



Creggan Community Association

NIC 100799

Trustees Annual Report

1st October 2022 -30th September 2023

- 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

2022/2023 was a busy year for the committee members and their families. There has been a total of 10 CCA monthly meeting, with additional meetings held for the organisation of the community Christmas party, sports day and AGM.

While funding and grants are important in keeping the community centre running, the Association are successful in fund raising on their own behalf. Funds have been generated through a range of activities such as the weekly bingo in the autumn and winter months, hall hire, and special events organised by the committee such as the sports day. 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.

The community centre.

With thanks to our extremely hard-working committee members and the staff of the White Hare Daycare, both the old and new halls are in continuous use. The committee is always seeking ways to further the develop and make use of the hall to benefit all in our community and beyond. 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 generously given up their time to organise and take part in local events. The CCA are always keen to recruit 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 are able to undertake.

White Hare day care.



White Hare Daycare and After School has continued to grow and develop with the hard work of the day care manager Catherine Donnelly and the entire day care staff. Registered for 49 places per day in the daycare and 30 places per day in our After School premises daycare centre runs between 80-100% occupancy throughout the year. We currently have 121 children enrolled on our system and 26 staff members.

The summer scheme has completed its second successful year, and it is expected the numbers for next year increase as too will the numbers in the afterschool programme. In June 2023 the daycare developed a construction area in the back play area and further development is planned.

Bingo

Bingo continues to be a success for CCA, being one of the main sources of income for the hall. As usual bingo took a summer break and resumed every Sunday in the autumn with much success having a special Christmas appreciation evening with extra prizes. We have a small group of volunteers who help out weekly, and a word of special thanks to Sheila Grimes who has never missed a week at calling the numbers.

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 High school £300, to

provide breakfast/ dinners.



Sports day.



Creggan sports took place on Sunday 4th June 2023. This was a hugely successful day for the CCA, with committee members putting in a huge amount of effort into organising. Volunteers from the local community helped manage attractions as well as assisting with refreshments. Fortunately the weather was exceptional, and all outdoor activities were able to run without interruption which included amusements, bouncy castles, pony rides, petting zoo, hot food and indoor refreshments being served. Creggan sports wouldn't be complete without the fancy dress competition, races and of course the bony baby. We couldn't run the event without the help and support from the

community, the CCA are so grateful to all the volunteers who give us their time and look forward to planning next years event.

Other activities held throughout the year included Mini Movers in October and July 2023; Hip Hop classes hosted by urban motion in May 2023 and Active Kids in April 2023.

CCA also assisted Omagh Uniform Exchange as a local drop off and collection point for local primary and secondary schools, rather than parents having to travel into Omagh. It is hoped that we will be able to assist this organisation in the future to help local families with associated expenses of returning to school. The hall was also used as a drop off point for donations to O'Conner transport who delivered much needed aid to those affected the earthquakes in Turkey in March 2023.



The Fermanagh and Omagh District Council summer scheme could not be facilitated this year due the White Hare summer scheme running in the hall during the same time. It was hoped that next year the FODC could run during the 12th of July week as the day care takes a summer break. 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 GFC hosted the football fundamentals from the hall on Saturday mornings in the autumn. There have also been several coffee mornings in the hall for different charitable organisations.

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 £499,650 and Expenditure of £438,715 giving a surplus for the year of £60,935. We have net current assets of £383,170. 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

Cathal Loughran

Sinead McMullan,

Joanne Hughes

Barry McMullan

Patricia Grugan

Signed on behalf of the Trustees by:

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Sheila Grimes", is written over a horizontal line.

Name: Sheila Grimes

Date: 15th July 2024