

St Comgall's Youth Club

Receipts & Payments Accounts

For The Year Ended 30 June 2025

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Report of The Trustees

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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	

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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**

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

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		2025	2025	2025	2024
	Notes	Restricted Funds £	Unrestricted Funds £	TOTAL £	TOTAL £
Receipts					
<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
		1,852	12,330	14,182	14,227
<u>Income from Fundraising</u>		0	0	0	0
Total Receipts		1,852	12,330	14,182	14,227
Payments					
<u>Cost of Charitable Activities</u>					
		1,496	16,577	18,073	13,228
<u>Governance</u>		0	0	0	240
Total Payments		1,496	16,577	18,073	13,468
Net of Receipts/(Payments)		356	-4,247	-3,891	759
Transfers Between Funds		0	0	0	0
Funds Brought Forward		0	12,166	12,166	11,407
Cash Funds This Year		356	7,919	8,275	12,166
Reconciliation 30/06/2025					
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		356	7,919	8,275	12,166

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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

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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
	£	£
Restricted Funds		
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.