

**Annadale and Haywood Residents Association – NIC-100995**  
**Annual Report to Trustees for the Financial Year 1<sup>st</sup> April 2022 to 31<sup>st</sup> March 2023**

*Annadale and Haywood Residents Association is founded to, "relieve poverty, sickness and the aged and to promote the benefit of the inhabitants of the Annadale area and its environs (hereinafter described as "the area of benefit") without distinction of age, gender, race, political, religious or other opinion, by associating the statutory authorities, voluntary organisations and inhabitants in a common effort to advance education, and to provide facilities in the interests of social welfare for recreation or other leisure-time occupation, with the object of improving the conditions of life for the said inhabitants; to establish or to secure the establishment of a Community Centre (hereinafter called "the Centre") and to maintain and manage or to co-operate with any local statutory authority in the maintenance and management of such a Centre for activities promoted by the Association and its constituent bodies in furtherance of the above objects."*

**For the year in question, the following persons served as Committee members and trustees of Annadale and Haywood Residents Association**

Gary Benson  
Affra Jennings  
Robert Storey  
Glen Hollinger  
Nev Gallagher  
Courtney Spence  
Chelsea Spence  
Sylvia McMaster  
Carol Robinson  
Megan Tait  
Mark Nesbitt  
Stephen Biggarstaff (retired)  
Allison Smith (retired)

**This Report is for the financial year from 1<sup>st</sup> April 2022 to 31<sup>st</sup> March 2023 and a summary of the Association's activities includes;**

The Association entered the financial year with a determination to rebuild its activities and its role in the local community as the community came through a number of extended lockdowns as a result of the pandemic. There was significant interruption to our activities during the course of the pandemic but members and volunteers had been active in the local community supporting vulnerable people and households facing challenges as a result of the experience of the previous two years.

Throughout this year Annadale and Haywood Residents Association supported and provided space for a variety of groups including the mums and tots group, the youth clubs, a senior citizens club and host the men shed group with weekly indoor bowling sessions..

Our mums and tots group has been going extremely well over the past year with them participating in a variety of trips and activities. They have enjoyed having photo shoots and making sentimental keep sakes from their children's young years, many of the mums that attend have made new friendships that reside within the group and also outside of it.

Our youth club has really taken off this year and the children have enjoyed doing cross community programs along with summer scheme and in house activities. The youth have created many wonderful things this year and have also hosted an end of summer scheme summer fair. They have partaken in a variety of external educational trips and it is evident that they are enjoying their time in youth club and developing the social skills and confidences through opportunities which the pandemic had previously denied them.

Our senior citizens group have partaken in a verity of tea dances this year linked in with other groups and have enjoyed art classes and healthy eating and wellbeing projects. The regular indoor bowling sessions which have started up and are supported by the Association has brought a large number of older men into the centre on a regular basis and we have seen how this has directly benefitted the well-being and improved the general outlook of this group in our community, a group which previously it has been difficult to engage with.

We have hosted a number of cross community projects this year along with well being projects and a variety of events to the wider community such as community mental health nights, Easter and summer fair, Christmas carol services and Santa sleighing through the area.

Over the course of the year a number of members of the Association retired from the Committee and from membership; these members had played a key role in re-establishing the Association and its activities during the difficult year of 2019 and our thanks to them has been recorded. We have also welcomed new members and a new Chairman and there is much optimism in the Centre as members, staff and volunteers continue to demonstrate a huge commitment to the Association and its role in the local community.

The committee continues to review the governance of the Association and the first stage of a Good Governance Health Check was completed in the fourth quarter; the Association continues to review all its activities and supporting policies and procedures including the management, maintenance and security of the Community Centre and shall continue to do so going forward.

### **Our Public Benefit**

The committee members and trustees annually reflect on our activities set against our stated Public Benefits, which are,

*Annadale and Haywood Residents association provides direct benefit to the local community by providing programmes and activities aimed at addressing issues of poverty and*

*particularly those issues affecting people as a result of their age, their state of health and general well-being. The Association also provides an indirect benefit in assisting other groups in the locality, i.e. statutory bodies, youth and community groups and churches better target and deliver their services and activities to those in need in our community. Annadale and Haywood Residents Association also provides a wider public benefit to the wider community in Northern Ireland by providing support, assistance and other benefits to those in need within the area of benefit; it is in the interests of the wider community that Annadale and Haywood residents association continues to help those in need in the Annadale area.*

The committee, following a consideration, believes that the work of the Association continues to contribute to the public benefit by running activities across the generations, providing access to health and educational resources by providing direct services to and transport to those who need it, within our area of benefit and in working together with our partners to provide, promote and enhance services available to local people.

#### **Financial Review**

The Association retained a healthy surplus from the previous financial year and members are invited to note the Annual Statement of Accounts provided.

Gary Benson

(Chairperson).