



# Creggan Community Association

NIC 100799

Trustees Annual Report

1<sup>st</sup> October 2021 -30<sup>th</sup> September 2022

- The Charity is a company limited by guarantee established under a memorandum and articles of association, company registration number: NI036799
- Registered office: Creggan Community Centre, 416 Crockanboy Road, Creggan, OMAGH, Co Tyrone, BT79 9AF
- In fulfilling the public benefit requirement, the charity trustees have had regard to the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland's statutory public benefit guidance.

## The Company's objects are:

To promote the benefit of the inhabitants of the Creggan area and its immediate environs (hereafter called the "area of benefit") without distinction of age, sex, race, political or religious or other opinions by associating the statutory authorities, voluntary organisations, institution, business and inhabitants in a common effort to advance education and to provide facilities in the interests of social welfare for health, recreation and leisure-time occupation, with the object of improving conditions of life for the inhabitants; and to promote all or any objects for the benefit of the community which now or hereafter may be deemed by law to be charitable.

## Activities

The information below sets out the activities we have carried out to further our purposes and fulfil the public benefit elements during the last 12 months.

2022 saw an end to the social restrictions brought about by the corona virus pandemic, thus normal services resumed, and the committee has been working hard in getting events back up and running. There has been a total of 12 CCA monthly meetings, with additional meetings held for the organisation of the re-opening of the teenage discos, Christmas party, and sports day.

While funding and grants are important in keeping the community centre running, the association are successful at fund raising on their own behalf. Funds have been generated by a range of activities such as the weekly bingo, teenage discos, hall hire, and special events organised by the committee such as the sports day and the upcoming bizarre. Below is a short synopsis of the range of activities and events which the association were involved in throughout 2021-2022.

### **The community centre.**

With thanks to our extremely hard-working committee members, both the old and new halls are in continuous use. The old hall is being used as a day care facility and is at full capacity and we have developed an after schools' programme being run from the old youth club centre. The committee is always seeking ways to further the develop and make use of the hall to benefit all in our community. Maintenance work is completed on an ongoing basis, and we continue to be grateful for the hours of work put in by committee members Barry Mc Mullan and Cathal Loughran. Hall equipment and the hall itself are available for hire, should they be needed; providing that this does not clash with other established activities. The committee would encourage those who request these resources to ensure that they are returned immediately so that others can make use of them.



## Volunteers

The CCA would not be able to function without its members who have willingly given up some of their time to organise and take part in local events. The CCA are always keen to involve new members who will help bring new ideas to help keep the centre running. Therefore, we appeal to those who may be willing to participate in future activities to make themselves known to any committee member. Finally volunteering may be as small or as big a commitment as you wish.

## White Hare Daycare



The Daycare has continued to grow and develop with the hard work of the manager Catherine Donnelly and the entire day care staff, now employing 25 staff. The summer scheme will now be entering its second year and they have planned lots of activities for the children over the summer months.

## Bingo

Now in its 24<sup>th</sup> year, March 2022 saw bingo return to the indoor setting, after a successful drive-in bingo from the previous year (2021). As usual bingo took a summer break and resumed every Sunday in the autumn with much success having a special Christmas event with extra prizes. We have a small group of volunteers who help out weekly, and a special thanks to Sheila Grimes who has never missed a week at calling the numbers.

## Discos

With the removal of covid restrictions the committee worked hard in ensuring that the teenage discos were organised to the highest safety standards. Risk assessments were undertaken, and professional bouncing staff hired to ensure the safety of all those attending. The committee decided to use an online booking system (klubfunder) to control the number of children attending the event. The monthly discos ran from April until September 2022, with October and December discos having to be cancelled due to poor attendance. It was at the point the committee decided to suspend the discos.

## Irish dancing

The Irish dancing class continues with the Mullan school of dancing on a Tuesday and Thursday evening throughout the year with the exception of July. Louise and Alish have a steady group of children from creggan and the surrounding areas.

## Jujitsu

Continues every Saturday evening in the hall with instructor Christopher Colhoun. These continue to be popular with the children and adults attending.

## Christmas party

In December the committee decided to host a Christmas party for the children in the local and surrounding areas. Lots of hard work went into preparing the event, with committee members baking and making Christmas props for the events. There were arts and crafts, face painting, storytelling by Mrs Claus and Santa himself made an appearance. Due to its success the committee hopes to make this an annual event. At Christmas time the CCA always makes a charitable donation, this year we decided to stay local, and with the cost-of-living crisis on everyone's mind, monetary donations were made to the two local schools. St Colmcille's Primary received a donation of £200 and the Dean Maguire secondary school £300, with the hope that this money would provide breakfast/dinners.



Other events that were hosted in the hall this year include active kids/mini movers in May. The Fermanagh Omagh District Council summer scheme ran from the 4<sup>th</sup> July -8<sup>th</sup> July and was well attended and enjoyed by participants. The hall has been hired out for local children’s musical productions; Sean nos dancing ran for a short period in October. An Charrig Mhor hosted the football fundamentals from the hall on Saturday morning in the autumn. There have also been several coffee mornings in the hall for different charitable organisations.



### Purchases for the hall/day care.

With the day care going from strength to strength and the after-school programme running from the main hall, that committee felt that the football field required regular maintenance for its use. Thus, a ride on lawn mower was purchased spring 2022 and extra storage was also required. A shipping container has been located to the rear of the hall. The committee has recently hired a cleaner to maintain the inside of the new hall due to the increased use of the hall’s facilities.



### Finances

A review of the charities’ financial position confirms a successful year mainly down to income generated through our charitable activities, grants and fundraising. The charity had Income of £389,252 and Expenditure of £363,226

giving a surplus for the year of £26,026. We have net current assets of £329,427. The growth of White Hare Daycare undertook significant work and investment and is now doing well in terms of a Social Enterprise. The bulk of the Income and Expenditure over the year is attributed to White Hare Daycare.

The Charity's finances are in surplus and accounts are prepared to comply with the requirements of the Charity Commission for N Ireland.

Our activities do not lead to any harm. The only private benefit from our purposes is that a trustee or family member may participate in the same manner as all other beneficiaries, this is purely incidental and necessary so that the benefit is available to all inhabitants of the area.

## Trustees

The following trustees served during the financial period for Creggan Community Association:

- Sheila Grimes
- Sharon Begley
- Martin Fox
- Oonagh Bradley
- Mary T Conway
- Paddy McKernan
- Cathal Loughran
- Clare Haughey
- Sinead McMullan,
- Joanne Hughes
- Barry McMullan
- Patricia Grugan

Signed on behalf of the Trustees by:



Name: Sheila Grimes

Date: 20<sup>th</sup> July 2023