

Northern Counties Development Association

Northern Ireland · Charity number 108964

Details

Status Received

Registered 2022-09-28

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Activities

Purposes: The objects of the Association shall be for the benefit of the inhabitants of Granaghan and the neighbourhood thereof and are to advance education, relieve poverty, preserve and protect health, relieve the aged and disabled and to provide facilities in the interests of social welfare for recreation and leisure time occupation with the object of improving the conditions of life for the said inhabitants.

What the charity does: The prevention or relief of poverty, The advancement of education, The relief of those in need by reason of youth, age, ill-health, disability, financial hardship or other disadvantage, Other charitable purposes

How the charity works: Arts, Community development, Cultural, Disability, Education/training, General charitable purposes, Relief of poverty, Rural development

Who the charity helps: Adult training, General public, Learning disabilities, Older people, Parents, Unemployed/low income, Voluntary and community sector, Women

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-01-31	£39,973	£17,006	£0	0

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Mr Dermot Friel		
Mr Tony McGuckin		
Mrs Ann Brennan		
Mrs Claire Mckendry		
Mrs Fiona O'hagan		
Mrs Lucy Kearney		
Mrs Veronica Mckendry		

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Accounts

Northern Counties Development Association

**Annual report and audited financial statements
for the year ended 31 January 2025**

Registration No: NI036601 (Northern Ireland)

Charity Registration No: XR32310

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Charity Information**Directors**

Ann Brennan
Anthony McGuckin
Veronica McKendry
Fiona O'Hagan
Claire McKendry
Dermot Friel
Lucy Kearney

Charity Secretary

Claire McKendry

Registered Office

15C Main Street
Swatragh
Maghera

Auditors

ASM (M) Ltd
Chartered Accountants
The Diamond Centre
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Magherafelt

Solicitors

PJ McGuckin
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Bankers

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Market Street
Magherafelt

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Strategic Report

The Directors present their Strategic Report for the year ended 31 January 2025.

Principal activities

The Charity's principal activity is to promote the benefit of the inhabitants of Granaghan and the neighbourhood thereof.

Review of activities and future developments

The results for the year are set out in the Statement of Financial Activities on page 9 and in the related notes.

Future outlook

The future developments in the Charity's activities are discussed in the Directors' Report.

Grant making policy

The Charity seeks applications for grants and other forms of assistance from various parties in the local area and proposals are reviewed and assessed in detail and approved by the Board of Directors.

Reserves Policy

The Directors have reviewed the Charity's requirements for reserves in conjunction with their analysis of the main risks for the Charity.

The unrestricted funds not invested in fixed assets need to be sufficient to cover six months of annual running costs.

At the date of the approval of these financial statements the Charity has approximately 2 months reserves and the Directors recognise that this will require the building up of reserves over the next few years.

However the level and nature of expenditure has been analysed and an assessment made as to how reductions can be made if the need arises. This policy is reviewed annually by the Board of Directors.

Key performance indicators

The Directors used the key performance indicators set out in the table below to monitor the Charity's performance.

	31 January 2025	31 January 2024
Rental income (£)	8,300	5,510
Revenue growth (%)	50.6%	3.3%
Gross profit (£)	8,300	5,510
Gross profit margin (%)	100.0%	100.0%
Operating profit (£)	22,967	3,252
Operating profit margin (%)	276.7%	59.0%

As demonstrated above, each of the Charity's key performance indicators, were either consistent with, or an improvement on the performance achieved in the previous accounting period, and overall the Directors are satisfied with the Charity's performance for the year.

Principal risks and uncertainties

The principal risks and uncertainties affecting the Charity are securing grant funding and donations.

The Charity's management endeavours to mitigate these risks by implementing regular strategic and operational reviews.

Key performance indicators

The Charity Directors are of the opinion that analysis using key performance indicators is not necessary for an understanding of the development, performance or position of the business.

Financial risk management

The Charity's operations expose it to a variety of financial risks that are analysed under separate subheadings below.

The Charity has a risk management programme in place that seeks to limit the adverse effects of these risks on the financial performance of the Charity.

Credit risk

The Charity does not sell on credit and consequently does not have any credit risk.

Financial instruments

The Charity does not actively use financial instruments as part of its financial risk management.

Liquidity risk

The Charity maintains a mixture of long term and short term debt finance that is designed to ensure that the Charity has sufficient available funds for current operations and planned expansions.

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Foreign exchange risk

The Charity's principal operating currency is sterling (£).

The Charity does not have any material transactions in foreign currencies.

The Charity does not have any material exposure to foreign exchange risk.

Approval

This Strategic Report was approved by the Board of Directors on 16 October 2025 and signed on its behalf by:

Ann Brennan

Ann Brennan

Director

Directors' Report

The Directors present their report and the audited financial statements for the year ended 31 January 2025.

Results

The Statement of Financial Activities for the year ended 31 January 2025 is set out on page 9.

Performance review

Both the year end financial position and the financial performance for the year were as expected.

Future outlook

The Directors expect that the Charity's recent financial performance will be sustained for the foreseeable future.

Directors

The directors of the Charity at 31 January 2025, who have all been directors for the whole of the year ended on that date, except as noted below, are listed on page 1.

Name	Resignation Date
Patrick Turner	1 April 2024
Name	Appointment
Dermot Friel	22 October 2024
Lucy Kearney	1 April 2024

Dividends and transfers to reserves

The Directors do not recommend the payment of a dividend in respect of the year ended 31 January 2025.

The result for the year has been transferred to reserves.

Financial instruments and risk management

Information on the use of financial instruments by the Charity and its management of financial risk are discussed in the Strategic Report.

Changes in fixed assets

The movements in fixed assets during the year are set out in notes 15 and 16 to the financial statements.

Research and development

The Charity does not have any material research and development activities.

Events after the reporting date

There were no material events after the year end that require disclosure in the financial statements.

Employees

The Charity's policy is to consult and discuss with employees where appropriate matters likely to affect employees' interests.

Disabled persons

The Charity's policy is to recruit disabled workers for those vacancies that they are able to fill and all necessary assistance with initial training courses is provided. Arrangements are made, whenever possible, for retraining employees who become disabled, to enable them to perform work identified as appropriate to their aptitudes and abilities.

Political donations

The Charity did not make any political donations during the year or in the preceding year.

Directors' responsibilities statement

The Directors are responsible for preparing the Strategic Report, the Directors' Report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and regulations.

Company law requires the Directors to prepare financial statements for each financial year. Under that law the Directors have elected to prepare the financial statements in accordance with UK Generally Accepted Accounting Practice (UK Accounting Standards and applicable law).

Under company law the Directors must not approve the financial statements unless they are satisfied that they give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the Charity and the profit or loss of the Charity for that financial year.

In preparing these financial statements, the Directors are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;

Directors' Report

- make judgements and accounting estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable UK Accounting Standards have been followed, subject to any material departures, disclosed and explained in the financial statements; and
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the Charity will continue in business.

The Directors are responsible for keeping adequate accounting records that are sufficient to show and explain the Charity's transactions and disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the Charity and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Companies Act 2006.

The Directors are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the Charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

Accounting records

The measures taken by the Directors to secure compliance with the requirements of Section 386 to Section 389 of the Companies Act 2006, with regard to keeping of accounting records, are the employment of appropriately qualified accounting personnel and the maintenance of computerised accounting systems. The Charity's accounting records are maintained at 15C Main Street, Swatragh, Maghera.

Statement of disclosure of information to auditors

So far as each of the Directors in office at the date of approval of these financial statements are aware:

- there is no relevant audit information of which the Charity's auditors are unaware; and
- they have taken all the steps that they ought to have taken as Directors in order to make themselves aware of any relevant audit information and to establish that the Charity's auditors are aware of that information.

This statement is given and should be interpreted in accordance with the provisions of Section 418 of the Companies Act 2006.

Auditors

The auditors, ASM (M) Ltd, are deemed to be reappointed under Section 485 of the Companies Act 2006.

Provisions relating to the preparation of the financial statements

This report has been prepared in accordance with the provisions of the Companies Act 2006 relating to na sized companies.

Approval

This Directors' Report was approved by the Board of Directors on 16 October 2025 and signed on its behalf by:

Ann Brennan

Ann Brennan

Director

Independent Auditors' Report to the Trustees of Northern Counties Development Association

We have audited the financial statements of Northern Counties Development Association (the "Charity") for the year ended 31 January 2025 which comprise the Statement of Financial Activities, the Statement of Comprehensive Income, the Statement of Financial Position, the Statement of Cash Flows, the Statement of Changes in Equity and the notes to the financial statements including a summary of significant accounting policies.

The financial reporting framework that has been applied in their preparation is applicable law and Generally Accepted Accounting Practice in the United Kingdom including Financial Reporting Standard 102 The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102).

In our opinion the financial statements:

- give a true and fair view of the assets, liabilities and financial position of the Charity as at 31 January 2025 and of its surplus for the year then ended;
- have been properly prepared in accordance with Generally Accepted Accounting Practice in the United Kingdom and FRS102; and
- have been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006.

Basis for opinion

We conducted our audit in accordance with International Standards on Auditing (UK) (ISAs (UK)) and applicable law. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements section of our report.

We are independent of the Charity in accordance with the ethical requirements that are relevant to our audit of the financial statements in the United Kingdom, including the Financial Reporting Council's (FRC) Ethical Standard, and we have fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with these requirements.

We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

Conclusions relating to going concern

In auditing the financial statements, we have concluded that the Directors' use of the going concern basis of accounting in the preparation of the financial statements is appropriate.

Based on the work we have performed, we have not identified any material uncertainties relating to events or conditions that, individually or collectively, may cast significant doubt on the Company's ability to continue as a going concern for a period of at least twelve months from the date when the financial statements are authorised for issue.

Our responsibilities and the responsibilities of the Directors with respect to going concern are described in the relevant sections of this report.

Other information

The Directors are responsible for the other information. The other information comprises the information included in the Annual Report, other than the financial statements and our auditor's report thereon.

Our opinion on the financial statements does not cover the other information and, except to the extent otherwise explicitly stated in our report, we do not express any form of assurance conclusion thereon.

In connection with our audit of the financial statements, our responsibility is to read the other information and, in doing so, consider whether the other information is materially inconsistent with the financial statements or our knowledge obtained in the audit or otherwise appears to be materially misstated.

If we identify such material inconsistencies or apparent material misstatements, we are required to determine whether there is a material misstatement in the financial statements or a material misstatement of the other information.

If, based on the work we have performed, we conclude that there is a material misstatement of this other information, we are required to report that fact.

We have nothing to report in this regard.

Opinions on other matters prescribed by the Companies Act 2006

In our opinion, based on the work undertaken in the course of the audit:

- the information given in the Strategic Report and the Directors' Report for the financial year for which the financial statements are prepared is consistent with the financial statements; and
- the Strategic Report and the Directors' Report have been prepared in accordance with applicable legal requirements.

Matters on which we are required to report by exception

Based on the knowledge and understanding of the Charity and its environment obtained in the course of the audit, we have not identified any material misstatements in the Strategic Report or the Directors' Report.

Independent Auditors' Report to the Trustees of Northern Counties Development Association

We have nothing to report in respect of the following matters in relation to which the Companies Act 2006 requires us to report to you if, in our opinion:

- adequate accounting records have not been kept, or returns adequate for our audit have not been received from branches not visited by us; or
- the financial statements are not in agreement with the accounting records and returns; or
- certain disclosures of Directors' remuneration specified by law are not made; or
- we have not received all of the information and explanations we require for our audit.

Respective responsibilities**Directors' responsibilities for the financial statements**

As explained more fully in the Directors' responsibilities statement set out in the Directors' Report the Directors are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements and for being satisfied that they give a true and fair view, and for such internal control as the Directors determine is necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the financial statements, the Directors are responsible for assessing the Charity's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless the Directors either intend to liquidate the Charity or to cease operations, or have no realistic alternative but to do so.

Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinion.

Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance, but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with ISAs (UK) will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of these financial statements.

- revenue recognition;
- management override of controls;
- posting unusual journals; and
- unusual estimation amounts.

As part of our audit procedures we discussed these risks with management, and performed audit procedures to identify the occurrence of such risks.

There are inherent limitations in any audit procedures undertaken, and in particular the risk of not detecting a material misstatement due to fraud is higher than the risk of not detecting a material misstatement due to error.

A further description of our responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements is located on the FRC's website at:

www.frc.org.uk/auditorsresponsibilities

This description forms part of our auditor's report.

Independent Auditors' Report to the Trustees of Northern Counties Development Association**Use of our report**

This report is made solely to the Charity's members, as a body, in accordance with Section 495 of the Companies Act 2006. Our audit work has been undertaken so that we might state to the Charity's members those matters we are required to state to them in an auditor's report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, we do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the Charity and the Charity's members as a body, for our audit work, for this report, or for the opinions we have formed.

Michael McAllister

Michael McAllister (Senior Statutory Auditor)

For and behalf of:

**ASM (M) Ltd
Chartered Accountants and Statutory Auditors
The Diamond Centre
Market Street
Magherafelt**

16 October 2025

Statement of Financial Activities

	Note	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Endowment Funds	Total	Total
		31 January 2025	31 January 2025	31 January 2025	31 January 2025	31 January 2024
		(12 months)	(12 months)	(12 months)	(12 months)	(12 months)
		£	£	£	£	£
Incoming Resources						
Trading Income						
Rental income		-	-	-	-	-
Trading costs		-	-	-	-	-
Net Trading Income		-	-	-	-	-
Voluntary income	7	6,366	-	-	6,366	1,615
Revenue grants	8	25,307	-	-	25,307	5,742
Rental income	9	8,300	-	-	8,300	5,510
Total incoming resources		39,973	-	-	39,973	12,867
Resources Expended						
Charitable activities		7,990	-	-	7,990	-
Governance		2,532	-	-	2,532	2,598
		10,522	-	-	10,522	2,598
Management and administration	10	5,215	-	-	5,215	6,951
Total resources expended	11	15,737	-	-	15,737	9,549
		24,236	-	-	24,236	3,318
Amortisation of property, plant and equipment		(1,269)	-	-	(1,269)	(66)
Net resources for the year before interest payable		22,967	-	-	22,967	3,252
Interest payable	13	-	-	-	-	-
Net resources for the year before taxation		22,967	-	-	22,967	3,252
Taxation	14	-	-	-	-	-
Net resources for the year		22,967	-	-	22,967	3,252

The notes on pages 15 to 23 form part of these financial statements

Statement of Comprehensive Income

	Note	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Endowment Funds	Total
		£	£	£	£
At 1 February 2023		328,830	-	-	328,830
Total comprehensive income for the year		3,252	-	-	3,252
At 31 January 2024		332,082	-	-	332,082
Total comprehensive income for the year		22,967	-	-	22,967
At 31 January 2025		355,049	-	-	355,049

All amounts above relate to continuing operations of the Charity.

Statement of Financial Position

	Note	31 January 2025 £	31 January 2024 £
Fixed assets			
Property, plant and equipment	15	8,431	233
Investments	16	253,480	253,480
		<u>261,911</u>	<u>253,713</u>
Current assets			
Receivables	17	66,451	66,451
Cash at bank and in hand		30,792	15,957
		<u>97,243</u>	<u>82,408</u>
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	18	<u>4,105</u>	<u>4,039</u>
Net current assets		<u>93,138</u>	<u>78,369</u>
Total assets less current liabilities		<u>355,049</u>	<u>332,082</u>
Provisions for liabilities	19	-	-
		<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
Net assets		<u>355,049</u>	<u>332,082</u>
Capital and reserves			
Unrestricted reserves		355,049	332,082
Restricted reserves		-	-
Total capital and reserves		<u>355,049</u>	<u>332,082</u>

The Directors acknowledge the Charity's obligations under the Companies Act 2006 to keep adequate accounting records and prepare financial statements which give a true and fair view of the assets, liabilities and financial position of the Charity at the end of each period of account and of its profit or loss for each period of account, and otherwise comply with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 relating to financial statements so far as they are applicable to the Charity.

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the provisions of Part 15 of the Companies Act 2006 relating to small sized companies.

The financial statements on pages 9 to 23 were approved and authorised for issue by the Board of Directors on 16 October 2025 and were signed on its behalf by:

Ann Brennan

Ann Brennan

Director

Registration Number: NI036601 (Northern Ireland)

Charity Registration Number: XR32310

Statement of Cash Flows

	31 January 2025 (12 months) £	31 January 2024 (12 months) £
Cash inflows from operating activities	24,302	3,198
Returns on investments and servicing of finance		
Interest payable	-	-
Taxation	-	-
Investment		
Purchase of property, plant and equipment	(9,467)	(299)
Purchase of investments	-	(9,390)
Net cashflow from investment	(9,467)	(9,689)
Equity dividends paid to shareholders	-	-
Financing		
Net cash flow from financing	-	-
Net cash inflow/(outflow)	14,835	(6,491)

Statement of Cash Flows**Reconciliation of net resources to net cash inflow/(outflow) from operating activities**

	31 January 2025 (12 months) £	31 January 2024 (12 months) £
Net resources for the year before taxation	22,967	3,252
Amortisation of property, plant and equipment	<u>1,269</u>	<u>66</u>
	24,236	3,318
Increase/(decrease) in accruals	<u>66</u>	<u>(120)</u>
Cash inflows from operating activities	<u>24,302</u>	<u>3,198</u>

Statement of Cash Flows**Analysis of changes in net cash**

	31 January 2025	31 January 2024
	£	£
Opening cash balance	15,957	22,448
Increase/(decrease) in cash balances	14,835	(6,491)
Closing cash balance	30,792	15,957

	31 January 2025	31 January 2024	Movement
	£	£	£
Analysis of cash balances			
Cash at bank and in hand	30,792	15,957	14,835
Bank overdraft	-	-	-
	30,792	15,957	14,835

Analysis of changes in net debt

	Related undertakings	Total
	£	£
At 1 February 2023	(66,451)	(66,451)
Repayments	-	-
At 31 January 2024	(66,451)	(66,451)
Repayments	-	-
At 31 January 2025	(66,451)	(66,451)

Notes to the financial statements

1. Company Information

Legal status

Northern Counties Development Association is a private company limited by guarantee established in Northern Ireland.

Registration number and registered office

The Charity's registered office address and registration number is set out on page 1.

Functional currency

The financial statements are prepared in sterling (£) which is the functional currency of the Charity.

2. Basis of preparation of financial statements

Applicable legislation and accounting standards

These financial statements have been prepared in accordance with:

- (i) Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019) – (Charities SORP (FRS 102));
- (ii) applicable UK accounting standards including FRS 102 The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland;
- (iii) the historical cost basis of accounting as modified by the revaluation of certain assets as specified in the accounting policies below; and
- (iv) the Companies Act 2006.

Going concern

The Charity made a surplus during the year ended 31 January 2025 and, at that date, the Charity's assets exceeded its liabilities.

The principal risk and uncertainty affecting the Charity's ability to continue trading as a going concern is the continuing availability of bank loan facilities.

After making enquiries the Charity's directors consider there is a reasonable expectation that the Charity has adequate resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future and accordingly have prepared the financial statements on the going concern basis.

Funds

The Charity has various types of funds for which it is responsible and which require separate disclosure. These are as follows:

- (i) **restricted funds:** income which is earmarked by the donor for specific purposes. Such purposes are within the overall aims of the organisation;
- (ii) **unrestricted funds:** funds which are expendable at the discretion of the Directors in furtherance of the objects of the Company. In addition to expenditure on transport provision, such funds may be held in order to finance capital investment and working capital; and
- (iii) **endowment funds:** funds which comprise of unrestricted funds that have been set aside by the Directors for particular purposes. The aim and use of each designated fund is set out in the notes to the financial statements.

Management and administration costs

Costs that relate to the costs of running the Charity, such as the costs of meetings, audit and statutory compliance and any costs which cannot be specifically identified to another expenditure classification, are separately disclosed as management and administration costs.

Notes to the financial statements

3. Judgements and key sources of estimation uncertainty

Judgements and key sources of estimation uncertainty are continually evaluated and are based on historical experience and other factors, including expectations of future events that are believed to be reasonable under the circumstances.

Critical judgements used in the application of accounting policies

There were no critical judgements used in the application of accounting policies and the preparation of the financial statements.

Critical accounting estimates and assumptions

There were no critical accounting estimates or assumptions used in the application of accounting policies and the preparation of the financial statements.

4. Principal accounting policies

Property, plant and equipment

Plant and other equipment is stated at purchase cost, net of depreciation and any provision for impairment.

The carrying value of plant and equipment is reviewed for impairment in each accounting period if events or changes in circumstances indicate the carrying value may not be recoverable.

Depreciation is calculated to write off the cost of plant and equipment, less any estimated residual values, over the expected useful economic lives of the assets concerned. The principal annual rates and bases used for this purpose are as follows:

Asset category	Basis of amortisation	%
Plant and equipment	Straight Line	20.00%
Office equipment, fixtures and fittings	Straight Line	20.00% - 25.00%

Investments

Fixed asset investments are stated at cost less provision for permanent diminution in value.

Investment property

The Charity holds certain properties for long-term investment, which are initially recognised at cost (which includes purchase cost and any directly attributable expenditure). On an ongoing basis investment properties are restated at fair value with any surplus or deficit arising on changes in fair value being credited or charged respectively to the Income Statement.

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Turnover

Turnover represents amounts receivable for goods and services net of value added taxes and trade discounts.

Investment Income

Income from deposits is included, together with any related tax credit, in the Income Statement on an accruals basis.

Foreign Currencies

Transactions denominated in foreign currencies are translated into Sterling at the rate of exchange ruling at the date of the transaction.

At the end of each financial accounting period assets and liabilities denominated in foreign currencies are translated into Sterling at the exchange rates ruling at that date and all exchange differences are taken to the Income Statement.

Financial Instruments

A financial asset or a financial liability is recognised only when the company becomes a party to the contractual provisions of the instrument. Basic financial instruments are initially recognised at the transaction price, unless the arrangement constitutes a financing transaction, where it is recognised at the present value of the future payments discounted at a market rate of interest for a similar debt instrument. Debt instruments are subsequently measured at amortised cost.

Where investments in non-convertible preference shares and non-puttable ordinary shares or preference shares are publicly traded or their fair value can otherwise be measured reliably, the investment is subsequently measured at fair value with changes in fair value recognised in profit or loss. All other such investments are subsequently measured at cost less impairment.

Other financial instruments, including derivatives, are initially recognised at fair value, unless payment for an asset is deferred beyond normal business terms or financed at a rate of interest that is not a market rate, in which case the asset is measured at the present value of the future payments discounted at a market rate of interest for a similar debt instrument.

Other financial instruments are subsequently measured at fair value, with any changes recognised in profit or loss, with the exception of hedging instruments in a designated hedging relationship. Financial assets that are measured at cost or amortised cost are reviewed for objective evidence of impairment at the end of each reporting date. If there is objective evidence of impairment, an impairment loss is recognised in profit or loss immediately.

For all equity instruments regardless of significance, and other financial assets that are individually significant, these are assessed individually for impairment. Other financial assets are either assessed individually or grouped on the basis of similar credit risk characteristics. Any reversals of impairment are recognised in profit or loss immediately, to the extent that the reversal does not result in a carrying amount of the financial asset that exceeds what the carrying amount would have been had the impairment not previously been recognised.

Notes to the financial statements**Research and Development**

Research expenditure is written off to the Income Statement in the period in which it is incurred.

Development expenditure is written off in the same way unless the directors are satisfied as to the technical, commercial and financial viability of individual projects, in which case the expenditure is deferred and amortised over the period during which the Charity is expected to benefit.

5. Directors' emoluments and key management compensation**Directors' remuneration**

	31 January 2025 (12 months) £	31 January 2024 (12 months) £
Aggregate emoluments	-	-
	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>

Key management remuneration

The Directors are the key management of the Charity.

6. Employee information

The average number of persons (including executive Directors) employed by the Charity during the year was:

	31 January 2025 (12 months) Number	31 January 2024 (12 months) Number
By activity		
Governance indirect payroll	8	6
Total employees	<u>8</u>	<u>6</u>

and their emoluments were:

	31 January 2025 (12 months) £	31 January 2024 (12 months) £
Staff costs (for the persons above)		
Gross wages and salaries	-	-
Employer's social security costs	-	-
	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>

Notes to the financial statements

7. Voluntary income

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Endowment Funds	Total	Total
	31 January 2025	31 January 2025	31 January 2025	31 January 2025	31 January 2024
	(12 months)	(12 months)	(12 months)	(12 months)	(12 months)
	£	£	£	£	£
Bridge Club	-	-	-	-	490
Open Doors Club	-	-	-	-	825
Carn Glen Credit Union	300	-	-	300	300
Killelagh St John's Donation	2,000	-	-	2,000	-
Fundraiser	2,266	-	-	2,266	-
Summer Scheme	1,800	-	-	1,800	-
Other voluntary income	-	-	-	-	-
	6,366	-	-	6,366	1,615

8. Revenue grants

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Endowment Funds	Total	Total
	31 January 2025	31 January 2025	31 January 2025	31 January 2025	31 January 2024
	(12 months)	(12 months)	(12 months)	(12 months)	(12 months)
	£	£	£	£	£
The Honourable Irish Society- Grant	800	-	-	800	-
Grant from DAERA	1,989	-	-	1,989	1,492
Community Foundation For Northern Ireland	3,000	-	-	3,000	-
Mid-Ulster District Council	1,200	-	-	1,200	1,250
Brockaghboy Grant	-	-	-	-	3,000
Other revenue grants	18,318	-	-	18,318	-
	25,307	-	-	25,307	5,742

9. Rental income

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Endowment Funds	Total	Total
	31 January 2025	31 January 2025	31 January 2025	31 January 2025	31 January 2024
	(12 months)	(12 months)	(12 months)	(12 months)	(12 months)
	£	£	£	£	£
Womens Group	2,935	-	-	2,935	3,515
Granquilters	1,450	-	-	1,450	1,995
Open Doors Club	200	-	-	200	-
Art Group	850	-	-	850	-
Other Rent	2,865	-	-	2,865	-
	8,300	-	-	8,300	5,510

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10. Management and administration

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Endowment Funds	Total	Total
	31 January 2025	31 January 2025	31 January 2025	31 January 2025	31 January 2024
	(12 months)	(12 months)	(12 months)	(12 months)	(12 months)
	£	£	£	£	£
Management & administration	5,215	-	-	5,215	6,951
	<u>5,215</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>5,215</u>	<u>6,951</u>

11. Analysis of total resources expended

	Trading activities	Charitable activities	Raising funds	Governance	Investment management	Total	Total
	31 January 2025	31 January 2025	31 January 2025	31 January 2025	31 January 2025	31 January 2025	31 January 2024
	(12 months)	(12 months)	(12 months)	(12 months)	(12 months)	(12 months)	(12 months)
	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
Direct expenditure	-	7,990	-	2,532	-	10,522	2,598
Support costs	-	4,691	262	-	262	5,215	6,951
	<u>-</u>	<u>12,681</u>	<u>262</u>	<u>2,532</u>	<u>262</u>	<u>15,737</u>	<u>9,549</u>

12. Net Resources

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Endowment Funds	Total	Total
	31 January 2025	31 January 2025	31 January 2025	31 January 2025	31 January 2024
	(12 months)	(12 months)	(12 months)	(12 months)	(12 months)
	£	£	£	£	£
Net resources for the year before interest payable is stated after charging:					
Auditors' fees:					
Audit services	2,460	-	-	2,460	2,460
Other services	34	-	-	34	13
Depreciation charge for the year:					
Owned fixed assets - property, plant and equipment	1,269	-	-	1,269	66
And after crediting:					
Revenue grants	25,307	-	-	25,307	5,742
Voluntary Income	6,366	-	-	6,366	1,615

13. Interest payable and similar charges

	31 January 2025	31 January 2024
	(12 months)	(12 months)
	£	£
Interest payable on bank loans and overdrafts:		
Repayable within five years and not by instalments	-	-
	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>

Notes to the financial statements

14. Taxation

(a) Analysis of the charge for the year

	31 January 2025 (12 months) £	31 January 2024 (12 months) £
Income tax		
Corporation tax on the profit for the year	-	-
Adjustments in respect of prior periods	-	-
Total corporation tax	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
Deferred tax		
Origination and reversal of timing differences	-	-
Adjustments in respect of prior periods	-	-
Total deferred tax	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
Total tax charge	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>

(b) Factors affecting the tax charge for the year

The tax assessed for the year is lower than the amount calculated at the standard rate of corporation tax in the United Kingdom (25.0%). The difference is explained below:

	31 January 2025 (12 months) £	31 January 2024 (12 months) £
Profit on ordinary activities before taxation	<u>22,967</u>	<u>3,252</u>
Surplus multiplied by the standard rate of corporation tax in the United Kingdom of 25.0% (2024: 25.0%)	5,742	813
Effects of:		
Amortisation of non-qualifying fixed assets		
Property, plant & equipment	317	-
Other (income)/expenditure not allowable for taxation	(6,059)	(813)
Excess (deficit) of capital allowances for the period compared to amortisation of fixed assets		
Property, plant & equipment	-	(58)
Increase/(decrease) in losses	-	58
	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
Adjustments in respect of prior periods	-	-
	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>

15. Property, plant and equipment

	Plant and equipment £	Office equipment, fixtures and fittings £	Total £
Cost			
At 1 February 2024	3,917	9,598	13,515
Additions	-	9,467	9,467
At 31 January 2025	<u>3,917</u>	<u>19,065</u>	<u>22,982</u>
Depreciation			
At 1 February 2024	3,917	9,365	13,282
Charge for the year	-	1,269	1,269
At 31 January 2025	<u>3,917</u>	<u>10,634</u>	<u>14,551</u>
Net book value			
At 31 January 2025	<u>-</u>	<u>8,431</u>	<u>8,431</u>
At 31 January 2024	-	233	233

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The net book value of property, plant and equipment include amounts of £Nil (2024: £Nil) in respect of assets held under asset purchase agreements.

16. Fixed asset investments

	Investment property	Total
	£	£
Cost or valuation		
At 1 February 2024	253,480	253,480
Additions	-	-
At 31 January 2025	253,480	253,480
Amortisation		
At 1 February 2024	-	-
Charge for the year	-	-
At 31 January 2025	-	-
Net book value		
At 31 January 2025	253,480	253,480
At 31 January 2024	253,480	253,480

Investment property

There has been no external valuation of the Charity's investment property during the year. The fair value of the Charity's investment property at the year end was determined by the Charity's directors. In assessing the fair value of the Charity's investment property, the directors took into consideration sales values and capitalised rental values achieved on the sale and rental respectively, of comparable investment properties located in the same areas as the Charity's investment properties.

17. Receivables

	31 January 2025	31 January 2024
	£	£
Amounts falling due within one year		
Trade receivables	-	-
Owed by related undertakings	66,451	66,451
	66,451	66,451

18. Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	31 January 2025	31 January 2024
	£	£
Accruals	4,105	4,039
	4,105	4,039

19. Provisions for liabilities

Deferred taxation

Deferred taxation provided in the financial statements is analysed as follows:

	31 January 2025	31 January 2024
	£	£
Gross fixed asset timing differences	-	-
Net timing differences	-	-
Timing differences not provided	-	-
Deferred tax provision	-	-

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20. Pension costs

Defined contribution pension schemes

The Charity did not make any contributions to employee pension schemes during the year.

21. Contingent liabilities

Under the terms of certain government grant agreements, a liability may arise to repay in whole or in part capital or revenue grants received if certain conditions in the grant agreements are not complied with. In the opinion of the directors the terms of the letter of offer have been complied with and a liability is not expected to arise.

22. Events after the reporting period

There were no material events in the period between the end of the reporting year and the date of the approval of the financial statements.

23. Capital commitments

The Charity did not have any material capital commitments at 31 January 2025 or at 31 January 2024.

24. Contracts with inception dates after the end of the reporting period

The Charity did not enter into any material contractual commitments in the period between the year end and the date of approval of these financial statements.

25. Related party transactions

Related undertakings

The amounts owed by/(to) related undertakings at the start and end of the financial year and the transactions with these related undertakings during the year are summarised in the table below.

Category of related party	At 1 February 2024	Interest receivable/ (payable)	Rent receivable/ (payable)	Amounts written off	Exchange adjustments	Loan advances/ (repayments)	Other	Provision	Accounts receivable/ payable movement	At 31 January 2025
	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
Other related undertakings	66,451	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	66,451
	<u>66,451</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>66,451</u>

26. Approval of the financial statements

The Board of Directors approved the financial statements for issue on 16 October 2025.

Northern Counties Development Association

Northern Ireland - Charity number 108964

Accounts

Northern Counties Development Association

**Annual report and audited financial statements
for the year ended 31 January 2024**

Registration No: NI036601 (Northern Ireland)

Charity Registration No: XR32310

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Strategic Report

The Directors present their Strategic Report for the year ended 31 January 2024.

Principal activities

The Charity's principal activity is to promote the benefit of the inhabitants of Granaghan and the neighbourhood thereof.

Review of activities and future developments

The results for the year are set out in the Statement of Financial Activities on page 9 and in the related notes.

Future outlook

The future developments in the Charity's activities are discussed in the Directors' Report.

Grant making policy

The Charity seeks applications for grants and other forms of assistance from various parties in the local area and proposals are reviewed and assessed in detail and approved by the Board of Directors.

Reserves Policy

The Directors have reviewed the Charity's requirements for reserves in conjunction with their analysis of the main risks for the Charity.

The unrestricted funds not invested in fixed assets need to be sufficient to cover six months of annual running costs.

At the date of the approval of these financial statements the Charity has approximately 2 months reserves and the Directors recognise that this will require the building up of reserves over the next few years.

However the level and nature of expenditure has been analysed and an assessment made as to how reductions can be made if the need arises. This policy is reviewed annually by the Board of Directors.

Key performance indicators

The Directors used the key performance indicators set out in the table below to monitor the Charity's performance.

	31 January 2024	31 January 2023
Rental income (£)	5,510	5,335
Revenue growth (%)	3.3%	101.3%
Gross profit (£)	5,510	5,335
Gross profit margin (%)	100.0%	100.0%
Operating profit (£)	3,252	4,679
Operating profit margin (%)	59.0%	87.7%

As demonstrated above, a number of key performance indicators showed an adverse performance movement, however the Directors are confident that changes that have already been implemented will result in a reversal of this adverse performance in the next financial year.

Principal risks and uncertainties

The principal risks and uncertainties affecting the Charity are securing grant funding and donations.

The Charity's management endeavours to mitigate these risks by implementing regular strategic and operational reviews.

Key performance indicators

The Charity Directors are of the opinion that analysis using key performance indicators is not necessary for an understanding of the development, performance or position of the business.

Financial risk management

The Charity's operations expose it to a variety of financial risks that are analysed under separate subheadings below.

The Charity has a risk management programme in place that seeks to limit the adverse effects of these risks on the financial performance of the Charity.

Credit risk

The Charity does not sell on credit and consequently does not have any credit risk.

Financial instruments

The Charity does not actively use financial instruments as part of its financial risk management.

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Liquidity risk

The Charity maintains a mixture of long term and short term debt finance that is designed to ensure that the Charity has sufficient available funds for current operations and planned expansions.

Foreign exchange risk

The Charity's principal operating currency is sterling (£).

The Charity does not have any material transactions in foreign currencies.

The Charity does not have any material exposure to foreign exchange risk.

Approval

This Strategic Report was approved by the Board of Directors on 23 January 2025 and signed on its behalf by:

Ann Brennan

Ann Brennan

Director

Directors' Report

The Directors present their report and the audited financial statements for the year ended 31 January 2024.

Results

The Statement of Financial Activities for the year ended 31 January 2024 is set out on page 9.

Performance review

Both the year end financial position and the financial performance for the year were as expected.

Future outlook

The Directors expect that the Charity's recent financial performance will be sustained for the foreseeable future.

Directors

The directors of the Charity at 31 January 2024, who have all been directors for the whole of the year ended on that date, except as noted below, are listed on page 1.

Name	Resignation Date
Patrick Turner	1 April 2024

Name	Appointment
Dermot Friel	22 October 2024
Lucy Kearney	1 April 2024

Dividends and transfers to reserves

The Directors do not recommend the payment of a dividend in respect of the year ended 31 January 2024.

The result for the year has been transferred to reserves.

Financial instruments and risk management

Information on the use of financial instruments by the Charity and its management of financial risk are discussed in the Strategic Report.

Changes in fixed assets

The movements in fixed assets during the year are set out in notes 15 and 16 to the financial statements.

Research and development

The Charity does not have any material research and development activities.

Events after the reporting date

There were no material events after the year end that require disclosure in the financial statements.

Employees

The Charity's policy is to consult and discuss with employees where appropriate matters likely to affect employees' interests.

Disabled persons

The Charity's policy is to recruit disabled workers for those vacancies that they are able to fill and all necessary assistance with initial training courses is provided. Arrangements are made, whenever possible, for retraining employees who become disabled, to enable them to perform work identified as appropriate to their aptitudes and abilities.

Political donations

The Charity did not make any political donations during the year or in the preceding year.

Directors' responsibilities statement

The Directors are responsible for preparing the Strategic Report, the Directors' Report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and regulations.

Company law requires the Directors to prepare financial statements for each financial year. Under that law the Directors have elected to prepare the financial statements in accordance with UK Generally Accepted Accounting Practice (UK Accounting Standards and applicable law).

Under company law the Directors must not approve the financial statements unless they are satisfied that they give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the Charity and the profit or loss of the Charity for that financial year.

Directors' Report

In preparing these financial statements, the Directors are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- make judgements and accounting estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable UK Accounting Standards have been followed, subject to any material departures, disclosed and explained in the financial statements; and
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the Charity will continue in business.

The Directors are responsible for keeping adequate accounting records that are sufficient to show and explain the Charity's transactions and disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the Charity and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Companies Act 2006.

The Directors are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the Charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

Accounting records

The measures taken by the Directors to secure compliance with the requirements of Section 386 to Section 389 of the Companies Act 2006, with regard to keeping of accounting records, are the employment of appropriately qualified accounting personnel and the maintenance of computerised accounting systems. The Charity's accounting records are maintained at 15C Main Street, Swatragh, Maghera.

Statement of disclosure of information to auditors

So far as each of the Directors in office at the date of approval of these financial statements are aware:

- there is no relevant audit information of which the Charity's auditors are unaware; and
- they have taken all the steps that they ought to have taken as Directors in order to make themselves aware of any relevant audit information and to establish that the Charity's auditors are aware of that information.

This statement is given and should be interpreted in accordance with the provisions of Section 418 of the Companies Act 2006.

Auditors

The auditors, ASM (M) Ltd, are deemed to be reappointed under Section 485 of the Companies Act 2006.

Provisions relating to the preparation of the financial statements

This report has been prepared in accordance with the provisions of the Companies Act 2006 relating to na sized companies.

Approval

This Directors' Report was approved by the Board of Directors on 23 January 2025 and signed on its behalf by:

Ann Brennan

Ann Brennan

Director

Independent Auditors' Report to the Trustees of Northern Counties Development Association

We have audited the financial statements of Northern Counties Development Association (the "Charity") for the year ended 31 January 2024 which comprise the Statement of Financial Activities, the Statement of Comprehensive Income, the Statement of Financial Position, the Statement of Cash Flows, the Statement of Changes in Equity and the notes to the financial statements including a summary of significant accounting policies.

The financial reporting framework that has been applied in their preparation is applicable law and Generally Accepted Accounting Practice in the United Kingdom including Financial Reporting Standard 102 The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102).

In our opinion the financial statements:

- give a true and fair view of the assets, liabilities and financial position of the Charity as at 31 January 2024 and of its surplus for the year then ended;
- have been properly prepared in accordance with Generally Accepted Accounting Practice in the United Kingdom and FRS102; and
- have been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006.

Basis for opinion

We conducted our audit in accordance with International Standards on Auditing (UK) (ISAs (UK)) and applicable law. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements section of our report.

We are independent of the Charity in accordance with the ethical requirements that are relevant to our audit of the financial statements in the United Kingdom, including the Financial Reporting Council's (FRC) Ethical Standard, and we have fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with these requirements.

We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

Conclusions relating to going concern

In auditing the financial statements, we have concluded that the Directors' use of the going concern basis of accounting in the preparation of the financial statements is appropriate.

Based on the work we have performed, we have not identified any material uncertainties relating to events or conditions that, individually or collectively, may cast significant doubt on the Company's ability to continue as a going concern for a period of at least twelve months from the date when the financial statements are authorised for issue.

Our responsibilities and the responsibilities of the Directors with respect to going concern are described in the relevant sections of this report.

Other information

The Directors are responsible for the other information. The other information comprises the information included in the Annual Report, other than the financial statements and our auditor's report thereon.

Our opinion on the financial statements does not cover the other information and, except to the extent otherwise explicitly stated in our report, we do not express any form of assurance conclusion thereon.

In connection with our audit of the financial statements, our responsibility is to read the other information and, in doing so, consider whether the other information is materially inconsistent with the financial statements or our knowledge obtained in the audit or otherwise appears to be materially misstated.

If we identify such material inconsistencies or apparent material misstatements, we are required to determine whether there is a material misstatement in the financial statements or a material misstatement of the other information.

If, based on the work we have performed, we conclude that there is a material misstatement of this other information, we are required to report that fact.

We have nothing to report in this regard.

Opinions on other matters prescribed by the Companies Act 2006

In our opinion, based on the work undertaken in the course of the audit:

- the information given in the Strategic Report and the Directors' Report for the financial year for which the financial statements are prepared is consistent with the financial statements; and
- the Strategic Report and the Directors' Report have been prepared in accordance with applicable legal requirements.

Matters on which we are required to report by exception

Based on the knowledge and understanding of the Charity and its environment obtained in the course of the audit, we have not identified any material misstatements in the Strategic Report or the Directors' Report.

Independent Auditors' Report to the Trustees of Northern Counties Development Association

We have nothing to report in respect of the following matters in relation to which the Companies Act 2006 requires us to report to you if, in our opinion:

- adequate accounting records have not been kept, or returns adequate for our audit have not been received from branches not visited by us; or
- the financial statements are not in agreement with the accounting records and returns; or
- certain disclosures of Directors' remuneration specified by law are not made; or
- we have not received all of the information and explanations we require for our audit.

Respective responsibilities**Directors' responsibilities for the financial statements**

As explained more fully in the Directors' responsibilities statement set out in the Directors' Report the Directors are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements and for being satisfied that they give a true and fair view, and for such internal control as the Directors determine is necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the financial statements, the Directors are responsible for assessing the Charity's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless the Directors either intend to liquidate the Charity or to cease operations, or have no realistic alternative but to do so.

Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinion.

Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance, but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with ISAs (UK) will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of these financial statements.

- revenue recognition;
- management override of controls;
- posting unusual journals; and
- unusual estimation amounts.

As part of our audit procedures we discussed these risks with management, and performed audit procedures to identify the occurrence of such risks.

There are inherent limitations in any audit procedures undertaken, and in particular the risk of not detecting a material misstatement due to fraud is higher than the risk of not detecting a material misstatement due to error.

A further description of our responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements is located on the FRC's website at:

www.frc.org.uk/auditorsresponsibilities

This description forms part of our auditor's report.

Independent Auditors' Report to the Trustees of Northern Counties Development Association**Use of our report**

This report is made solely to the Charity's members, as a body, in accordance with Section 495 of the Companies Act 2006.

Our audit work has been undertaken so that we might state to the Charity's members those matters we are required to state to them in an auditor's report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, we do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the Charity and the Charity's members as a body, for our audit work, for this report, or for the opinions we have formed.

Michael McAllister

Michael McAllister (Senior Statutory Auditor)

For and behalf of:

**ASM (M) Ltd
Chartered Accountants and Statutory Auditors
The Diamond Centre
Market Street
Magherafelt**

23 January 2025

Statement of Financial Activities

	Note	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Endowment Funds	Total	Total
		31 January 2024	31 January 2024	31 January 2024	31 January 2024	31 January 2023
		(12 months)	(12 months)	(12 months)	(12 months)	(12 months)
		£	£	£	£	£
Incoming Resources						
Trading Income						
Rental income		-	-	-	-	-
Trading costs		-	-	-	-	-
Net Trading Income		-	-	-	-	-
Voluntary income	7	1,615	-	-	1,615	900
Revenue grants	8	5,742	-	-	5,742	5,750
Rental income	9	5,510	-	-	5,510	5,335
Total incoming resources		12,867	-	-	12,867	11,985
Resources Expended						
Charitable activities		-	-	-	-	-
Governance		2,598	-	-	2,598	1,513
		2,598	-	-	2,598	1,513
Management and administration	10	6,951	-	-	6,951	5,793
Total resources expended	11	9,549	-	-	9,549	7,306
		3,318	-	-	3,318	4,679
Amortisation of property, plant and equipment		(66)	-	-	(66)	-
Net resources for the year before interest payable		3,252	-	-	3,252	4,679
Interest payable	13	-	-	-	-	-
Net resources for the year before taxation		3,252	-	-	3,252	4,679
Taxation	14	-	-	-	-	-
Net resources for the year		3,252	-	-	3,252	4,679

The notes on pages 14 to 23 form part of these financial statements

Statement of Comprehensive Income

Note	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Endowment Funds	Total
	£	£	£	£
At 1 February 2022	324,151	-	-	324,151
Total comprehensive income for the year	4,679	-	-	4,679
At 31 January 2023	328,830	-	-	328,830
Total comprehensive income for the year	3,252	-	-	3,252
At 31 January 2024	332,082	-	-	332,082

All amounts above relate to continuing operations of the Charity.

Statement of Financial Position

	Note	31 January 2024 £	31 January 2023 £
Fixed assets			
Property, plant and equipment	15	233	-
Investments	16	253,480	244,090
		253,713	244,090
Current assets			
Receivables	17	66,451	66,451
Cash at bank and in hand		15,957	22,448
		82,408	88,899
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	18	4,039	4,159
Net current assets		78,369	84,740
Total assets less current liabilities		332,082	328,830
Provisions for liabilities	19	-	-
		-	-
Net assets		332,082	328,830
Capital and reserves			
Unrestricted reserves		332,082	328,830
Restricted reserves		-	-
Total capital and reserves		332,082	328,830

The Directors acknowledge the Charity's obligations under the Companies Act 2006 to keep adequate accounting records and prepare financial statements which give a true and fair view of the assets, liabilities and financial position of the Charity at the end of each period of account and of its profit or loss for each period of account, and otherwise comply with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 relating to financial statements so far as they are applicable to the Charity.

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the provisions of Part 15 of the Companies Act 2006 relating to small sized companies.

The financial statements on pages 9 to 23 were approved and authorised for issue by the Board of Directors on 23 January 2025 and were signed on its behalf by:

Ann Brennan

Ann Brennan

Director

Registration Number: NI036601 (Northern Ireland)

Charity Registration Number: XR32310

Statement of Cash Flows

	31 January 2024 (12 months) £	31 January 2023 (12 months) £
Cash inflows from operating activities	3,198	4,755
Returns on investments and servicing of finance		
Interest payable	-	-
Taxation	-	-
Investment		
Purchase of property, plant and equipment	(299)	-
Purchase of investments	(9,390)	-
Net cashflow from investment	(9,689)	-
Equity dividends paid to shareholders	-	-
Financing		
Related undertaking repayments	-	(7,000)
Net cash flow from financing	-	(7,000)
Net cash inflow/(outflow)	(6,491)	(2,245)

Reconciliation of net resources to net cash inflow/(outflow) from operating activities

	31 January 2024 (12 months) £	31 January 2023 (12 months) £
Net resources for the year before taxation	3,252	4,679
Amortisation of property, plant and equipment	66	-
	3,318	4,679
(Increase)/decrease in prepayments/other receivables	-	6,750
Increase/(decrease) in accruals	(120)	(6,674)
Cash inflows from operating activities	3,198	4,755

Analysis of changes in net cash

	31 January 2024 £	31 January 2023 £	
Opening cash balance	22,448	24,693	
Increase/(decrease) in cash balances	(6,491)	(2,245)	
Closing cash balance	15,957	22,448	
Analysis of cash balances	31 January 2024 £	31 January 2023 £	Movement £
Cash at bank and in hand	15,957	22,448	(6,491)
Bank overdraft	-	-	-
	15,957	22,448	(6,491)

Statement of Cash Flows**Analysis of changes in net debt**

	Related undertakings	Total
	£	£
At 1 February 2022	(59,451)	(59,451)
Repayments	(7,000)	(7,000)
At 31 January 2023	(66,451)	(66,451)
Repayments	-	-
At 31 January 2024	(66,451)	(66,451)

The notes on pages 14 to 23 form part of these financial statements

Notes to the financial statements

1. Company Information

Legal status

Northern Counties Development Association is a private company limited by guarantee established in Northern Ireland.

Registration number and registered office

The Charity's registered office address and registration number is set out on page 1.

Functional currency

The financial statements are prepared in sterling (£) which is the functional currency of the Charity.

2. Basis of preparation of financial statements

Applicable legislation and accounting standards

These financial statements have been prepared in accordance with:

- (i) Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019) – (Charities SORP (FRS 102));
- (ii) applicable UK accounting standards including FRS 102 The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland;
- (iii) the historical cost basis of accounting as modified by the revaluation of certain assets as specified in the accounting policies below; and
- (iv) the Companies Act 2006.

Going concern

The Charity made a surplus during the year ended 31 January 2024 and, at that date, the Charity's assets exceeded its liabilities.

The principal risk and uncertainty affecting the Charity's ability to continue trading as a going concern is the continuing availability of bank loan facilities.

After making enquiries the Charity's directors consider there is a reasonable expectation that the Charity has adequate resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future and accordingly have prepared the financial statements on the going concern basis.

Funds

The Charity has various types of funds for which it is responsible and which require separate disclosure. These are as follows:

- (i) **restricted funds:** income which is earmarked by the donor for specific purposes. Such purposes are within the overall aims of the organisation;
- (ii) **unrestricted funds:** funds which are expendable at the discretion of the Directors in furtherance of the objects of the Company. In addition to expenditure on transport provision, such funds may be held in order to finance capital investment and working capital; and
- (iii) **endowment funds:** funds which comprise of unrestricted funds that have been set aside by the Directors for particular purposes. The aim and use of each designated fund is set out in the notes to the financial statements.

Management and administration costs

Costs that relate to the costs of running the Charity, such as the costs of meetings, audit and statutory compliance and any costs which cannot be specifically identified to another expenditure classification, are separately disclosed as management and administration costs.

3. Judgements and key sources of estimation uncertainty

Judgements and key sources of estimation uncertainty are continually evaluated and are based on historical experience and other factors, including expectations of future events that are believed to be reasonable under the circumstances.

Notes to the financial statements

Critical judgements used in the application of accounting policies

There were no critical judgements used in the application of accounting policies and the preparation of the financial statements.

Critical accounting estimates and assumptions

There were no critical accounting estimates or assumptions used in the application of accounting policies and the preparation of the financial statements.

4. Principal accounting policies

Property, plant and equipment

Plant and other equipment is stated at purchase cost, net of depreciation and any provision for impairment.

The carrying value of plant and equipment is reviewed for impairment in each accounting period if events or changes in circumstances indicate the carrying value may not be recoverable.

Depreciation is calculated to write off the cost of plant and equipment, less any estimated residual values, over the expected useful economic lives of the assets concerned. The principal annual rates and bases used for this purpose are as follows:

Asset category	Basis of amortisation	%
Plant and equipment	Straight Line	20.00%
Office equipment, fixtures and fittings	Straight Line	20.00% - 25.00%

Investments

Fixed asset investments are stated at cost less provision for permanent diminution in value.

Investment property

The Charity holds certain properties for long-term investment, which are initially recognised at cost (which includes purchase cost and any directly attributable expenditure). On an ongoing basis investment properties are restated at fair value with any surplus or deficit arising on changes in fair value being credited or charged respectively to the Income Statement.

Notes to the financial statements**Turnover**

Turnover represents amounts receivable for goods and services net of value added taxes and trade discounts.

Investment Income

Income from deposits is included, together with any related tax credit, in the Income Statement on an accruals basis.

Foreign Currencies

Transactions denominated in foreign currencies are translated into Sterling at the rate of exchange ruling at the date of the transaction.

At the end of each financial accounting period assets and liabilities denominated in foreign currencies are translated into Sterling at the exchange rates ruling at that date and all exchange differences are taken to the Income Statement.

Financial Instruments

A financial asset or a financial liability is recognised only when the company becomes a party to the contractual provisions of the instrument. Basic financial instruments are initially recognised at the transaction price, unless the arrangement constitutes a financing transaction, where it is recognised at the present value of the future payments discounted at a market rate of interest for a similar debt instrument. Debt instruments are subsequently measured at amortised cost.

Where investments in non-convertible preference shares and non-puttable ordinary shares or preference shares are publicly traded or their fair value can otherwise be measured reliably, the investment is subsequently measured at fair value with changes in fair value recognised in profit or loss. All other such investments are subsequently measured at cost less impairment.

Other financial instruments, including derivatives, are initially recognised at fair value, unless payment for an asset is deferred beyond normal business terms or financed at a rate of interest that is not a market rate, in which case the asset is measured at the present value of the future payments discounted at a market rate of interest for a similar debt instrument.

Other financial instruments are subsequently measured at fair value, with any changes recognised in profit or loss, with the exception of hedging instruments in a designated hedging relationship. Financial assets that are measured at cost or amortised cost are reviewed for objective evidence of impairment at the end of each reporting date. If there is objective evidence of impairment, an impairment loss is recognised in profit or loss immediately.

For all equity instruments regardless of significance, and other financial assets that are individually significant, these are assessed individually for impairment. Other financial assets are either assessed individually or grouped on the basis of similar credit risk characteristics. Any reversals of impairment are recognised in profit or loss immediately, to the extent that the reversal does not result in a carrying amount of the financial asset that exceeds what the carrying amount would have been had the impairment not previously been recognised.

Notes to the financial statements

Deferred taxation

Deferred tax arises from timing differences that are differences between taxable profits and total comprehensive income as stated in the financial statements. These timing differences arise from the inclusion of income and expenses in tax assessments in periods different from those in which they are recognised in the financial statements.

Deferred tax is recognised on all timing differences at the reporting date. Unrelieved tax losses and other deferred tax assets are only recognised when it is probable that they will be recovered against the reversal of deferred tax liabilities or other future taxable profits.

Deferred tax is measured using tax rates and laws that have been enacted or substantively enacted by the period end and that are expected to apply to the reversal of the timing difference.

5. Directors' emoluments and key management compensation

Directors' remuneration

	31 January 2024 (12 months) £	31 January 2023 (12 months) £
Aggregate emoluments	-	-
	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>

Key management remuneration

The Directors are the key management of the Charity.

6. Employee information

The average number of persons (including executive Directors) employed by the Charity during the year was:

	31 January 2024 (12 months) Number	31 January 2023 (12 months) Number
By activity		
Governance indirect payroll	7	8
Total employees	<u>7</u>	<u>8</u>

and their emoluments were:

	31 January 2024 (12 months) £	31 January 2023 (12 months) £
Staff costs (for the persons above)		
Gross wages and salaries	-	-
Employer's social security costs	-	-
	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>

Notes to the financial statements

7. Voluntary income

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Endowment Funds	Total	Total
	31 January 2024	31 January 2024	31 January 2024	31 January 2024	31 January 2023
	(12 months)	(12 months)	(12 months)	(12 months)	(12 months)
	£	£	£	£	£
Bridge Club	490	-	-	490	500
Open Doors Club	825	-	-	825	400
Sponsorship received	300	-	-	300	-
Other voluntary income	-	-	-	-	-
	1,615	-	-	1,615	900

8. Revenue grants

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Endowment Funds	Total	Total
	31 January 2024	31 January 2024	31 January 2024	31 January 2024	31 January 2023
	(12 months)	(12 months)	(12 months)	(12 months)	(12 months)
	£	£	£	£	£
Grant from DAERA	1,492	-	-	1,492	-
Mid-Ulster District Council	1,250	-	-	1,250	5,750
Brockaghboy Grant	3,000	-	-	3,000	-
	5,742	-	-	5,742	5,750

9. Rental income

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Endowment Funds	Total	Total
	31 January 2024	31 January 2024	31 January 2024	31 January 2024	31 January 2023
	(12 months)	(12 months)	(12 months)	(12 months)	(12 months)
	£	£	£	£	£
Womens Group	3,515	-	-	3,515	2,925
Granquilters	1,995	-	-	1,995	2,410
	5,510	-	-	5,510	5,335

10. Management and administration

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Endowment Funds	Total	Total
	31 January 2024	31 January 2024	31 January 2024	31 January 2024	31 January 2023
	(12 months)	(12 months)	(12 months)	(12 months)	(12 months)
	£	£	£	£	£
Management & administration	6,951	-	-	6,951	5,793
	6,951	-	-	6,951	5,793

Notes to the financial statements

11. Analysis of total resources expended

	Trading activities	Charitable activities	Raising funds	Governance	Investment management	Total	Total
	31 January 2024	31 January 2024	31 January 2024	31 January 2024	31 January 2024	31 January 2024	31 January 2023
	(12 months)	(12 months)	(12 months)	(12 months)	(12 months)	(12 months)	(12 months)
	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
Direct expenditure	-	-	-	2,598	-	2,598	1,513
Support costs	-	6,257	347	-	347	6,951	5,793
	-	6,257	347	2,598	347	9,549	7,306

12. Net Resources

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Endowment Funds	Total	Total
	31 January 2024	31 January 2024	31 January 2024	31 January 2024	31 January 2023
	(12 months)	(12 months)	(12 months)	(12 months)	(12 months)
	£	£	£	£	£
Net resources for the year before interest payable is stated after charging:					
Auditors' fees:					
Audit services	2,460	-	-	2,460	1,513
Other services	13	-	-	13	-
Depreciation charge for the year:					
Owned fixed assets - property, plant and equipment	66	-	-	66	-
And after crediting:					
Revenue grants	5,742	-	-	5,742	5,750
Other income (1)	1,615	-	-	1,615	900

13. Interest payable and similar charges

	31 January 2024	31 January 2023
	(12 months)	(12 months)
	£	£
Interest payable on bank loans and overdrafts:		
Repayable within five years and not by instalments	-	-
	-	-

Notes to the financial statements

14. Taxation

(a) Analysis of the charge for the year

	31 January 2024 (12 months) £	31 January 2023 (12 months) £
Income tax		
Corporation tax on the profit for the year	-	-
Adjustments in respect of prior periods	-	-
Total corporation tax	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
Deferred tax		
Origination and reversal of timing differences	-	-
Adjustments in respect of prior periods	-	-
Total deferred tax	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
Total tax charge	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>

(b) Factors affecting the tax charge for the year

The tax assessed for the year is lower than the amount calculated at the standard rate of corporation tax in the United Kingdom (25.0%). The difference is explained below:

	31 January 2024 (12 months) £	31 January 2023 (12 months) £
Profit on ordinary activities before taxation	<u>3,252</u>	<u>4,679</u>
Surplus multiplied by the standard rate of corporation tax in the United Kingdom of 25.0% (2023: 19.0%)	813	889
Effects of:		
Other (income)/expenditure not allowable for taxation	(813)	(889)
Excess (deficit) of capital allowances for the period compared to amortisation of fixed assets		
Property, plant & equipment	(58)	-
Increase/(decrease) in losses	58	-
	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
Adjustments in respect of prior periods	-	-
	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>

15. Dividends

	31 January 2024 (12 months) £	31 January 2023 (12 months) £
Total dividends	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>

Notes to the financial statements

16. Property, plant and equipment

	Plant and equipment	Office equipment, fixtures and fittings	Total
	£	£	£
Cost			
At 1 February 2023	3,917	9,299	13,216
Additions	-	299	299
At 31 January 2024	3,917	9,598	13,515
Depreciation			
At 1 February 2023	3,917	9,299	13,216
Charge for the year	-	66	66
At 31 January 2024	3,917	9,365	13,282
Net book value			
At 31 January 2024	-	233	233
At 31 January 2023	-	-	-

The net book value of property, plant and equipment include amounts of £Nil (2023: £Nil) in respect of assets held under asset purchase agreements.

17. Fixed asset investments

	Investment property	Total
	£	£
Cost or valuation		
At 1 February 2023	244,090	244,090
Additions	9,390	9,390
At 31 January 2024	253,480	253,480
Amortisation		
At 1 February 2023	-	-
Charge for the year	-	-
At 31 January 2024	-	-
Net book value		
At 31 January 2024	253,480	253,480
At 31 January 2023	244,090	244,090

Investment property

There has been no external valuation of the Charity's investment property during the year. The fair value of the Charity's investment property at the year end was determined by the Charity's directors. In assessing the fair value of the Charity's investment property, the directors took into consideration sales values and capitalised rental values achieved on the sale and rental respectively, of comparable investment properties located in the same areas as the Charity's investment properties.

18. Receivables

	31 January 2024	31 January 2023
	£	£
Amounts falling due within one year		
Trade receivables	-	-
Owed by related undertakings	66,451	66,451
	66,451	66,451

Notes to the financial statements

19. Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	31 January 2024	31 January 2023
	£	£
Accruals	4,039	4,159
	<u>4,039</u>	<u>4,159</u>

20. Provisions for liabilities

Deferred taxation

Deferred taxation provided in the financial statements is analysed as follows:

	31 January 2024	31 January 2023
	£	£
Gross fixed asset timing differences	58	-
Total revenue losses	(58)	-
Net timing differences	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
Timing differences not provided	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
Deferred tax provision	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>

21. Pension costs

Defined contribution pension schemes

The Charity did not make any contributions to employee pension schemes during the year.

22. Contingent liabilities

Under the terms of certain government grant agreements, a liability may arise to repay in whole or in part capital or revenue grants received if certain conditions in the grant agreements are not complied with. In the opinion of the directors the terms of the letter of offer have been complied with and a liability is not expected to arise.

23. Events after the reporting period

There were no material events in the period between the end of the reporting year and the date of the approval of the financial statements.

24. Capital commitments

The Charity did not have any material capital commitments at 31 January 2024 or at 31 January 2023.

25. Contracts with inception dates after the end of the reporting period

The Charity did not enter into any material contractual commitments in the period between the year end and the date of approval of these financial statements.

Notes to the financial statements

26. Related party transactions

Related undertakings

The amounts owed by/(to) related undertakings at the start and end of the financial year and the transactions with these related undertakings during the year are summarised in the table below.

Category of related party	At 1 February 2023	Interest receivable/ (payable)	Rent receivable/ (payable)	Amounts written off	Exchange adjustments	Loan advances/ (repayments)	Other	Provision	Accounts receivable/ payable movement	At 31 January 2024
	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
Other related undertakings	66,451	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	66,451
	66,451	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	66,451

27. Approval of the financial statements

The Board of Directors approved the financial statements for issue on 23 January 2025.

Northern Counties Development Association

Northern Ireland - Charity number 108964

Annual report

Independent Auditors' Report to the Trustees of Northern Counties Development Association

We have audited the financial statements of Northern Counties Development Association (the "Charity") for the year ended 31 January 2024 which comprise the Statement of Financial Activities, the Statement of Comprehensive Income, the Statement of Financial Position, the Statement of Cash Flows, the Statement of Changes in Equity and the notes to the financial statements including a summary of significant accounting policies.

The financial reporting framework that has been applied in their preparation is applicable law and Generally Accepted Accounting Practice in the United Kingdom including Financial Reporting Standard 102 The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102).

In our opinion the financial statements:

- give a true and fair view of the assets, liabilities and financial position of the Charity as at 31 January 2024 and of its surplus for the year then ended;
- have been properly prepared in accordance with Generally Accepted Accounting Practice in the United Kingdom and FRS102; and
- have been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006.

Basis for opinion

We conducted our audit in accordance with International Standards on Auditing (UK) (ISAs (UK)) and applicable law. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements section of our report.

We are independent of the Charity in accordance with the ethical requirements that are relevant to our audit of the financial statements in the United Kingdom, including the Financial Reporting Council's (FRC) Ethical Standard, and we have fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with these requirements.

We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

Conclusions relating to going concern

In auditing the financial statements, we have concluded that the Directors' use of the going concern basis of accounting in the preparation of the financial statements is appropriate.

Based on the work we have performed, we have not identified any material uncertainties relating to events or conditions that, individually or collectively, may cast significant doubt on the Company's ability to continue as a going concern for a period of at least twelve months from the date when the financial statements are authorised for issue.

Our responsibilities and the responsibilities of the Directors with respect to going concern are described in the relevant sections of this report.

Other information

The Directors are responsible for the other information. The other information comprises the information included in the Annual Report, other than the financial statements and our auditor's report thereon.

Our opinion on the financial statements does not cover the other information and, except to the extent otherwise explicitly stated in our report, we do not express any form of assurance conclusion thereon.

In connection with our audit of the financial statements, our responsibility is to read the other information and, in doing so, consider whether the other information is materially inconsistent with the financial statements or our knowledge obtained in the audit or otherwise appears to be materially misstated.

If we identify such material inconsistencies or apparent material misstatements, we are required to determine whether there is a material misstatement in the financial statements or a material misstatement of the other information.

If, based on the work we have performed, we conclude that there is a material misstatement of this other information, we are required to report that fact.

We have nothing to report in this regard.

Opinions on other matters prescribed by the Companies Act 2006

In our opinion, based on the work undertaken in the course of the audit:

- the information given in the Strategic Report and the Directors' Report for the financial year for which the financial statements are prepared is consistent with the financial statements; and
- the Strategic Report and the Directors' Report have been prepared in accordance with applicable legal requirements.

Matters on which we are required to report by exception

Based on the knowledge and understanding of the Charity and its environment obtained in the course of the audit, we have not identified any material misstatements in the Strategic Report or the Directors' Report.

Independent Auditors' Report to the Trustees of Northern Counties Development Association

We have nothing to report in respect of the following matters in relation to which the Companies Act 2006 requires us to report to you if, in our opinion:

- adequate accounting records have not been kept, or returns adequate for our audit have not been received from branches not visited by us; or
- the financial statements are not in agreement with the accounting records and returns; or
- certain disclosures of Directors' remuneration specified by law are not made; or
- we have not received all of the information and explanations we require for our audit.

Respective responsibilities**Directors' responsibilities for the financial statements**

As explained more fully in the Directors' responsibilities statement set out in the Directors' Report the Directors are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements and for being satisfied that they give a true and fair view, and for such internal control as the Directors determine is necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the financial statements, the Directors are responsible for assessing the Charity's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless the Directors either intend to liquidate the Charity or to cease operations, or have no realistic alternative but to do so.

Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinion.

Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance, but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with ISAs (UK) will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of these financial statements.

- revenue recognition;
- management override of controls;
- posting unusual journals; and
- unusual estimation amounts.

As part of our audit procedures we discussed these risks with management, and performed audit procedures to identify the occurrence of such risks.

There are inherent limitations in any audit procedures undertaken, and in particular the risk of not detecting a material misstatement due to fraud is higher than the risk of not detecting a material misstatement due to error.

A further description of our responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements is located on the FRC's website at:

www.frc.org.uk/auditorsresponsibilities

This description forms part of our auditor's report.

Independent Auditors' Report to the Trustees of Northern Counties Development Association**Use of our report**

This report is made solely to the Charity's members, as a body, in accordance with Section 495 of the Companies Act 2006. Our audit work has been undertaken so that we might state to the Charity's members those matters we are required to state to them in an auditor's report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, we do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the Charity and the Charity's members as a body, for our audit work, for this report, or for the opinions we have formed.

Michael McAllister

Michael McAllister (Senior Statutory Auditor)

For and behalf of:

**ASM (M) Ltd
Chartered Accountants and Statutory Auditors
The Diamond Centre
Market Street
Magherafelt**

23 January 2025

Northern Counties Development Association

Northern Ireland - Charity number 108964

Annual return

Directors' Report

The Directors present their report and the audited financial statements for the year ended 31 January 2024.

Results

The Statement of Financial Activities for the year ended 31 January 2024 is set out on page 9.

Performance review

Both the year end financial position and the financial performance for the year were as expected.

Future outlook

The Directors expect that the Charity's recent financial performance will be sustained for the foreseeable future.

Directors

The directors of the Charity at 31 January 2024, who have all been directors for the whole of the year ended on that date, except as noted below, are listed on page 1.

Name	Resignation Date
Patrick Turner	1 April 2024

Name	Appointment
Dermot Friel	22 October 2024
Lucy Kearney	1 April 2024

Dividends and transfers to reserves

The Directors do not recommend the payment of a dividend in respect of the year ended 31 January 2024.

The result for the year has been transferred to reserves.

Financial instruments and risk management

Information on the use of financial instruments by the Charity and its management of financial risk are discussed in the Strategic Report.

Changes in fixed assets

The movements in fixed assets during the year are set out in notes 15 and 16 to the financial statements.

Research and development

The Charity does not have any material research and development activities.

Events after the reporting date

There were no material events after the year end that require disclosure in the financial statements.

Employees

The Charity's policy is to consult and discuss with employees where appropriate matters likely to affect employees' interests.

Disabled persons

The Charity's policy is to recruit disabled workers for those vacancies that they are able to fill and all necessary assistance with initial training courses is provided. Arrangements are made, whenever possible, for retraining employees who become disabled, to enable them to perform work identified as appropriate to their aptitudes and abilities.

Political donations

The Charity did not make any political donations during the year or in the preceding year.

Directors' responsibilities statement

The Directors are responsible for preparing the Strategic Report, the Directors' Report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and regulations.

Company law requires the Directors to prepare financial statements for each financial year. Under that law the Directors have elected to prepare the financial statements in accordance with UK Generally Accepted Accounting Practice (UK Accounting Standards and applicable law).

Under company law the Directors must not approve the financial statements unless they are satisfied that they give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the Charity and the profit or loss of the Charity for that financial year.

Directors' Report

In preparing these financial statements, the Directors are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- make judgements and accounting estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable UK Accounting Standards have been followed, subject to any material departures, disclosed and explained in the financial statements; and
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the Charity will continue in business.

The Directors are responsible for keeping adequate accounting records that are sufficient to show and explain the Charity's transactions and disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the Charity and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Companies Act 2006.

The Directors are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the Charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

Accounting records

The measures taken by the Directors to secure compliance with the requirements of Section 386 to Section 389 of the Companies Act 2006, with regard to keeping of accounting records, are the employment of appropriately qualified accounting personnel and the maintenance of computerised accounting systems. The Charity's accounting records are maintained at 15C Main Street, Swatragh, Maghera.

Statement of disclosure of information to auditors

So far as each of the Directors in office at the date of approval of these financial statements are aware:

- there is no relevant audit information of which the Charity's auditors are unaware; and
- they have taken all the steps that they ought to have taken as Directors in order to make themselves aware of any relevant audit information and to establish that the Charity's auditors are aware of that information.

This statement is given and should be interpreted in accordance with the provisions of Section 418 of the Companies Act 2006.

Auditors

The auditors, ASM (M) Ltd, are deemed to be reappointed under Section 485 of the Companies Act 2006.

Provisions relating to the preparation of the financial statements

This report has been prepared in accordance with the provisions of the Companies Act 2006 relating to na sized companies.

Approval

This Directors' Report was approved by the Board of Directors on 23 January 2025 and signed on its behalf by:

Ann Brennan

Ann Brennan

Director