

Antrim Community Support Hub

ANNUAL REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FOR THE PERIOD ENDED 31 MARCH 2026

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Company Number	
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The directors, who are also the trustees, present their report and financial statements for the year ended 31st March 2026.

The trustees have adopted the provisions of the Statement of Recommended Practice for Charities applicable in the UK and Ireland (effective 1 January 2015) in preparing the annual report and financial statements for the charity.

Reference and administrative details

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Structure, governance and management

Antrim Community Support Hub is a Registered Charity and is governed by the terms of its constitution, which was adopted by the membership on 15 February 2024.

Antrim Community Support Hub is registered with the Charity Commission and is placed on the Northern Ireland register of charities from 10 May 2024.
Registration number: NIC110069

The objectives and activities of the Charity are administered by the Trustees who meet officially on a quarterly basis and who regularly participate in the charities fundraising and wellbeing events.

The public benefits are designed to improve the mental health and wellbeing of our service users to enable them to develop networks which will support them as they integrate back into the community.

In September 2025 we carried out evaluations on the service users who were attending our hub. Only 9 were in employment, the majority of remaining individuals were claiming benefits eg. Universal Credit, Disability Living Allowance, Pension Credit and Carer's Allowances, with 62% of them claiming Disability Living allowance which includes physical and mental health issues.

58% of our service users were seeing a mental health professional or were linked in with Women's Aid on a regular basis with many more currently on waiting lists.

This research is a fair indication of the types of service users who come to us for support with the majority of them previously being isolated, anxious, or disconnected from their community.

Our hub gives these individuals regular opportunities to mix with others and participate in positive social routines.

We continue to tackle the negative impact that issues such as poverty, disadvantage, isolation and mental health are having on our service users. Poverty has a huge impact with many women making poor choices which include staying in abusive situations and forming unhealthy relationships with food, drugs and alcohol.

To help to alleviate this we run focused programmes to tackle the effects of poverty and discrimination and proactively work with service users and partners to tackle the core problems to provide tools to combat negative experiences.

Charity Operations

This is the 2nd operational year of Antrim Community Support Hub and during this year we have worked with our Trustees and service users to clarify and strengthen our purpose.

Within our charity we believe that communication and a commitment to openness and fairness is crucial and as such we believe that the rhythm of our working day should align correctly with our mission, vision and values. As part of this rhythm, we aim to be intentional in commencing each of our working days with a time of stillness and contemplation to work towards clarity in all we do.

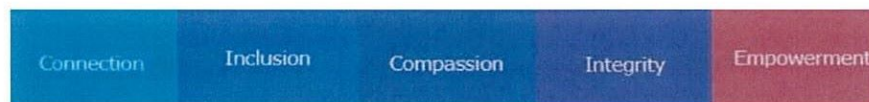
Our Mission:

We are driven by God's love to tackle loneliness and isolation in our community by offering a safe space for all to give them the tools to thrive'.

Our Vision:

A Community where everyone feels connected and valued'.

Our Core Values:



This year we have also taken the time out to produce our charity strategy from September 2025 - June 2028. This strategy is a working document and sets out our strategic priorities of the next 3 years as:



We have also developed our Community Development Plan September 2025 - 2028 setting clear goals and priorities linked into Antrim and Newtownabbey Council's 'Love Living Here Community Plan'.

The Centre Manager and Wellbeing Manager have had 2 focused strategy and development days away from the office to help them focus on the needs of the charity going forward. Both have completed Inequalities Training and Safeguarding training this year.

To ensure both of these positions are being supported fully in their role, the Centre Manager is now being monitored and supported by Ruth Wallace - Charity Trustee and the Wellbeing Manager is being mentored by Kathy Martin, Strategic Operations Manager from Community Development Health Network.

Trustees

We were delighted to have 2 new trustees join our board this year. Noreen McClelland, Chair of Antrim & Newtownabbey Loneliness Network and Anne Stevenson, retired charity Finance Manager. Both these positions strengthens the expertise within our board.

Noreen works along numerous charities within the Antrim area including Women's Aid, Family Caring Centre, Antrim Foodbank and the Bridge Association and was previously involved with the Samaritans at both local and national level.

Anne brings over 15 years of financial scrutiny of charity accounts and has been overseeing our finances for the last couple of years in a voluntary capacity. Anne will to continue to overview our finances as she steps into her new role as a trustee.

Volunteers

We are blessed within the charity to be supported by dedicated women who are happy and willing to support the work of our charity on a weekly basis. At Christmas we had our first volunteer recognition breakfast to recognise the importance of these people for the success of our work.

Additional to our existing volunteers we felt the need to expand our volunteer roles this year to include:

IT and Media Volunteer - Alison Watt has undertaken to revamp our Facebook page and design a new website for our charity.

Befriender Volunteer - Lynda Kingston undertook the role of Volunteer Befriender in November 2025 - we have since received a small grant from Enkalon Foundation to cover this role on a part-time basis.

Project Support Volunteer - Cassandra Kerr has been successful in this new role. She will assist the Wellbeing Manager in the set up and running of new wellbeing programmes within the charity.

External Partners

Our external partners have been vital in order to continue the crucial support for the Antrim community as they continue to offer the practical and financial support required to meet the needs of all our service users. We are indebted to our partners and offer each of them our sincere thanks:

- Christian Fellowship Church
- Community Development Helath Network (CDHN)
- Antrim and Newtownabbey Borough Council (ANBC)
- The National Lottery
- Antrim and Newtownabbey Loneliness Network

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- Antrim Library
 - Impact Personnel
 - Northern Area Community Network (NACN)
 - Volunteer Now
 - Action Mental Health
 - Antrim Foodbank
 - Women's Aid
 - All political parties in the Antrim area
 - ASDA Community Champion
 - Tesco Community Champion
 - Spar Community Champion

Achievements

In our 2nd year of operations we continue to grow and expand in all areas of our work. The weekly programmes we have offered include:

- Self-care for a Positive Mindset
- Colourful Mondays Programme
- Elevate Programme in partnership with Women's Aid
- Level 2 Building Community Pharmacy Programme - Men's Group
- Snowdrop Wellbeing Group
- Cross-community Craft Group
- Level 1 Building Community Pharmacy Programme - Buddleia Group
- Untuned Talents Singing Group
- Wellbeing Wednesday Evening Programme
- Sunflower Wellbeing Group
- Healthy Habits - Stronger Together

Our 1-off programmes have included:

- Moments of Joy - Reflective Gratitude Programme
- Community Summer Wellbeing Event
- Cross Programme Art Collaboration Project
- Half-day Christmas Wellness Event
- Meet and Greet Coffee Mornings
- Who Lies Beneath
- Remember Me
- People Place Space Poetry Writing Workshops

Fundraising

As a relatively new charity with little unrestrictive funding our women have stepped up to the mark to fundraise in order to ensure that we have a reserve of unrestricted funds that can be used for the benefit of those in need in our community.

Fundraising this financial year has included:

- Pop-up women's clothes event
- Crafts through creations by the hub
- Fundraising at Greystone Spar
- Coffee Mornings
- Quiz night at Starbucks Antrim
- Christmas Craft Fundraising Event
- Christmas Hamper
- Craft Stall at Mid Antrim Animal Sanctuary
- Sunflower Kids Pop-up Event
- Book Sale
- Make up donated by Tesco sale

We are indebted to the tireless efforts of our volunteers to ensure that the work of our charity continues and expands to meet the needs of our local community.

Financial Review

The financial statements are presented in the standard format required by the Charities SORP and cover the activities of Antrim Community Support Hub. The Statement of Financial Activities (SOFA) on page 9 shows the gross income from all sources and the split of activity between restricted and unrestricted funds.

The charity's main source of income is grant funding and donations.

Total income of the charity during the period ended 31st March 2026 was £89,666 compared to £49,288 in 2025.

Expenditure during the year was £63,980 compared to £22,648 in 2025.

The overall result is that the charity reported a surplus of £25,686 compared to a surplus of £26,640 in 2025.

The balance of reserves as at 31/03/2026 was £52,326. Restricted reserves was £5,500 and unrestricted reserves was £46,826

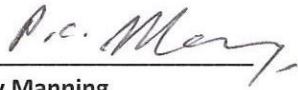
Reserves Policy

The trustees have set their desired level of unrestricted reserves at £20,000. This is to meet future shortfalls in income and unexpected expenses. The balance of free reserves as at 31st March 2026 was £46,826, this is greater than the desired level.

Compliance with Public Benefit

The Charity has given careful consideration to the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland's guidance on public benefit to ensure that the activities entered into during the year have helped to achieve the Charity's objectives and activities, as well as providing public benefit.

Approved by the trustees at Antrim Community Support Hub AGM on 01-07-26 and signed on their behalf by:



Paddy Manning
Chairperson



Arlene Miller
Secretary

The trustees are responsible for preparing the Trustee Report and the accounts in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

The law applicable to charities in Northern Ireland requires the trustees to prepare accounts for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charity and of the incoming resources and application of resources of the charity for that year.

In preparing these accounts, the trustees are required to

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles in the Charities SORP;
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable accounting standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the accounts, and
- prepare the accounts on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in operation.

The trustees are responsible for keeping sufficient accounting records that disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and enable them to ensure that the accounts comply with the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2015, and the provisions of the trust deed. 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.

I report on the accounts of Antrim Community Support Hub for the period ended 31st March 2026.

RESPECTIVE RESPONSIBILITIES OF TRUSTEES AND EXAMINER

The trustees who are also the directors of Antrim Community Support Hub for the purposes of company law, are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The Trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 65(9)(b) of the Charities Act (Northern Ireland) 2008 and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under section 65 of the Charities Act
- follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 65(9)(b) of the Charities Act
- state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

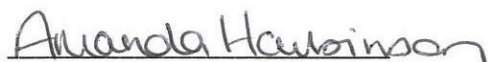
BASIS OF INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT

My examination was carried out in accordance with the general directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts and seeking explanations from you as trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a 'true and fair view' and the report is limited to the matters set out in the next statement.

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S STATEMENT

In connection with my examination, no other matter except that referred to in the previous paragraph has come to my attention:

- (a) which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements:
 - (i) to keep accounting records in accordance with the directions of the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland and
 - (ii) to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records, comply with the methods and principles of the Statement of Recommended Practice: Accounting and Reporting by Charities;have not been met, or
- (b) to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.



Amanda Harbinson, FCA

Corrigan CA Limited 24 Grevstone Road Antrim BT41 2ON

FOR THE PERIOD ENDED 31 MARCH 2026

	Note	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total 2026 £	Total 2025 £
Incoming Resources					
Donations and legacies	2	12,089	0	12,089	10,437
Charitable activities	4	65,077	12,500	77,577	38,851
Investment income	3	0	0	0	0
Total Receipts		77,166	12,500	89,666	49,288
Payments					
Charitable activities	5	25,696	5,145	30,841	9,034
Support Costs	5	1,564	3,955	5,519	4,453
Governance	5	26,720	900	27,620	9,161
Total Payments		53,980	10,000	63,980	22,648
Net receipts / (payments)		23,186	2,500	25,686	26,640
Transfers between funds	6	0	0	0	0
Net movement in funds		23,186	2,500	25,686	26,640
Funds brought forward		23,640	3,000	26,640	0
Funds carried forward	7	46,826	5,500	52,326	26,640

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		2026		2025
		£	£	£
Fixed Assets				
Tangible Fixed Assets	8	0		0
Current Assets				
Cash At Bank and in hand		53,016	53,016	27,519
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	9	-690		-879
Net Current Assets		52,326		26,640
Total assets less current liabilities		52,326		26,640
Income Funds				
Restricted Funds		5,500		3,000
Unrestricted Funds		46,826		23,640
	11	52,326		26,640

Approved by the Board on and signed on 01-07-26 its behalf by:



Paddy Manning
Chairperson

Accounting Policies

Basis of preparation

The financial statements have been prepared on the going concern basis under the historical cost convention and in accordance with 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 2015). The principle accounting policies which have been applied consistently throughout are set out below.

The charity has taken advantage of the exemption from the requirement to produce a cash flow statement on the grounds that it is a small charity.

Charitable Funds

Unrestricted funds are available for use at the discretion of the trustees in furtherance of the charitable objectives unless the funds have been designated for other purposes.

Restricted funds are subject to specific conditions by donors as to how they may be used. The purposes and uses of the restricted funds are set out in the notes to the financial statements.

Incoming Resources

Income from charitable activities is recognised when the charity is legally entitled to it after any performance conditions have been met, the amounts can be measured reliably, and it is probable that the income will be received.

Income from grants, whether 'capital' or 'revenue' grants is recognised when the charity has entitlement to the funds, any performance conditions attached to the grants have been met, it is probable that the income will be received and the amount can be measured reliably and is not deferred.

Income from donations and legacies are recorded as received as entitlement arises at that stage and are classified as restricted or unrestricted according to any conditions stipulated/intended by the donor.

Interest on funds held on deposit is included when receivable and the amount can be measured reliably by the charity. This is normally upon notification of the interest paid or payable by the bank.

Resources Expended

Expenditure on charitable activities is recognised once there is a legal and constructive obligation to transfer economic benefit to a third party, it is probable that a transfer of economic benefits will be required in settlement and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably. The charity is below the charity audit threshold and therefore is exempt from reporting expenditure on an activity basis. The charity has opted to report by the nature of expenditure rather than on an activity basis.

Accounting Policies (continued)

Fixed assets and depreciation

All fixed assets are initially recorded at cost. Depreciation is provided on all tangible fixed assets at rates calculated to write off the cost, less estimated residual value based on process prevailing at the date of acquisition of each asset evenly over its expected useful life, as follows:

No Assets Held by charity

Operating Leases

Rentals payable under operating leases are charged in the income and expenditure account on a straight line basis over the lease term.

2. Donations and Legacies

	Unrestricted Funds 2026 £	Restricted Funds 2026 £	Total 2026 £	Total 2025 £
Donations and gifts	<u>12,089</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>12,089</u>	<u>10,437</u>

3. Investment Income

	Unrestricted Funds 2026 £	Restricted Funds 2026 £	Total 2026 £	Total 2025 £
Bank Interest Receivable	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>

4. Incoming resources from charitable activities

	Unrestricted Funds 2026 £	Restricted Funds 2026 £	Total 2026 £	Total 2025 £
Grants	65,077	12,500	77,577	38,851
	<u>65,077</u>	<u>12,500</u>	<u>77,577</u>	<u>38,851</u>

Included within income relating to grants are the following:

	2026 £	2025 £
Unrestricted Funds		
Community Development Health Network	18,500	1,316
Loneliness Network	0	500
Choice Housing Association	5,000	5,000
Triangle Housing Association	20,577	6,835
National Lottery	20,000	20,000
Asda	1,000	0
	<u>65,077</u>	<u>33,651</u>
Restricted Funds		
Community Development Health Network	0	1,200
Antrim & Newtownards Borough Council	10,000	1,000
Enkalon	2,500	3,000
	<u>12,500</u>	<u>5,200</u>
	<u>77,577</u>	<u>38,851</u>

**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
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5. Total resources expended	2026	2025
	£	£
Staff Costs	25,560	8,411
Charitable expenditure	30,841	9,034
Support Costs	5,519	4,453
Governance	2,060	750
	<u>63,980</u>	<u>22,648</u>

Analysis by fund:	2026	2025
	£	£
Unrestricted funds	53,980	20,448
Restricted funds	10,000	2,200
	<u>63,980</u>	<u>22,648</u>

Included in Charitable Expenditure:	2026	2025
	£	£
Purchases	2,965	3,228
Tutors	21,308	3,093
Travel	1,812	151
Room Hire	80	0
Direct Costs	4,676	2,562
	<u>30,841</u>	<u>9,034</u>

Included in Support Costs:	2026	2025
	£	£
Rent	4,400	3,600
Insurance	355	218
Printing, Post & Stationery	33	154
Computer expenses	509	158
PR & Advertising	222	323
	<u>5,519</u>	<u>4,453</u>

Included in Governance Costs:	2026	2025
	£	£
Accountancy	460	300
Legal & Prof	1,600	450
	<u>2,060</u>	<u>750</u>

6. Related Parties

There was one related party transaction during the year which was a £16 donation from trustee Jennifer Todd. Last year there was £60 related party transactions.

7. Employees

The average number of employees during the year was 1.
At the end of the year there was 1 employees.

8. Tangible Fixed Assets

	Fixtures, Fittings & Equipment £
Cost:	
At 1 April 2025	0
Additions	0
Disposals	<u>0</u>
At 31 March 2026	<u>0</u>
Depreciation:	
At 1 April 2025	0
Charge in Year	0
Eliminated On Disposal	<u>0</u>
At 31 March 2026	<u>0</u>
Net Book Value:	
At 31 March 2026	<u><u>0</u></u>
At 31 March 2025	<u><u>0</u></u>

9. Creditors

	2026 £	2025 £
Accruals	400	300
PAYE	<u>290</u>	<u>0</u>
	<u><u>690</u></u>	<u><u>300</u></u>

10. Analysis of net assets between funds

	Unrestricted Funds 2026 £	Restricted Funds 2026 £	2026 £	2025 £
Tangible Fixed assets	0	0	0	0
Current assets/(liabilities)	46,911	5,500	0	0
	<u>46,911</u>	<u>5,500</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>

11. Movement in funds

Fund	At 01/04/2025 £	Incoming Resources £	Resources Expended £	At 31/03/2026 £
Unrestricted	23,640	77,166	53,980	46,826
Restricted	3,000	12,500	10,000	5,500
	<u>26,640</u>	<u>89,666</u>	<u>63,980</u>	<u>52,326</u>

12. Independent Examiners Remuneration

The independence examiner's remuneration was £400+VAT.

