

**Charity Registration Number: NIC100655**

**Dungannon Multiple Sclerosis Support Group**

**Trustee's Annual Report and Accounts**

**For the year ended 31 December 2023**

**Dungannon Multiple Sclerosis Support Group**

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**Dungannon Multiple Sclerosis Support Group**

**GENERAL INFORMATION**

**Board of Trustee's**

B Quinn  
C Walker  
B Davidson  
G O'Kane

**Registered Office**

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**Charity Registration Number**

100655

**Independent Examiners**

CavanaghKelly  
Chartered Accountants & Statutory Auditors  
36-38 Northland Row  
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## **Dungannon Multiple Sclerosis Support Group**

### **TRUSTEES' ANNUAL REPORT for the year ended 31 December 2023**

The Trustees, have pleasure in presenting their report and the accounts of the charity for the year ended 31 December 2023.

#### **Reference and Administration Details**

The reference and administration details of the charity are as shown on page 2.

#### **Objectives and Activities**

##### ***Objectives***

The Dungannon Multiple Sclerosis Support Group is established to relieve sickness and distress and to promote the benefit of, and the preservation and protection of health and well-being of people with Multiple Sclerosis (the beneficiaries) in the Dungannon area. The direct benefits which flow from this purpose include the reduction of stress and anxiety among people with Multiple Sclerosis, their carers, helpers and friends in the Dungannon area and increased protection and preservation of their health. Organising computer classes, exercise classes, and therapeutic services helps the members with Multiple Sclerosis, their carers, helpers and friends to reduce stress and anxiety and help them to be more active in their daily lives. The computer classes help create new skills and enable the members to learn a range of tasks such as shopping and banking online. This enables the people with Multiple Sclerosis to be more independent and not having to rely on other people to do their shopping and banking. It also enables the members with Multiple Sclerosis to communicate with family and friends online. There is no harm flowing from the purposes. The benefits outlined can be demonstrated through feedback from the users of the service. There are no private benefits flowing from the purposes.

##### ***Activities***

The Dungannon Multiple Sclerosis Support Group helps and encourages people with Multiple Sclerosis, their carers, helpers and friends by organising outings, events, meals etc. The group fosters an atmosphere of mutual support and encouragement among the beneficiaries and their relatives, helpers, carers and friends. The Dungannon Multiple Sclerosis Support Group raises money through flag days, raffles and through donations. The group have an annual summer outing and Christmas meal and organise computer classes, exercise classes and therapeutic services for members with Multiple Sclerosis, their carers, helpers and friends.

##### ***Public Benefit Statement***

The Trustees of Dungannon Multiple Sclerosis Support Group confirm that they have complied with their duty under section 4(6) of the Charities Act (Northern Ireland) 2008 to have regard to the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland's guidance on public benefit and that the public benefit requirement has informed the activities of the charity in the year ended 31 December 2023.

##### ***Achievements and Performance***

The Trustees have established the charity as a progressive enterprise to relieve sickness and distress and to promote the benefit of, and the preservation and protection of health and well-being of people with Multiple Sclerosis.

##### ***Financial Review***

##### ***Financial Performance***

The financial performance was in line with the Trustees expectations. The charity remains in a sound financial position at the year end. The results for the year are set out in detail on page 6 of the accounts.

## **Dungannon Multiple Sclerosis Support Group**

### **TRUSTEES' ANNUAL REPORT for the year ended 31 December 2023 (Continued)**

#### **Structure, Governance and Management**

##### ***Organisational Structure***

Dungannon Multiple Sclerosis Support Group is a charity administered and managed in accordance with its constitution, by the members of the Management Committee, constituted by clause 5 of the constitution. The constitution was formally adopted on 9 October 2014 by the members at the Annual General Meeting.

In accordance with the constitution, committee members may hold office for a period of up to 3 years and shall retire in rotation with the longest serving one third to retire at each Annual General Meeting. If it is not possible to determine that, then the third to retire shall be determined by drawing lots. On retirement, members will be eligible for re-nomination and election.

##### **Trustees' Responsibilities Statement**

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

The trustees are responsible for keeping proper 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 Act (Northern Ireland) 2008 and the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2015. 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.

This report was approved by the Board of Trustees on 5 December 2024 and signed on its behalf by:



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**Basil Davidson**

**Trustee**

**Charity Registration Number: 100655**

## **Dungannon Multiple Sclerosis Support Group**

### **INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT to the trustees on the accounts for Dungannon Multiple Sclerosis Support Group for the year ended 31 December 2023**

We report on the accounts of the charity for the year ended 31 December 2023 which are set out on page 6 and 7.

#### **Respective Responsibilities of Trustees and Independent Examiner**

As the charity's Trustees, you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act (Northern Ireland) 2008. It is our responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under section 65 of the Charities Act (Northern Ireland) 2008;
- follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland under section 65(9)(b) of the Charities Act (Northern Ireland) 2008; and
- state whether particular matters have come to our attention.

#### **Basis of Independent Examiner's Report**

We have examined your charity's accounts as required under section 65 of the Charities Act (Northern Ireland) 2008 and our 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 (Northern Ireland) 2008. The examination included 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 charity Trustees concerning any such matters.

Our role is to state whether any material matters have come to our attention giving us cause to believe:

- That accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 63 of the Charities Act (Northern Ireland) 2008; or
- That the accounts do not accord with those accounting records; or
- That the accounts do not comply with the accounting requirements of the Charities Act (Northern Ireland) 2008; or
- That there is further information needed for a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

#### **Independent Examiner's Statement**

We have completed our examination and have no concerns in respect of the matters listed above and, in connection with following the Directions of the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland, we have found no matters that require drawing to your attention.



**CavanaghKelly**  
**Chartered Accountants & Statutory Auditors**  
**36-38 Northland Row**  
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**BT71 6AP**

**Date: 5 December 2025**

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**CavanaghKelly, Chartered Accountants & Statutory Auditors**

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**INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023**

	<u>Restricted Funds</u> £	<u>Unrestricted Funds</u> £	<u>Total 2023</u> £	<u>Total 2022</u> £
<b>Income</b>				
Donations	-	1,501	<b>1,501</b>	3,271
Grants	91,684	-	<b>91,684</b>	76,195
<b>Fund Raising</b>				
- Raffle	-	-	-	-
Bank Interest Received	-	52	<b>52</b>	72
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>91,684</b>	<b>1,553</b>	<b>93,237</b>	79,538
<b>Less : Expenditure</b>				
Support Group and Meals	-	444	<b>444</b>	729
Summer Outings	-	-	-	-
Christmas Outgoings/Presents	-	1,383	<b>1,383</b>	1,256
Health and Wellbeing	74,564	-	<b>74,564</b>	78,160
Volunteer Expenses	6,975	-	<b>6,975</b>	6,975
Accountancy	-	-	-	600
Depreciation Expense	-	305	<b>305</b>	305
Insurance	-	450	<b>450</b>	465
Bank Fees	-	73	<b>73</b>	83
<b>Total Expenditure</b>	<b>81,539</b>	<b>2,655</b>	<b>84,194</b>	88,573
<b>Net Surplus / (Deficit)</b>	<b>10,145</b>	<b>(1,102)</b>	<b>9,043</b>	(9,035)
<b>Opening balance at 1 January 2023</b>	<b>18,982</b>	<b>27,996</b>	<b>46,978</b>	
<b>Surplus / (Deficit)</b>	<b>10,145</b>	<b>(1,102)</b>	<b>9,043</b>	
<b>Closing balance at 31 December 2023</b>	<b>29,127</b>	<b>26,894</b>	<b>56,021</b>	

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**BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2023**

	<b>Restricted Funds £</b>	<b>Unrestricted Funds £</b>	<b>Total 2023 £</b>	<b>Total 2022 £</b>
<b>Fixed Assets</b>	-	611	<b>611</b>	916
<b>Current Assets</b>				
Bank	29,127	26,283	<b>55,410</b>	46,062
<b>Total Net Assets</b>	<b>29,127</b>	<b>26,894</b>	<b>56,021</b>	<b>46,978</b>
<b>Total Funds/ Reserves</b>				
Reserves brought forward	18,982	27,996	<b>46,978</b>	56,013
Surplus for year	10,145	(1,102)	<b>9,043</b>	(9,035)
<b>Funds to carry forward</b>	<b>29,127</b>	<b>26,894</b>	<b>56,021</b>	<b>46,978</b>

We approve these financial statements and confirm that we have made available all relevant records and information relating to the income and expenditure of the Charity for the year ended 31 December 2023.

**Approved and signed on behalf of the committee by:**

*B. Davidson*

**Basil Davidson**  
Chairman

*Connie Walker*

**Connie Walker**  
Treasurer

**Date: 5 December 2024**