

SESKINORE RURAL COMMUNITY GROUP

TRUSTEES' REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024

The trustees present their report and financial statements for the year ended 31 March 2024.

The accounts have been prepared in accordance with the accounting policies set out in Note 1 of the accounts and comply with the Statement of Recommended Practice: Accounting and Reporting by Charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (as amended for accounting periods commencing from 1 January 2016).

The objects of the charity include:

1. To promote the benefit of the inhabitants of Seskinore and district area and its environs without distinction of age, sex, race, political, religious, or other opinion, by associating with statutory authorities, voluntary organisations, and inhabitants in a common effort to advance education.
2. To provide facilities in the interest of social welfare for recreation or other leisure time occupation with the object of improving the conditions of life for the said inhabitants.
3. To encourage regeneration/investment opportunities to ensure the continued growth of our vibrant rural community.
4. Organise or assist in organising meetings, lectures, classes, and exhibitions and publish, or assist in publishing reports, periodicals, recordings, books or documentation or information.
5. Obtain, collect, and receive money by way of grants, donations, bequests, legacies, or other lawful methods.

Financial review

The charity returned net income for the year of £5,560 (2023 - £1,456).

On 31 March 2024, the total funds of the charity amounted to £13,000 (2023 - £7,440).

Of the total funds reported above, £7,608 is made up of cash at bank.

Reserves policy

The trustees endeavour to maintain sufficient funds to ensure that, in the event of a significant drop in funding, they will be able to continue the charity's current activities while consideration is given to ways in which additional funds may be raised.

Risk management

The trustees have assessed the major risks to which the charity is exposed and are satisfied that systems are in place to mitigate exposure to the major risks.

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TRUSTEES' REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024 (cont.)

Structure, governance, and management

Seskinore Rural Community Group registered as a charity on 7 April 2022 and is governed by its Constitution.

The trustees who served during the year were:

Mr Robert Riddell
Mr Hugh McAleer
Mr Ivor Russell
Mrs Lila Russell
Mrs Colette McCabe
Mr William Howard
Sir Robert Salisbury
Mr Roy McCracken
Mr Mark McLaughlin
Mr BJ Toal

The trustees were assisted during the year in carrying out the Group's activities by Dervla Devlin, Laura Fitzpatrick, Sharon Pearson, Glenda Armstrong, Jonny Clements, Sam Dennison and Seamus McAlinney.

Summary of activities during the year

1. Met with Fermanagh & Omagh District Councillors & Officers and with Forest Service personnel with a view to having Seskinore Forest upgraded.
2. Worked with Forest Service in relation to the converting of the waste ground opposite the Church of Ireland into an enclosed car park.
3. Carried out minor improvements to the Forest facilities.
4. Consulted with DFI personnel and other relevant parties regarding the proposed extension of the village footpath to the Forest.
5. Obtained planning permission for the village centre piece at Carnalea/Corkhill Road junction.
6. Organised and managed local community litter picks in September & April.
7. Organised our second 5K Fun Run & Walk in Seskinore Forest in May 2023.
8. Hosted well-attended local historical & biodiversity talks in October & December.
9. Further enhanced the Christmas lights display in the village.
10. Upgraded the village defibrillator and the flower boxes in the village.
11. Produced digital recordings of interviews with local senior residents.
12. Consulted with other local community groups in areas of common interest.

Robert Riddell

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Trustee
10th June 2024