

Charity number: NIC100554

Omagh Support & Self Help Group
Trustees' report and financial statements
for the year ended 31 March 2024

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Legal and administrative information

Charity number	NIC100554
Business address	4F Lancer Buildings 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 2024

The trustees present their report and the financial statements for the year ended 31 March 2024. 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

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The Support Group during this period streamlined its services focusing on the Statutory Public Inquiry and advocating directly for Victims and Survivors. Acknowledgement, dignity Respect and Truth & Justice remain our values and Ethos.

The Inquiry began formally in February 2024, when the Government issued its Terms of Reference. However, in the lead up to this event, Omagh Support Group were actively engaged from the announcement by the Secretary of State on 2nd February 2023. We connected with stakeholders across Northern Ireland, Republic of Ireland, UK and Spain. Supporting those who have been most affected by this terrible atrocity in understanding the process of the Inquiry and the importance of their engagement. In seeking their views, we worked closely with the Inquiry management team to take a trauma informed approach and remained a source of expertise. We participated in the formulation of the terms of reference and liaised with the Irish Republic department of Justice in relation to their commitment to the Inquiry. The Group undertook an extensive paper review of material relevant to the inquiry. Thousands of soft and hard copy material were examined with extractions, redacted and presented to our legal team.

This year also marked the 20th anniversary of the Madrid bombing. We participated in preparation and planning towards the event which took place in Madrid on 10th March 2024 with the King of Spain in attendance. We continue to remember all victims of terrorist activity at home and around the world.

Advocating and supporting those who are vulnerable and living in financial austerity has also remained a priority. Proving form filing and advocate service to those living on welfare benefits or incapacitated is a social justice issue in promoting anti-oppressive practice.

Plans for future periods

Going into the year ahead, we will continue to focus on our priorities and provide high quality support to our Community

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.

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Report of the trustees for the year ended 31 March 2024

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 had regard to the Commission's Public benefit requirement statutory guidance.

On behalf of the board

Patsy Gallagher
Secretary

Charity Number: NIC100554

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Omagh

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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 2024 set out on pages 2 to 12.

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
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Statement of financial activities

For the year ended 31 March 2024

	Notes	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	2024 Total £	2023 Total £
Income from					
Charitable activities	2	160	15,640	15,800	13,870
Investments	4	274	-	274	39
Total income and endowments		434	15,640	16,074	13,909
Expenditure on					
Charitable activities	5	5,093	15,640	20,733	25,535
Other	6	4,718	-	4,718	5,737
Total resources expended		9,811	15,640	25,451	31,272
Net income/(expenditure)		(9,377)	-	(9,377)	(17,363)
Other					
Prior year adjustments		-	-	-	(1,846)
Net movement in funds		(9,377)	-	(9,377)	(19,209)
Total funds brought forward		28,718	7,657	36,375	55,584
Net movement in funds		19,341	7,657	26,998	36,375

The notes on pages 8 to 12 form an integral part of these financial statements.

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Balance sheet as at 31 March 2024

	Notes	£	2024 £	£	2023 £
Fixed assets					
Tangible assets	8		17,931		22,413
Current assets					
Cash at bank and in hand		17,286		24,412	
		<u>17,286</u>		<u>24,412</u>	
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	9	(8,219)		(10,450)	
Net current assets			9,067		13,962
Net assets			<u>26,998</u>		<u>36,375</u>
Funds					
Restricted income funds			7,657		7,657
Unrestricted income funds			19,341		28,718
Total funds			<u>26,998</u>		<u>36,375</u>

The financial statements were approved by the trustees on 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 2024

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 £	2024 Total £	2023 Total £
Department of Foreign Affairs Reconciliation Fund	14,563	14,563	13,870
Halifax foundation	1,077	1,077	-
	<u>15,640</u>	<u>15,640</u>	<u>13,870</u>

3. Other income

	Unrestricted funds £	2024 Total £	2023 Total £
Flowers	160	160	-
	<u>160</u>	<u>160</u>	<u>-</u>

4. Investment income

	2024 Total £	2023 Total £
Bank of Ireland Business Reserve	274	39
	<u>274</u>	<u>39</u>

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5. Costs of charitable activities

	Activities undertaken directly £	Grant funding £	2024 Total £	2023 Total £
Charitable activities	1,004	9,000	10,004	10,921
Support Costs	2,667	6,640	9,307	11,941
Governance costs	1,422		1,422	2,673
	<u>5,093</u>	<u>15,640</u>	<u>20,733</u>	<u>25,535</u>

	Charitable activities £	Support £	Governance £	2024 Total £	2023 Total £
Dept. of foreign affairs -core operational costs	9,000	5,563		14,563	13,870
Halifax - running costs		1,077		1,077	-
Travel costs		420		420	192
Volunteer/members expenses		-		-	3,090
Anniversary service	1,004			1,004	532
BBQ event	-			-	891
EU event	-			-	92
Victims' event London	-			-	900
Student group	-			-	143
Rent		2,017		2,017	1,293
Light & heat		547		547	28
Water rates		235		235	316
Office expenses		542		542	1,515
Accountancy			1,005	1,005	1,002
Trustees expenses			292	292	996
Trustees meetings			125	125	675
	<u>10,004</u>	<u>9,307</u>	<u>1,422</u>	<u>20,733</u>	<u>25,535</u>

6. Other resources expended

	Unrestricted funds £	2024 Total £	2023 Total £
Bank charges	236	236	134
Depreciation & impairment	4,482	4,482	5,603
	<u>4,718</u>	<u>4,718</u>	<u>5,737</u>

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7. Employees

Employment costs	2024	2023
	£	£
Wages and salaries	-	-
	<u> </u>	<u> </u>

No employee received emoluments of more than £60,000 (2023 : 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:

2024	2023
Number	Number
-	-
<u> </u>	<u> </u>

7.1. Trustees' expenses

The charity paid total expenses of £292 for two trustees in the year. The expenses paid related to properly approved costs incurred by the trustees relating to their work with the charity.

8. Tangible fixed assets	Fixtures, fittings and equipment	Total
	£	£
Cost		
At 1 April 2023 and At 31 March 2024	28,016	28,016
	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
Depreciation		
At 1 April 2023	5,603	5,603
Charge for the year	4,482	4,482
	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
At 31 March 2024	10,085	10,085
	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
Net book values		
At 31 March 2024	17,931	17,931
	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
At 31 March 2023	22,413	22,413
	<u> </u>	<u> </u>

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**9. Creditors: amounts falling due
within one year**

	2024	2023
	£	£
Other creditors	1	6,525
Halifax foundation	-	1,077
Dept. of Foreign Affairs	6,381	73
VISA	59	-
Accruals and deferred income	1,778	2,775
	<u>8,219</u>	<u>10,450</u>