

## **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.

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**CavanaghKelly, Chartered Accountants & Statutory Auditors**

## **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**