

## **Seeds of Hope**

**Registered Charity Number - 109852**

**For the period ended 31 August 2025**

### **The Trustees' report**

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The Trustees present their report and accounts for the period ended 31 August 2025.

#### **Objectives, Activities and Charitable Purposes**

The principal purpose of the charity is the advancement of the Christian faith.

This is achieved through the running of monthly get together meetings with coffee, chat, crafts and faith stories. In addition the charity runs an annual summer youth camp, carries out ongoing visiting within the area, arranges ad hoc get-togethers and days out for beneficiaries.

The Trustees have paid due regard to guidance issued by the Charity Commission in deciding what activities the charity should undertake. The Trustees are satisfied that the Charity has achieved its objectives in the period under review.

#### **Public Benefit**

In fulfilling the public benefit requirement, the charity trustees have had regard to the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland's statutory public benefit guidance.

The purposes of this charity and the direct benefits that flow from the charity's activities continue to be; children, young people and adults being helped spiritually, having a greater understanding of God and His love for them; and that He has a wonderful plan for their lives if they follow Him. Additional benefits which flow from our work include children and adults social skills and physical and mental wellbeing being improved by the opportunity and encouragement for children, young people and adults from different backgrounds to meet together, play games together and interact through various activities.

Benefits are demonstrated by young people and adults living better lives. Instead of living for themselves and being selfish they are keen to serve God and others. Many also progress into leadership. Other benefits are demonstrated by children, young people and adults continued attendance at the clubs, participation in activities and increased interaction among the different groups. There is no harm from our purposes. We follow good practice in terms of safeguarding and public safety legislation. The people of Bushmills and surrounding area who attend our monthly meetings and anything we organise. No direct private benefit occurs. An incidental benefit is derived by volunteers who give of their time in that they themselves are blessed and encouraged in their lives because they have helped young people in their life's journey.

Direct benefits flowing from the organisation's purpose;

- Eternal salvation and adoption into the family of God through the gospel of Jesus Christ.
- The spread of the Gospel of Jesus Christ, bringing reconciliation both between human beings and God and between human beings.
- The gaining of an understanding in Christian beliefs as set out in the Bible and the Doctrinal Statement of the Church leading to spiritual and moral development and personal growth in the Christian Faith.
- The provision of regular Christian education, helping people to understand, live out, defend and promote the Christian gospel of Jesus Christ.
- Practical expressions of Christian beliefs and standards in the local community such as through the care of those in need, assistance and comfort to the sick, elderly and bereaved.
- The development of individual ability and gift through the engagement of willing volunteers in practical and spiritual service.
- The positive impact on society that comes from the living out of a Christian worldview.

The Trustees are satisfied that the Charity has achieved its public benefit objectives in the period under review.

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The information below sets out the activities we have carried out to further our purposes and fulfil each of the public benefit elements during the period.

#### Structure, Governance and Management

The charity is registered with the Charity's Commission for Northern Ireland registration number 109852.

The Trustees who served during the period are as stated below:

Mrs Phyllis A Cochrane  
Mr Alan Geoffrey McMullan  
Mrs Sarah Jane Margaret Borland  
Mrs Edith Mccurdy  
Miss Olivia Jayne Mccurdy

The Trustees have the responsibility for the operational deliverance of the charity's activities and achievement of the objectives.

#### Achievements and Performance

Total incoming resources for the period amounted to £31,948 and after deducting total resources expended of £8,752 net incoming resources amounted to £23,196.

All resources received and expended are treated as unrestricted funds. At the period end, unrestricted funds amounted to £23,196.

The Trustees have assessed the major risks to which the Charity is exposed, in particular those related to the operations and finances, and are satisfied that systems are in place to mitigate exposure.

#### Statement of Trustees' Responsibilities

The Trustees are responsible for preparing the Trustees' Annual Report and the accounts in accordance with applicable law and regulations.

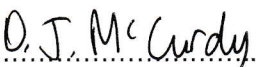
The law applicable to charities in Northern Ireland requires the Trustees to prepare accounts for each financial period which give a true and fair view of the affairs of the charity and the incoming resources and application of the resources, including the net income or expenditure, of the charity for the period.

In preparing the accounts the Trustees confirm that they have done so on a going concern basis.

The Trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the Charity and which enable them to ensure that the accounts comply with the Charities Act (Northern Ireland), and the Charity (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008. They 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.

The Trustees confirm they have complied with these requirements.

This report was approved by the Board of Trustees on 13/3/26 and signed on its behalf by;

  
Olivia Jayne McCurdy  
Trustee

  
Phyllis Cochrane  
Trustee