

## **Social Slashers Trustees Report 2024**

1. The Charity is known as “The Social Slashers”.

2. Charity Commission Number is 109510

3. The Group Purpose is;

The purposes of the charity are:

1. To promote participation in amateur sports including hurling, camogie and GAA games for the social, mental, and physical well-being of people within the Lecale area (known as the area of benefit) without distinction of age, sex, race, political religious or other opinions.

2. To reduce social isolation and increase social networks of people living within the Lecale area through the provision of activities.

The charity carries out its purpose through the provision of weekly recreational games and activities which offer rural isolated individuals an opportunity to increase social networks and improve mental and physical well-being.

4. **The Trustees** – Management Committee – as at 31<sup>st</sup> December 2024.

Shay Deegan - Chairperson

Kieran McVeigh – Treasurer

Daniel Bohill – Secretary

5. This report is for the financial year 1<sup>st</sup> January 2024 – 31<sup>st</sup> December 2024.

6. This is the 1st report submitted to Charity Commission.

### **7. Activities carried out in 2023 – 2024**

- Weekly coached hurling sessions in Downpatrick and other GAA clubs in the Lecale Area
- Participated in social hurling tournaments in Lisburn, Derry and Belfast
- Organised our own tournament in Ardglass
- Ran a weight loss and healthy living initiative
- Ran weekly HIIT (circuits) classes in Saul
- Ran a table quiz to generate funds to buy our own portable defibrillator
- Ran defib training
- Helped development sessions with kids hurling
- Multiple social events e.g. ice hockey trip, table quiz, pizza nights, beach training, fancy dress at Halloween, Christmas party at the golf club.

- Organised trips to county hurling matches
- Donated to charity e.g. Downpatrick food bank
- Applied successfully for funding from RCN for new equipment for the group

8. The group always regard to the Commission's public Benefit whereby

The direct benefits which flow from purpose 3 includes access to facilities, equipment and activities to improve education, health and wellbeing.

These benefits are demonstrated through feedback from participants and beneficiaries and by the level of uptake of services. The purposes of our charity will not lead to any harm.

The charity's beneficiaries are people living in the Lecale areas of rural Downpatrick.

A private benefit to trustees may arise from our programme of ongoing training programmes. Through this training trustees gain skills and experience which are transferable to other settings. These benefits are incidental and necessary to ensure the benefit is provided to our beneficiaries.

**9. Assets**

- 20 hurling helmets
- 50 hurling sticks
- 12 dozen hurling balls
- Portable Hearstart FRX Defibrillator + accessories

**10. Liabilities**

- None

**11. Finance**

- Balance 1<sup>st</sup> Jan 2024 £2,162.55
- Income £10,125.39
- Expenditure £9587.90
- Commitments £1,170.00
- Balance 31<sup>st</sup> December 2024 £2868.04  
( £1,698.94 minus commitments)

12. Chairperson Shay Deegan..... Date ...31/12/2024.....

Secretary Daniel Bohill .....Date 31/12/2024.....