

Charity number: NIC100554

Omagh Support & Self Help Group
Trustees' report and financial statements
for the year ended 31 March 2023

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Legal and administrative information

Charity number	NIC100554
Business address	4F LANCER BUILDINGS 4 GORTRUSH INDUSTRIAL ESTATE Omagh Co Tyrone BT78 5EJ
Trustees	Stanley McCombe Michael Gallagher Clive McCombe Patsy Gallagher Tony O'Connor Margaret Breslin David Wilkinson
Secretary	Patsy Gallagher
Accountants	O'Donnell & Mellon 19/21 Castle Street Omagh Co Tyrone
Bankers	Bank of Ireland Campsie Omagh Co Tyrone

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Report of the trustees for the year ended 31 March 2023

The trustees present their report and the financial statements for the year ended 31 March 2023. The trustees who served during the year are detailed below.

Structure, governance and management

Michael Gallagher	Chairperson
Clive McCombe	Vice Chairperson
Patsy Gallagher	Secretary
Stanley McCombe	Treasurer

Margaret Breslin
Tony O'Connor
David Wilkinson

Objectives and activities

Omagh Support and Self Help Group was set-up by the survivors of the 1998 bomb and has been serving the people of Omagh and further afield ever since. The charity provides services in three main areas:

- " to support the well-being of victims of terrorism and to improve our quality of life
- " to support the involvement of victims of terrorism in our community
- " to tell the story of Omagh, our people and our experiences before, during and since the bomb in August 1998.

Our main focus area centres around truth and justice. Advocating and supporting those who wish to pursue these goals and get the answers they rightly deserve into the circumstances surrounding the death of their loved ones. We also provide a welfare advice service to support those accessing benefits and maximising income potential. Supporting those who wish to apply for the new disablement government payment and advocating for those who do not qualify.

Achievements and performance

The Support Group in the course of this period has streamlined its services focusing on the most pressing and important issues to its core benefactors. Matters such as Truth and Justice and one-to-one support welfare support. We have engaged in many European events with thematic topics such as the wellbeing and mental health of victims/survivors when involving them in P/CVE efforts and the perception of victims and survivors in the media.

This year we engaged with the British and Irish Government in relation to a public inquiry into the 1998 Omagh bombing. We are pleased to report that on 2nd Feb 2023 we had a meeting with the Secretary of state for Northern Ireland and a statutory inquiry into the bombing has been granted. This has been a lengthy campaign of over 20 years led by the Support Group and its trustees which has led to this magnificent achievement. Its impact will have a ripple effect within the victims community and give hope to those longstanding campaigners still awaiting their outcome.

In this year, the Group has relocated premises, reducing its rent obligations whilst providing adequate space to carry out its objectives and activities.

We feel this year will be one marked in the Support Group history and are optimistic moving into the next financial year.

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Report of the trustees for the year ended 31 March 2023

Statement of trustees' responsibilities

The trustees are responsible for preparing the Trustees' Annual Report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

Law applicable to charities in Northern Ireland requires the trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of charity and of the incoming resources and application of resources of the charity for that year. In preparing these financial statements 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 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 operation.

The trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records which 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 Charity Act (Northern Ireland) 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 have regard to the Commission's Public benefit requirement statutory guidance.

On behalf of the board

Patsy Gallagher

Secretary

30 April 2024

Charity Number: NIC100554

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Independent examiner's report to the charity trustees of Omagh Support & Self Help Group.

I report on the accounts of Omagh Support & Self Help Group for the year ended 31 March 2023 set out on pages 2 to 11.

Respective responsibilities of charity trustees and examiner

As the charity's trustees you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the Charities Act (Northern Ireland) 2008.

It is my responsibility to:

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

Basis of independent examiner's report

I have examined your charity accounts as required under section 65 of the Charities Act and my examination was carried out in accordance with the general Directions given by the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland under section 65(9)(b) of the Charities Act.

My examination included a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also included consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from you as charity trustees concerning any such matters.

My role is to state whether any material matters have come to my attention giving me cause to believe:

1. That accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 63 of the Charities Act
2. That the accounts do not accord with those accounting records
3. That the accounts do not comply with the accounting requirements of the Charities Act
4. That there is further information needed for a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Independent examiner's statement

I have completed my examination and have no concerns in respect of the matters (1) to (4) listed above and, in connection with following the Directions of the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland, I have found no matters that require drawing to your attention.

Brian Mellon
F.C.C.A.
Independent examiner
19/21 Castle Street
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30 April 2024

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Statement of financial activities

For the year ended 31 March 2023

	Notes	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	2023 Total £	2022 Total £
Income from					
Charitable activities	2	-	13,870	13,870	19,598
Investments	3	39	-	39	11
Total income and endowments		39	13,870	13,909	19,609
Expenditure on					
Charitable activities	4	11,665	13,870	25,535	24,504
Other	5	5,737	-	5,737	405
Total resources expended		17,402	13,870	31,272	24,909
Net income/(expenditure)		(17,363)	-	(17,363)	(5,300)
Other					
Prior year adjustments		-	(1,846)	(1,846)	1,504
Net movement in funds		(17,363)	(1,846)	(19,209)	(3,796)
Total funds brought forward		46,081	9,503	55,584	59,380
Net movement in funds		28,718	7,657	36,375	55,584

The notes on pages 7 to 11 form an integral part of these financial statements.

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Balance sheet as at 31 March 2023

	Notes	£	2023 £	£	2022 £
Fixed assets					
Tangible assets	7		22,413		28,016
Current assets					
Debtors	8	-		1,846	
Cash at bank and in hand		24,412		50,157	
		<u>24,412</u>		<u>52,003</u>	
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	9	(10,450)		(24,435)	
Net current assets			<u>13,962</u>		<u>27,568</u>
Net assets			<u>36,375</u>		<u>55,584</u>
Funds					
Restricted income funds			7,657		9,503
Unrestricted income funds			28,718		46,081
Total funds			<u>36,375</u>		<u>55,584</u>

The financial statements were approved by the trustees on 30 April 2024 and signed on its behalf by

Michael Gallagher
Trustee

Clive McCombe
Trustee

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Notes to financial statements for the year ended 31 March 2023

1. Accounting policies

The principal accounting policies are summarised below. The accounting policies have been applied consistently throughout the year.

1.1. Basis of accounting

The financial statements are prepared under the historical cost convention and in accordance with items recognised at cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated. The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Statement of Recommended Practice: 'Accounting and Reporting by Charities' preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK (FRS 102), the Charities Act (Northern Ireland) 2008 and The Charities (Accounts and Reports Regulations (Northern Ireland)

The trustees consider that there is no material uncertainties about the charity's ability to continue as a going concern.

1.2. Incoming resources

All incoming resources are included in the statement of financial activities when the charity is entitled to the income and the amount can be quantified with reasonable accuracy. The following specific policies are applied to particular categories of income:

Voluntary income is received by way of grants, donations and gifts and is included in full in the statement of financial activities when receivable. Grants where entitlement is not conditional on the delivery of a specific performance by the charity, are recognised when the charity becomes unconditionally entitled to the grant.

Donated services and facilities are included at the value to the charity where this can be quantified. The value of services provided by volunteers has not been included.

Gifts donated for resale are included as incoming resources within activities for generating funds when they are sold.

Grants, including grants for the purchase of fixed assets, are recognised in full in the statement of financial activities in the year in which they are receivable.

Income from investments is included in the year in which it is receivable.

1.3. Resources expended

Expenditure is recognised on an accrual basis as a liability is incurred. Expenditure includes any VAT which cannot be fully recovered, and is reported as part of the expenditure to which it relates.

Costs of generating funds comprise the costs associated with attracting voluntary income and the costs of trading for fundraising purposes including the charity's shop.

Charitable expenditure comprises those costs incurred by the charity in the delivery of its activities and services for its beneficiaries. It includes both costs that can be allocated directly to such activities and those costs of an indirect nature necessary to support them.

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1.4. Tangible fixed assets and depreciation

Tangible fixed assets are stated at cost less accumulated depreciation. Depreciation is provided at rates calculated to write off the cost less residual value of each asset over its expected useful life, as follows:

Fixtures, fittings and equipment - 25% straight line

2. Income from Charitable activities

	Restricted funds £	2023 Total £	2022 Total £
Department of Foreign Affairs Reconciliation Fund	13,870	13,870	6,800
Halifax foundation	-	-	2,006
HMRC CJRS		-	10,792
	<u>13,870</u>	<u>13,870</u>	<u>19,598</u>

3. Investment income

	2023 Total £	2022 Total £
Bank of Ireland Business Reserve	39	11
	<u>39</u>	<u>11</u>

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4. Costs of charitable activities

	Activities undertaken directly £	Grant funding £	2023 Total £	(restated) 2022 Total £
Charitable activities	2,558	8,363	10,921	9,019
Support Costs	6,434	5,507	11,941	14,381
Governance costs	2,673		2,673	1,104
	<u>11,665</u>	<u>13,870</u>	<u>25,535</u>	<u>24,504</u>

	Charitable activities £	Support £	Governance £	2023 Total £	2022 Total £
Wages & salaries	-			-	12,416
Dept. of foreign affairs -core operational costs	8,363	5,507		13,870	6,800
Halifax - running costs				-	2,006
Travel costs		192		192	
Volunteer/members expenses		3,090		3,090	
Anniversary service	532			532	
BBQ event	891			891	
EU event	92			92	
Victims' event London	900			900	
Student group	143			143	
Rent		1,293		1,293	
Light & heat		28		28	
Water rates		316		316	670
Office expenses		1,515		1,515	1,164
Repairs		-		-	16
Accountancy			1,002	1,002	1,104
Trustees expenses			996	996	328
Trustees meetings			675	675	
	<u>10,921</u>	<u>11,941</u>	<u>2,673</u>	<u>25,535</u>	<u>24,504</u>

5. Other resources expended

	Unrestricted funds £	2023 Total £	(restated) 2022 Total £
Bank charges	134	134	405
Depreciation & impairment	5,603	5,603	-
	<u>5,737</u>	<u>5,737</u>	<u>405</u>

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6. Employees

Employment costs	2023	2022
	£	£
Wages and salaries	-	12,416

No employee received emoluments of more than £60,000 (2022 : None).

No trustees were paid a remuneration during the year.

Number of employees

The average monthly numbers of employees during the year, calculated on the basis of full time equivalents, was as follows:

2023	2022
Number	Number
-	5

6.1. Trustees' expenses

The charity paid total expenses of £1,895 for one trustee in the year. The expenses paid related to properly approved costs incurred by the trustee relating to their work with the charity.

7. Tangible fixed assets

	Fixtures, fittings and equipment	Total
	£	£
Cost		
At 1 April 2022 and At 31 March 2023	28,016	28,016
Depreciation		
At 1 April 2022	-	-
Charge for the year	5,603	5,603
At 31 March 2023	5,603	5,603
Net book values		
At 31 March 2023	22,413	22,413
At 31 March 2022	28,016	28,016

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8. Debtors

	2023 £	2022 £
Joseph Rountree Charitable Trust	-	1,846
	-	1,846

9. Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	2023 £	2022 £
Other creditors	6,525	6,525
Halifax foundation	1,077	1,077
Dept. of Foreign Affairs	73	13,943
VISA	-	9
Accruals and deferred income	2,775	2,881
	<u>10,450</u>	<u>24,435</u>