted Funds £	Unrestricted Funds £	Endowment Funds £	Total Funds £	Total Funds £
Cash/Bank at 01/07/2023	1,654	9,753	0	11,407	14,223
Surplus/Deficit in year	-1,654	2,413	0	759	-2,816
Assets/Liabilities	0	0	0	0	0
Cash/Bank at 31/06/2024	<u>0</u>	<u>12,166</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>12,166</u>	<u>11,407</u>

	2024	2024	2024	2024	2023
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
Assets/Liabilities	0	0	0	0	0
	<u>0</u>	<u>12,166</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>12,166</u>	<u>11,407</u>

Approved by the Trustees and signed on their behalf by:

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

Date: 28/11/24. Date: 28/11/24

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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:

	2024	2023
	£	£
Restricted Funds		
Education Authority	3,875	0
	<u>3,875</u>	<u>0</u>

Grants were received during the year from the following

3. Related Parties

There were no disclosable related party transactions during the year.