

Newtownhamilton and District Community First Responders

Northern Ireland · Charity number 108944

Details

Status Received

Registered 2022-06-12

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

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Activities

Purposes: 1. To provide initial care to members of the public over 12 years of age, to provide lifesaving skills and to contribute to a person's chance of survival in response to being alerted by Northern Ireland Ambulance Service (NIAS). This service is provided within approximately 5-7 radius of Newtownhamilton. 2. To provide CPR skills to members of the public

What the charity does: The advancement of health or the saving of lives

How the charity works: Education/training,Medical/health/sickness,Volunteer development

Who the charity helps: General public

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-10-31	£2,973	£4,515	£0	0

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Mr Niall Murray		
Mrs Gemma Keenan		
Mrs Lorraine Quinn		
Mrs Siobhan Quinn		
Mrs Tara Murphy		
Ms Ita Gibney		

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Accounts

NEWTOWNHAMILTON & DISTRICT COMMUNITY FIRST RESPONDERS

FINANCIAL STATEMENT 1ST NOVEMBER 2024 TO 31ST OCTOBER 2025

RECEIPTS

Donations	623.50
Newry, Mourne & Down District Council	2,350.00
	<u>£2,973.50</u>

PAYMENTS

Venue Hire	850.00
Action Cancer Bus	450.00
Equipment	960.00
Accounts Fee	78.00
Training	1,209.82
Insurance	937.23
Gifts	30.00
	<u>£4,515.05</u>

Excess of Payments over Receipts **-£1,541.55**

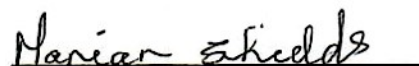
ACCUMULATED FUND

Balance as at 1st November 2024	7,463.69
Deficit for the Year	-1,541.55
Balance as at 31st October 2025	£5,922.14

REPRESENTED BY

Bank Current Account **£5,922.14**

In my opinion, from the records and books I received, the above Financial Statement gives a true and fair view of the state of Newtownhamilton & District Community First Responders financial position for the year ended 31st October 2025.



Marian Shields
Independent Examiner
10th November 2025

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NEWTOWNHAMILTON & DISTRICT COMMUNITY FIRST RESPONDERS
FINANCIAL STATEMENT 1ST NOVEMBER 2023 TO 31ST OCTOBER 2024

RECEIPTS

	1,301.40
Donations	1,500.00
Newry, Mourne & Down District Council	1,519.64
Fundraising	<u><u>£4,321.04</u></u>

PAYMENTS

	298.44
Hospitality	1,998.37
Training	604.14
Insurance	1,323.97
Equipment	2,111.82
Open Day	2,672.00
Health & Wellbeing	200.00
Recharge You	625.00
Promotion & Publicity	500.00
Room Hire	100.00
Gifts	78.00
Accounts Fee	<u><u>£10,511.74</u></u>

Excess of Payments over Receipts

-£6,190.70

ACCUMULATED FUND

Balance as at 1st November 2023	13,654.39
Deficit for the Year	-6,190.70
Balance as at 31st October 2024	£7,463.69

REPRESENTED BY

Bank Current Account

£7,463.69

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30th January 2025

NEWTOWNHAMILTON & DISTRICT COMMUNITY FIRST RESPONDERS
FINANCIAL STATEMENT 1ST NOVEMBER 2023 TO 31ST OCTOBER 2024

Closing Bank Balance at 31st October 2024		8,626.69
<u>Less Unpresented Cheques</u>		
76	980.00	
77	78.00	
78	<u>105.00</u>	
Actual Closing Bank Balance at 31st October 2024		<u>1163.00</u>
		<u>£7,463.69</u>

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Annual report

Annual Report for Newtownhamilton and District Community First Responders

2023-2024

Report from the Chairperson

The past year has been busy and eventful for the group, marked by significant achievements and challenges. A key development was the extension of the group's coverage area, a result of the hard work of volunteers and community support.

Plans are in place to train new recruits in early 2025. However, staff shortages and changes within the Northern Ireland Ambulance Service (NIAS) have posed challenges, impacting the group's growth and support capacity.

Throughout the year, the team participated in various key activities, including visits to local primary schools to educate children on health and safety, organising a successful blood drive, and hosting a health and wellbeing day at the Rural Hall. These initiatives highlight the group's ongoing commitment to community engagement and wellbeing.

Gratitude is extended to Niall for securing council funding, as well as to those involved in obtaining National Lottery funding, which has been essential for the group's continued operations.

Special recognition is given to the team of first responders, whose diverse and vital skills contribute to the group's success. Thanks are also due to Siobhan for her dedicated efforts in providing essential training throughout the year.

Warm wishes are extended to everyone for a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year, with appreciation for the continued dedication to making a difference in the community.

Report from the Secretary:

This year marked a significant milestone for the group: five years of active operation as a first responder unit. To commemorate this achievement, a successful health and wellbeing day was hosted, offering a valuable opportunity to connect with the community.

Other key initiatives included the Big Action Cancer Bus and another successful blood drive. Additionally, connections with local primary schools were strengthened through CPR training and educational activities for students.

Despite these successes, challenges persist, particularly with the strain on the Ambulance Service, leading to longer waiting times and increased pressure on Community First Responders (CFRs). Nonetheless, the group remains committed to expanding its coverage area and continuing to respond to calls in a timely manner.

Thanks are extended to the office bearers for their dedication and hard work, ensuring the smooth operation of the group throughout the year.

Report from the Treasurer:

Northern Ireland First Responders continues to enjoy strong support from both the local community and further afield. This year, donations were received from Newtownhamilton High School and Lynne Anderson, who completed a sponsored walking challenge. Additionally, the

local community contributed nearly £500 in donations, which will help support the group's ongoing work.

Significant expenditures included public liability insurance and costs associated with the health and wellbeing day. Fortunately, grant funding covered the expenses for this event, ensuring that the group's resources were not unduly strained.

The accounts for the previous year have been audited by an independent auditor and submitted to the Charity Commission, in accordance with financial governance standards. Copies of the income and expenditure statement have been distributed for review.

The continued support received is crucial for sustaining the group's activities, and it is greatly appreciated.

This concludes the Annual Report for Newtownhamilton and District First Responders Group. The team thanks all volunteers, supporters, and the community for their ongoing contributions, and looks forward to continuing its work into 2025 and beyond.

Newtownhamilton and District Community First Responders

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Annual return

I report on the accounts of Newtownhamilton & District Community First Responders for the year ended 31st October 2024.

As the Charity 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

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.

I have completed my examination and have no concerns in respect of the matters 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.



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Independent Examiner

28th January 2025

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NEWTOWNHAMILTON & DISTRICT COMMUNITY FIRST RESPONDERS
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RECEIPTS

Donations	
Newry, Mourne & Down District Council	600.00
Big Lottery	1,632.20
	<u>10,000.00</u>
	<u>£12,232.20</u>

PAYMENTS

Uniforms	
Volunteer Costs	590.00
Open Day	104.05
Gifts	162.13
Hospitality	50.00
Room Hire	300.00
Defibrillator Costs	550.00
Sympathy Notice	836.00
Training	60.72
Insurance	659.40
Stationery	604.14
Action Cancer Big Bus	40.00
	<u>450.00</u>
	<u>£4,406.44</u>

Excess of Receipts over Payments

£7,825.76

ACCUMULATED FUND

Balance as at 1st November 2022	
Surplus for the Year	5,828.63
Balance as at 31st October 2023	7,825.76
	<u>£13,654.39</u>

REPRESENTED BY

Bank Current Account

£13,654.39

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Independent Examiner
8th October 2024

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Closing Bank Balance at 31st October 2023

Less Unpresented Cheques

14,919.69

46 300.00

49 450.00

50 515.30

Actual Closing Bank Balance at 31st October 2023

1265.30

£13,654.39

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Annual Report

2022 - 2023

Report from Chairperson

Gemma Keenan reported that the year gone by had been a great year and we had kind donations from the community. Gemma outlined the success of two grants this year from NMDDC and The Community Fund. Gemma took the opportunity to thank everyone who had contributed in any way to the groups fundraising efforts.

Gemma raised the concern of the lack of support from NIAS for recruiting new people. Gemma outlined some of the activities the group carried out throughout the year.

Gemma thanked everyone for their dedication to the group and wished everyone a happy and healthy 2024.

Report from Secretary

Niall Murray reported that we received great support from the community and local schools. The group were also lucky to secure £1,500 funding from NMDDC and The Community Fund.

Niall discussed cuts on the health system and the strain it is having on the ambulance service. Niall reported that Newtownhamilton Community First Responder's attended 50% of calls received. Niall noted a three-call increase from this time last year and our group received category 1 calls.

Niall offered his thanks to our office bearers and first responder team and offered a moment of reflection to all who passed away during the year. He also asked those in attendance to remember Dylan Vallely in their prayers.

Report from Treasurer

Ita Gibney reported that NTH CFR's continued to enjoy support from the local community and further afield.

Ita reported that we received donations from local families, Foley PS, St Michael's PS and Carrickrovaddy PS.

We purchased a defib cabinet for A29 and donated towards one at St Michael's GFC. Most expenditure this year has been covered by grant income. Other significant expenditure includes public liability insurance.

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