

# Carrowdore and District Community Association

Northern Ireland · Charity number 108885

## Details

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**Status** Received

**Registered** 2022-05-20

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

## Contact

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## Activities

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**Purposes:** The Association is established to improve the quality of life of residents living in Carrowdore and District irrespective of sex, disability, race, sexual orientation, political, religious or other opinion by associating with statutory authorities, voluntary and community organisations and the private sector. The advancement of citizenship and community development to inspire civic values and encourage voluntary and community activity in areas of health, education, the arts, sports and recreation and culture and heritage. To develop and implement programmes concerned with promoting community cohesion through physical, social and economic improvements to the appearance of the area of benefit and improving the quality of life of residents.

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

**How the charity works:** Community development,Cultural,Education/training,Environment/sustainable development/conservation,General charitable purposes

**Who the charity helps:** Adult training,Children (5-13 year olds),General public,Older people,Parents,Preschool (0-5 year olds),Voluntary and community sector,Volunteers,Youth (14-25 year olds)

## Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-03-31	£5,536	£7,522	£0	0

## Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Claire Spence		
Mark Spence		
Ruth Bettis		

**Carrowdore and District Community Association**

Northern Ireland - Charity number 108885

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# Accounts

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**County Down  
Rural Community  
Network**

Ballywalter Village Hall  
49-51 Main Street  
BALLYWALTER  
BT22 2PQ  
Tel: 028 9182 8884

**CARROWDORE & DISTRICT COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION**

**Unqualified Report for a charity that is an Unincorporated Association and has an income of £250,000 or less.**

**Independent Examiner's Report to the charity trustees of Carrowdore & District Community Association.**

I report on the accounts of Carrowdore & District Community Association for the year 1<sup>st</sup> April 2024 - 31<sup>st</sup> March 2025, which are set out 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 (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

#### 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: Frances McCormick

Signed:

*Frances McCormick*

Helper Body: County Down Rural Community Network

Independently examined by

County Down Rural Community Network

Signed:

*Frances McCormick*

Date:

*26/11/25*

Carrowdore and District Community Association  
Accounts 2024/25

	£	£	£	£
<b>OPENING BALANCE - 01/04/2024</b>		<b>£2,121.82</b>		
<b><u>Account Details</u></b>				
<b>Income</b>			<b>Expenditure</b>	
<b>Grants</b>				
Ards and North Down Borough Council	£ 3,840.28		Awards for All	£ 1,843.47
Keep NI Beautiful	£ 1,031.85		Community Development	£ 2,251.20
Gifts and Donations	£ 663.61		Keep NI Beautiful	£ 347.15
			St Anne's Black Santa	£ 551.35
			Christmas Festival	£ 1,140.41
			General costs	£ 558.29
			Winter Hardship	£ 830.39
		<b>Totals</b>		
		<u>£ 5,535.74</u>		<u>£ 7,522.26</u>
2024/25 - Income/Expenditure Balance		-£1,986.52		
unrestricted Account Balance - 31/03/2025		<u>£135.30</u>		

Independently examined by

County Down Rural Community Network

Signed: Francis McLovinde

Date: 25/11/25

**Carrowdore and District Community Association**

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# Accounts

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**Carrowdore and District Community Assolcation  
Accounts 2023/24**

**OPENING BALANCE - 01/04/2023**                      £                      £  
£641.50

**Account Details**

**Income**

**Expenditure**

**Grants**

Awards for All	£10,000.00
Ards and North Down Borough Council	£4,500.00
Keep NI Beautiful	£1,054.00
Live Here Love Here	£1,495.00
St Anne's Black Santa	£880.00
Ulster Scots Agency	£965.00
Gifts and Donations	£725.00

Awards for All	£8,156.53
Community Development	£2,526.58
Keep NI Beautiful	£1,738.99
Live Here Love Here	£1,495.00
St Anne's Black Santa	£56.06
Coronation	£1,845.56
Christmas Festival	£1,294.74
InBloom	£1,025.22

Income Total:                      £19,619.00                      £18,138.68

**2023/24 - Income/Expenditure Balance**    £1,480.32

**Account Balance - 31/03/2024**                      **£2,121.82**

2024 - Restricted Funding (AFA)	£1,843.47
St Anne's Black Santa	823.94
Keep NI Beautiful	<u>-£1,031.85</u>
	£1,635.56

Unrestricted Balance                      £486.26

*11/9/2024  
Chair.*

Independently examined by

County Down Rural Community Network

Signed: Frances McLoon

Date: 19/6/24

**Carrowdore and District Community Association**

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# Annual report

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ANNUAL REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES

Carrowdore and District Community Association

For the period 1<sup>st</sup> April 2023 to 31<sup>st</sup> March 2024

Registered with the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland NI 108885



## ANNUAL REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES

Carrowdore and District Community Association

### Charity Trustees

- Mark Spence
- Ruth Bettes
- Claire Spence

### Charity Postal Address

- 1 Ashvale Park  
Carrowdore  
BT22 2EN

**The Charity's Governing Document is the Constitution formally adopted on 8<sup>th</sup> March 2022**

**The objects of the charity are as set out in the governing document, namely:**

3.1 The Association is established to improve the quality of life of resident living in Carrowdore and District irrespective of sex, disability, race, sexual orientation, political, religious or other opinion by associating with statutory authorities, voluntary and community organisations and the private sector.

3.2 The advancement of citizenship and community development to inspire civic values and encourage voluntary and community activity in areas of health, education, the arts, sports and recreation and culture and heritage.

3.3 To develop and implement programmes concerned with promoting community cohesion through physical, social and economic improvements to the appearance of the area of benefit and improving the quality of life of residents.

The trustees are indebted to the member volunteers who have given the charity many hours of commitment, time and expertise throughout the year as without this there would not have been as much achieved in the community for the community.



## ANNUAL REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES

Carrowdore and District Community Association

### Review of Activities

The management committee held quarterly meetings throughout the year with additional meetings as required to discuss and plan for specific events.

The management committee was made up of the Trustees along with:

Tanya McMillan, Nicole Reynolds, Louise Wallace, Jonny Parker, Jasmin Dorrian

Jamie McBride, Emma Parker, Charmaine Dorrian and Daron Howard.

A celebration of the Coronation of King Charles was held in the Community Centre which was extremely well attended. A BBQ and Ulster Scots food, quiz and information was provided and entertainment by Scottish dancers and a pipe band entertained all in the sunshine.

A community herb garden was established in the centre of the village providing residents with fresh herbs throughout the year. The concrete containers for these have been handed over from Henderson Group for the community to use.

The annual Christmas Fair with Christmas lights switch on was set up in the community centre both inside and outside. Santa provided gifts for all the children, craft and food stalls provided visitors and residents good value items for purchase. The local primary school had their usual surprise bag stall and the usual 'No Parents Allowed' room allowed children to purchase £1 gifts which were then wrapped for gifting. Musical entertainment played and children's activities enabled all to get into the spirit of Christmas.

During October and November the community group along with other groups established a Community Hub in premises beside the EuroSpar in the centre of the village. In partnership with others the unit was transformed into a warm, comfortable, welcome space in which regular clubs and classes run ie sewing classes, lunch club, darts to name but a few. Residents and visitors can drop in for a cuppa and chat, use the internet, speak with community representatives, book swap or avail of the many crafting opportunities available daily.

The community group kept everyone up to date with leaflet drops and through the Facebook page.



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Carrowdore and District Community Association

### Financial Review

The income during the year was £19,619.00 and expenditure of £18,138.68 resulting in a balance of £1,480.32.

As in previous years Ards and North Down Borough Council have continued to support us in the main with funding in the form of our Community Development Grant, Christmas Festival and Coronation grants etc.

In addition to this during the year additional grant funding was received from

- Awards for All to assist with the set up of the Community Hub
- Keep NI Beautiful for a tackling textiles project
- St Anne's Black Santa for kitchen equipment and training
- Ulster Scots Agency for Coronation celebrations

We had received a grant from Live Here Love Here however we were able to establish our planned micro allotments at no cost therefore returned the full grant to them.

We start the new year with a balance of £486.26

### Declaration

**The Trustees declare that they have approved the Trustee Report above.**

Signed on behalf of the Trustees by

Mark Spence

Trustee

Dated 30<sup>th</sup> January 2025

Carrowdore and District Community Association  
Trustee Report

**Carrowdore and District Community Association**

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# Annual return

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## County Down Rural Community Network

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Name: Frances McCormick

Relevant body: County Down Rural Community Network

Address: 49-51 Main Street, Ballywalter BT22 2PQ

Signed: 

Dated: 19<sup>th</sup> June 2024