

THE BELTRIM CHARITABLE TRUST

Trustees Annual Report and Financial Statements for the year ended 5th April 2025

Registered Charity in Northern Ireland (NIC108174)

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TRUSTEES ANNUAL REPORT

The Trustees present their Annual Report and Financial Statements for the year ended 5 April 2025.

REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS

Address

Beltrim Castle
68 Killymore Road
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CHARITY TRUSTEES

The Charity Trustees who served during the year or who were trustees at the date of this report were;

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Objectives and activities

The main objectives of the Beltrim Charitable Trust are the advancement of education, the advancement of citizenship and community development and other charitable purposes to benefit the local community.

The Beltrim Charitable Trust supports community enterprise and development both rural and urban, conservation of heritage and local history and environmental development and conservation. It also encourages cross-border, cross-community relations in the local community and offers overseas aid towards the relief of poverty and famine.

They main groups that the charity hopes to benefit are;

- Children aged 5-13 years old
- General public
- Voluntary and community sector
- Those with learning disabilities
- Overseas/developing countries.
- Those with physical disabilities

Public benefits

The charity has worked to offer financial support to the local community through the Owenkillew Community Development Association which operates the community hall in the village of Gortin and promotes activities for youth groups and others. By offering support to the Owenkillew Community Development Association, the Beltrim Charitable Trust has helped them become more successful in supporting a number of local groups and organisations over the years. There are numerous beneficiaries as a result of funding provided to the community by the Beltrim Charitable Trust – to name a few - the playschool, community gardens, gym, Men's shed and health and wellbeing services. Further beneficiaries could be provided. The Beltrim Charitable Trust's contribution to these groups has resulted in an overall benefit to community relations and supporting mental health in the community.

The Beltrim Charitable Trust purchased the old Ulster Bank building in Gortin and conducted renovations to repurpose the building into a café, workshop and flat. All of these premises have been let out at a commercial rate, helping the trust secure funds and benefit the local community by providing a hub where people can meet. The opportunity to enhance business in the village has also contributed to a boost in the local economy as it has attracted more visitors into the village.

Achievements during the year

During the year ended 5th April 2025, the Trust continued to support local charities and trusts by giving donations to groups such as the Tyrone and Fermanagh Ploughing Society and Air Ambulance Northern Ireland Charity. The Trust also supports causes outside of Northern Ireland with another beneficiary of the Beltrim Charitable Trust being Got Martar Community Development Group (GMCDG) which supports orphans and vulnerable children in Africa. The Beltrim Charitable Trust also gave various donations to charities and events raising funds for the crisis in Ukraine, one of the beneficiaries included the Knights of