

Conlig Community Regeneration Group

Northern Ireland · Charity number 108280

Details

Status Received

Registered 2022-04-08

Register [View on the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland register](#)

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Activities

Purposes: The Charity's objects (the objects) are to promote the area of benefit of Conlig; comprising of the west side of the dual carriageway from and including Smylies Sheds, along the Old Bangor Road, Bangor Road, Main Street, Old Bangor Road, Little Clondeboye until and including the Somme Heritage Centre, (known after as the area of benefit), without distinction of age, sex, sexual orientation, race, ethnic identity, political or religious or other opinion by cooperating with the statutory authorities, voluntary and community organisations and residents, in common effort to: a. Establish or secure the establishment of a community base/centre and maintain and manage it for activities promoted by the association; b. Provide facilities in the interests of social welfare for recreation and other leisure time occupations with the object of improving the conditions of life for residents in the area of benefit; 1. Advance education and arts, culture and heritage through the engagement and promotion of projects, commemorations and other activities which are local and specific to the area of benefit and to pursue the development of a War Memorial recognizing the contribution of those lost to the Great War and World War Two. 2. Promote health and healthy recreation through the provision of local facilities and services. 3. Relieve those in need by reason of age, youth, ill health, disability, financial hardship or other disadvantage. 4. Promote the protection, enhancement of the natural and built environment and the provision of facilities and services to further enhance the life those who live and work in the area of benefit. 5. To promote citizenship, using community development good practice guidelines and utilising community consultation and engagement regarding issues concerning changes or development within the area of benefit. c. Promote good community relations, religious and racial harmony and equality and diversity; d. Promote other such charitable purposes as may from time to time be determined.

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

How the charity works: Advice/advocacy/information,Community development,Cultural,Environment/sustainable development/conservation,General charitable

purposes,Heritage/historical,Relief of poverty,Research/evaluation,Youth development

Who the charity helps: Community safety/crime prevention, Men, Mental health, Older people, Tenants, Unemployed/low income, Volunteers, Women, Youth (14-25 year olds)

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-03-31	£15,307	£10,583	£0	0

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Chris Nesbitt		
Mr David Ballard		
Mr John Ballard		
Mr Richard Wilson		
Mrs Diane Harvey-Smith		
Mrs Kerry Miskelly		
Mrs Lee Thomson		
Rev John Mcconaghie		

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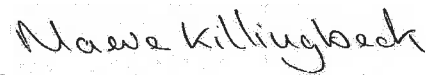
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Accounts

**CONLIG COMMUNITY REGENERATION GROUP
STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTS
01/04/2024 - 31/03/2025**

	Income		Expenditure
Opening Bank Balance at 1 April 2024	9065.74		
<u>Income</u>		<u>Expenditure</u>	
ASDA Foundation - Outdoor Community Spaces Grant	3,000	Expenditure ANDBC Community Development Fund - Running Costs	2,285.94
ANDBC Community Development Fund - Running Costs	2,285.94	Expenditure Seniors Account	2,252.37
ANDBC Winter Hardship Fund	2,200	Expenditure ANDBC Winter Hardship Fund	2,200
Donations collected for Seniors Account	1,954	Expenditure ANDBC In Bloom Grant	1,106.77
Donations collected for General Account	1,564.72	Expenditure ANDBC Events and Festivals Fund - Summer Festival Grant	1,013.40
ANDBC In Bloom Grant	1,106.77	Expenditure from NDCN Winter Fuel Support	800
ANDBC Events and Festivals Fund - Summer Festival	1,013.40	Expenditure ANDBC Christmas Festival Grant	800
NDCN - Winter Fuel Support	800	Expenditure General Account	108.12
ANDBC Christmas Festival Grant	800	Petty Cash	17.14
Donations collected for War Memorial Account	578		
Petty Cash	4.55		
	15,307.38		10,583.74
Total Income	15,307.38	Total Expenditure	10,583.74
		Closing Bank Balance at 31 March 2025	13,789.38

Prepared by North Down Community Network from the information supplied by
CONLIG COMMUNITY REGENERATION GROUP
We have found that this statement is an accurate reflection of the financial position
of the Association @ 31 March 2025. An Audit has not been carried out.

Signed: 
Independent Examiner For and on behalf of North Down Community Network

Dated: 5th May 2025

Signed: 
Conlig Community Regeneration Group

Date: 5th May 2025

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Accounts


CONLIG COMMUNITY REGENERATION GROUP
STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTS
01/04/2023 - 31/03/2024

	Income		Expenditure
Opening Bank Balance at 1 April 2023	13799.63		
<u>Income</u>		<u>Expenditure</u>	
Running Cost Grant	2458.59	Expenditure CFNI The Older People's Fund, Food and Fuel Small Grant Programme	3550.00
Live Here Love Here Grant	2136.29	Expenditure Running Cost Grant	2458.59
ANDBC In Bloom Grant	1801.17	Expenditure Live Here Love Here Grant	2136.29
Seniors Account	1243.00	Expenditure ANDBC In Bloom Grant	1801.17
ANDBC Christmas Festival Grant	1088.54	Expenditure Lottery Awards For All	1295.71
ANDBC Kings Coronation Grant (additional £500 paid by accident by ANDBC)	1019.74	Expenditure ANDBC Christmas Festival Grant	1088.54
ANDBC Summer Festival Grant	1001.00	Expenditure Seniors Account	1037.98
		Expenditure ANDBC Kings Coronation Grant (additional £500 paid back to ANDBC for accidental payment to CCRG)	1019.74
ANDBC Hardship Fund	1000.00	Expenditure ANDBC Summer Festival Grant	1001.00
War Memorial Account	659.84	Expenditure ANDBC Hardship Fund	1000.00
General Account	192.70	Cheque 0314 from 22/23	750.00
Petty Cash	6.81	Expenditure General Account	198.00
		Petty Cash	4.55
	12607.68		17341.57
Total Income	12607.68	Total Expenditure	17341.57
		Closing Bank Balance at 31 March 2024	9065.74
	26407.31		

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Signed: 
Independent Examiner For and on behalf of North Down Community Network

Dated: 15th May 2024

Signed: 

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Annual report

Conlig Community Regeneration Group
Trustees Report – Year ending 31 March 2024
NIC 108280

Overview of Group Purpose and Public Benefits

Our group's purpose is to work in partnership with other statutory, community and voluntary agencies to promote and enhance social welfare, community facilities, culture and heritage, the natural environment, citizenship, community development, community consultation and to address disadvantage and hardship in the village of Conlig and its surrounding areas.

The direct benefits that flow from our group purposes are improved community cohesion, community relations, increased community spirit, a better sense of belonging, reduced isolation, increased social connection, improved activities and services for the elderly, better understanding of local heritage and identity, better facilities and access to services, improved quality of life for those in need, reduced levels of stress and anxiety and increased health and well-being among those in need. As you can see from our annual update of activities below, we achieve this through a range of consistent support, activities, events and projects, including our seniors' group, community-led festivals and fun days, resident-led environmental and heritage projects, a War Memorial project, financial and practical support to those in crisis and advocacy work, and the impact of these can be demonstrated by attendance numbers and feedback from participants, statutory agencies and other community related groups. None of our purposes give rise to any harm.

There are no private benefits arising from these purposes. Fees are not charged for our services and none of our committee members will obtain any private benefit.

Trustee board

John Ballard – Treasurer
David Ballard – Chairperson
Diane Harvey-Smith – Vice Chairperson
Kerry Miskelly – Secretary
Richard Wilson
Rev John McConaghie
Mary Ballard
TJ Young
Lee Thomson

Financial Year 1st April 2023 – 31st March 2024

Please see the financial report and independent examinations of accounts for full details. Our charity does not own our own premises but has roughly £1,000 worth of assets made up of laptops and office equipment.

Activities

Conlig Community Regeneration Group has had a busy year, continuing to work on a voluntary basis to address the needs of the people living in Conlig village and its surrounding areas.

Our weekly seniors' group continues to be an important service to the community, offering a safe and welcoming space to build friendships, take part in activities for improved health and well-being, and access the information and advice needed to live a better quality of life. It has been great to see so many regulars coming back every week, and we have been encouraged to see new members join, especially those recently retired. As well as

conversation over a cuppa, our members have enjoyed a monthly warm meal as part of our Hardship project with NDCN and the other voluntary-led Associations in Bangor, funded by Ards and North Down Borough Council (ANDBC). We have welcomed a range of speakers who have delivered educational sessions on energy efficiency, sign language and community safety, and have taken part in activities such as chair-yoga and singing. The cost-of-living crisis continues to have a negative impact on some of the older generation in the village, and we have been able to support with food vouchers and fuel supplies through Community Foundation NI's The Older People's Fund, as well as supporting the wider community through the ANDBC Hardship Fund.

Our small team of volunteers organised and delivered a range of community events again, including a Kings Coronation celebration, Ulster Scots Summer Festival and Christmas Festival. These large-scale events brought residents across the generations together to feel more connected, build positive community spirit and learn about local heritage and traditions. Although ANDBC provided the majority of the funding, the amount of funding available has not changed in many years, or has drastically reduced, despite the high rise in event costs. This causes our small charity and its volunteers pressure and effects the quality of events we can deliver so we continue to advocate for better, encouraging ANDBC to offer more reasonable amounts of funding going forward.

Our group remains passionate about the environment and making the most of the limited green areas in the village and have delivered various environmental projects throughout the year, including an In Bloom project. We continue to run a weekly Tuesday maintenance group in partnership with the local Church and local residents and hope these men will be instrumental the planning of our Men's Shed pilot. Unfortunately delays continue in securing the portacabin we need to run the Men's Shed, which is out of our control, but we hope this will be resolved soon so we can start planning this valuable project.

We remain committed to highlighting the local history of the area, which includes War Memorial project, advocating for a memorial in the village to recognise, remember and mark the local men who lost their lives. Our volunteers have worked hard on this project for 8 years; carrying out extensive research and planning and have now raised the funds needed to build the memorial, thanks to our fundraising efforts and the generosity of the local community. But in order to complete the project, it has been vital to get a recommitment of support from ANDBC; both financial and practical. We are a small group of volunteers who mostly work full-time, so have appreciated the support from NDCN in setting up and facilitating numerous collaborative meetings with ANDBC elected representatives and staff to progress the project, as well as helping us to create a detailed Memorial proposal, which we will present at the June 2024 ANDBC Corporate Services Committee. We hope the memorial can be erected as soon as possible, to meet the wishes amongst residents.

Our advocacy work remains extremely important to ensure that residents are getting what they are entitled to in terms of housing, benefits and safety, so they can have a better quality of life. This role has been more important than ever with the added challenges that the pandemic and now cost of living crisis has brought. As well as representing the people of Conlig at annual estate inspections and various meetings, we are a member of the Community Practitioners Forum, facilitated by NDCN, where we work collectively with the other 4 key volunteer-led Community Associations in Bangor (Bloomfield, Breezemount, Clandeboye and Whitehill). The Forum encourages peer support between the volunteers, greater group sustainability and more effective advocating for better investment, services and support across the areas, which all continue to experience under-investment, and a vital part of this work is our quarterly meeting with the ANDBC Councillors who cover the 5 areas.

We are a small group of volunteers with limited funds, so continue to work closely with other voluntary and statutory organisations to ensure we can run services and support for the residents of the area. We are thankful to these organisations, as well as our Funders, which this year included Community Foundation NI and Ards and North Down Borough Council. But mostly we are thankful to the committed and dedicated volunteers of Conlig Community Regeneration Group who continue to give so much.

Approved by the Trustees on 29th July 2024 and signed on their behalf by

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'J Ballard', written in a cursive style.

John Ballard, Treasurer

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Annual return

Independent examiner's report to the charity trustees of Conlig Community Regeneration Group

I report on the accounts of the Trust for the year ended **31 March 2024**, as attached.

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 (NI) 2008.

It is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under section 62 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 NI 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 of the accounts of the **Conlig Community Regeneration Group** 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 NI, I have found no matters that require drawing to your attention.



Maeve Killingbeck – Independent Examiner
For and on behalf of North Down Community Network
15 May 2024

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