

# Derryhirk Rural Development Association

## GENERAL INFORMATION

Year ended 31 March 2023

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<b>Charity Name</b>	Derryhirk Rural Development Association
<b>Contact Address</b>	Derrycorry Orange Hall Derryhirk Road Dungannon Co Tyrone BT71 6NH
<b>Charity Registration Number</b>	NIC101098
<b>Trustees</b>	Lyn McCrea Joseph Campbell (resigned 20 October 2023) Barry McQueen Rosemary Matchett Desmond Mullen
<b>Secretary</b>	Lyn McCrea
<b>Independent Examiner</b>	GM <sup>°</sup> G PORTADOWN Chartered Accountants 17 Mandeville Street Portadown Craigavon Co Armagh BT62 3PB
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# **Derryhirk Rural Development Association**

## **TRUSTEES' ANNUAL REPORT *(continued)***

**Year ended 31 March 2023**

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### **Trustees' Annual Report for the year ended 31 March 2023**

The Trustees present the Annual Report and Statements of Receipts and Payments and Assets and Liabilities for Derryhirk Rural Development Association for the year ended 31 March 2023.

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

Derryhirk Rural Development Association is an unincorporated association. The Association was formed on 8 June 2004 and its governing instrument is its constitution.

The Association is administered by its officers who, for the purposes of charity law, are Trustees. Officers are sought according to the needs of the charity. The officers are assisted in the running of the charity by a committee consisting of a minimum of five members.

#### **Objectives and Activities**

The objects of the Association are:

- To advance through education the skills and knowledge of the inhabitants of the area of benefit;
- To facilitate the greater involvement of marginalised sections of the community, in particular women and girls, young people, the disabled and the elderly in the life of the community;
- To promote awareness of the history, folklore and cultural heritage of the area;
- To encourage acceptance, understanding and appreciation of the cultural diversity of the area of benefit;
- To promote, by education and encounter, good community relations with other groups and cultural traditions and to interact with same in a spirit of peace and community reconciliation.

#### **Achievements and Performance**

During the 2022-23 year, activities of Derryhirk Rural Development Association were affected by the aftermath of the Covid-19 pandemic. Like many other community organisations, we faced challenges resuming activities. Gifts were made in place of the annual dinner for senior citizens and the only event during the year was a visit to the Museum of Orange Heritage as part of the Platinum Jubilee celebrations.

We were successful in obtaining a grant for our running costs from ABC council via the Financial Assistance Programme, which greatly helped to cover our costs.

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### **Charities Commissioner of Northern Ireland - Statement of Compliance**

Derryhirk Rural Development Association has given careful consideration to the Charity commission for Northern Ireland's guidance on public benefit to ensure that the activities entered into help to achieve the charity's objectives and activities, as well as providing public benefit.

The benefit is defined as:

- The empowerment of the local community to improve their living conditions and environment.
- Provision of a more stable, safer neighbourhood by developing strong, positive relations between different people within the community.
- Improved health and wellbeing for the local community.
- Increased education and skills for participants.
- Increase social interaction and inclusion with other members of the local community.
- Access to further training and employment opportunities.
- The building of positive community relations at a local level and the development of a more inclusive civic and cultural identity.
- Provision of opportunities for the local community to explore their culture, history and identity.

The charity's beneficiaries are mainly (but not restricted to) inhabitants of the local area, including areas of Derrycorry, Derryhirk, Annaghmore, Tullyroan, Moy and Loughgall and to those visiting the area.

### **Financial Review**

The accounts show a deficit of £183 for the year (unrestricted deficit of £305, restricted surplus of £122).

The accumulated funds (unrestricted and restricted) at the year end stand at £17,559. Total unrestricted funds amounted to £4,634 (of which £4,194 relate to fixed assets and £440 to cash funds). Total restricted funds amounted to £12,925 (of which £12,735 relate to fixed assets and £190 to cash funds).

The Trustees have not set a minimum level of reserves to be maintained by the charity due to the nature of the charity's activities and minimal day to day running costs.

### **Going Concern**

The Trustees have reviewed the position of the charity and are of the opinion that the charity will continue in its activities and the accounts should be prepared on a going concern basis.

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### Statement of Trustees' Responsibilities

The Trustees are responsible for preparing the Trustees' Report, the Statement of Receipts and Payments and the Statement of Assets and Liabilities in accordance with applicable law and regulations.

The law applicable to those charities in Northern Ireland with income of less than £250,000 requires the Trustees to prepare a Statement of Receipts and Payments and a Statement of Assets and Liabilities for each financial year.

The Trustees are responsible for keeping accounting records that are sufficient to show and explain the charity's transactions and disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the assets and liabilities of the charity. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and hence taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

Principal address:

Derrycorry Orange Hall  
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Dungannon  
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BT71 6NH

Charity Registration No: NIC101098

Signed on behalf of the Trustees



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**Desmond Mullen**  
Trustee

Date ..... 15/10/24 .....