

# Comber Community Residents Group

Northern Ireland · Charity number 108736

## Details

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Status Received

Registered 2022-09-28

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

## Contact

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## Activities

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**Purposes:** The Group is established for the Advancement of Citizenship or Community Development and for the public benefit of the inhabitants of those living within social housing estates/areas within the Comber area and its environs. (Hereinafter referred to as 'The area of benefit') This will be achieved through the delivery of positive community events, provision of volunteering opportunities and regular contact meetings with relevant statutory and voluntary bodies to improve the conditions of life for local people.

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

**How the charity works:** Advice/advocacy/information,Community development

**Who the charity helps:** General public,Specific areas of deprivation

## Finances

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Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-03-31	£30	£25	£0	0

## Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Christopher Mayes		
Courtney Murphy		
Jack Bennett		
Miss Charlene Sharky		
Mr Allen Borrows		
Mr Hugh Craig		
Mr Jim Harris		
Pamela Mills		
Stephen Mills		

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# Accounts

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# COMBER COMMUNITY RESIDENTS GROUP

Summary Statement of Accounts for year: 1st April 2024 - 31st March 2025

## INCOME

Balance Brought Forward:	£ 21.27
Bank Interest	£ 0.53
Donations	£ 30.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b><u>£ 51.80</u></b>

## EXPENDITURE

Garage Rent	£ 25.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b><u>£ 25.00</u></b>
<b>Total at Bank 31.03.25</b>	<b>£ 26.80</b>

Note:  
Bank Account 1: account balance at 31.03.25 = £21.80 (to be closed & funds to be transferred into bank account 2 in 25/26 financial year)  
Bank Account 2: account balance at 31.03.25 = £5.00

Based on all information provided by Comber Community Residents Group I can confirm this is a true record of the association's accounts.

Signature:

*William Spence*

Print Name:

*William Spence*

Date:

*14TH OCTOBER 2025*

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# Accounts

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## COMBER COMMUNITY RESIDENTS GROUP

Summary Statement of Accounts for year: 1st April 2023 - 31st March 2024

### INCOME

Balance Brought Forward:	£ 20.62
Bank Interest	£ 0.65
TOTAL	<b><u>£21.27</u></b>

### EXPENDITURE

TOTAL	<b><u>£ 0.00</u></b>
<b>Total at Bank 31.03.24</b>	<b>£21.27</b>

**Based on all information provided by Comber Community Residents Group I can confirm this is a true record of the association's accounts.**

### 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 no matters that require drawing to your attention.

Name: Gary McDowell

Address: Upper Cross  
Comber  
BT23 5BM

Date: 29.5.24

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# Annual report

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**Charity Name:** Comber Community Residents Group  
**Reg No:** 108736  
**Public Address:** C/O 9 Laburnum Way, Comber, Newtownards, BT23 5YQ

**Trustees:**

The following served as charity Trustees during the year:

- Stephen Mills
- Pamela Mills
- Chris Mayes
- Jack Bennett
- Allen Burrows
- Jim Harris
- Kathleen Robinson
- Norman Harkness (deceased March 2024)

**Objectives and Activities:**

Our Association (CCRG) is a community development organisation based in Comber. Our main purpose is the “advancement of citizenship and community development”. We work to support and improve the quality of lives of residents within social housing estates/areas in the town.

We provide advice, information & signposting services to residents, we also raise the issues affecting them & lobby for improvements in social housing estates/areas. We work with statutory and voluntary agencies operating in the town, including housing providers, PSNI, Council, DfI etc. We work in partnership with others to help address issues important to residents. We run community events to support residents, as funding allows.

**Achievements and Performance:**

Throughout the reporting period, CCRG has continued to work to support and improve the lives of residents. We have worked on the following key issues this year:

- Benefits and advice support to residents. 45 residents received application support and were all successful.
- Environmental issues including litter, graffiti, ASB with specific issues in the skate park. We have worked closely with Council, PSNI, Housing Executive and others, as required, to help raise awareness of these issues and look at a partnership approach to help tackle such issues from happening / continuing.

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- Roads related issues, specifically potholes. Priority areas highlighted to DfI for inspection. Not all issues were able to be addressed, but action was taken on the worst areas. Grass cutting has also been a big focus and we will continue to lobby for an improved programme in the town, by DfI.  
- Housing support continues to be a big focus. We engage with all housing providers locally including the Housing Executive, Apex, Ark, Habinteg, Clanmil and Choice. Our Chairperson continues to represent the Ards & North Down area at the Housing Executive's Central Housing Forum, as well as being a regular attendee at Ards & North Down Area HCN meetings. Our group also holds our own quarterly Interagency meetings and an annual estate inspection, which includes visits to all social housing estates/areas in the town.

We have continued to look to the future, and have built on relationships with the Housing Executive, Council and Supporting Communities, who have continued to support our community group to grow and develop. However, we have also worked through some difficulties this year. Our Chairperson was unwell for some time and we also lost one of our long-standing trustees, who unfortunately passed away.

### **Financial Review:**

The trustees have comprehensive financial procedures in place for the income and expenditure of Comber Community Residents Group.

Opening Balance: £20.62

Closing Balance: £21.27

There was no expenditure in the 23-24 financial year. The only income was 65p of bank interest.

The trustees have identified that the current bank account type (savings account) is not acceptable to most funders, which has therefore made it difficult to apply for & secure grant funding. The trustees are in the process of identifying and applying for an alternative bank account, which will allow the group to apply for grants, such as from the Council, Housing Executive etc. Unfortunately, like other community groups/charities, the group is experiencing some difficulties in getting a new bank account set up, and this has taken longer than the trustees would have anticipated. We hope to progress this in the 24-25 financial year.

This has been approved by Trustees and signed on their behalf by:

**Stephen Mills**

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Chairperson

18<sup>th</sup> October 2024

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# Annual return

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**Charity Name: Comber Community Residents Group**

**Reporting Period: 1<sup>st</sup> April 2023 – 31<sup>st</sup> March 2024**

**Independent examiner's report to the charity trustees of Comber Community Residents Group.**

I report on the accounts of the Trust for the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> March 2024, which are set out on the verified accounts.

**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 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.

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