



## **Northern Ireland Polio Fellowship**

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**Web Page:** <http://polio-ni.org/>

**Officers:**

**Eddie McCrory - Chairperson**

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### **Report of the trustees for the year ending 31 December 2023**

The Trustees of the Northern Ireland Polio Fellowship present their annual report and audited accounts for the year ended 31 December 2018 and confirm that they comply with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 and the trust deed.

#### **Our Aims**

Representing the needs of people who have had or may yet have polio and post-polio syndrome or associated ailments.

Liaising with similar groups worldwide to receive and disseminate information and expertise.

#### **OUR OBJECTIVES**

The objects of the Fellowship are the relief of persons who have had or may yet have polio and post-polio syndrome or associated ailments in particular, but not exclusively by:

Assisting them to take their full integrated part in the life of the community.

Offering help, advice, information and support (financial or otherwise) to such people resident in Northern Ireland.

#### **REVIEW OF ACTIVITIES AND ACHIEVEMENTS**

January – December 2023

##### **Boccia Competitions**

Throughout the year our Boccia Team train in the Short Strand Community Centre and at St Bridget's Hall Antrim. The team take part in competitions all over Northern Ireland. This has resulted in numerous prizes over the year. Two of our Boccia members were invited to an all-Ireland competition lasting two days in Dublin. It resulted in the two receiving medals, one for coming in 3<sup>rd</sup> in a open group, and the other came 2<sup>nd</sup> in the BC4 group.

##### **Death of our chairman and good friend of the Polio Fellowship**

In April our chairman, Bobby Doughty, after a long illness passed away. This came as a big shock to all our members. As Bobby was a long term and well respected member it was decided to honour his memory by planting a tree in the grounds of the Culloden Hotel Estate. It was beautiful day to honour a much loved person.

### **Annual NI Polio Fellowship Games May 2023**

Our annual games held in May at the Everglades Hotel, Derry. We had 34 attending these games. Everyone was able to take part in either Boccia, Indoor Bowls, Ping Pong, or various table games.

### **Annual NI Polio Fellowship Dinner**

Members and Guest attended our annual Dinner. This event is always well attended, and this year was no exception with a total of 62. We always have a good response as far as ballot tickets are concerned.

### **Annual Barbeque**

Another great turnout to a very popular event.