



# Trustees' Annual Report for the period

Period start date			Period end date				
From	Day 01	Month 06	Year 2022	To	Day 31	Month 05	Year 2023

## Section A Reference and administration details

Charity name

ARDSTRAW FOOTBALL CLUB

Other names charity is known by

Registered charity number (if any)

NIC 101331

Charity's principal address

Douglas Road	
Newtownstewart, Omagh	
Co. Tyrone	
Postcode	BT78 4NE

### Names of the charity trustees who manage the charity

	Trustee name	Office (if any)	Dates acted if not for whole year	Name of person (or body) entitled to appoint trustee (if any)
1	Robert Dunlop			
2	Gordon Kinloch			
3	Trevor Robinson	Treasurer		
4	William Scott	Secretary		
5	Keith Gallagher			
6	Aaron Hempton	Chairperson		
7	Nigel Kee			
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### Names of the trustees for the charity, if any, (for example, any custodian trustees)

Name	Dates acted if not for whole year

**Names and addresses of advisers (Optional information)**

Type of adviser	Name	Address

**Name of chief executive or names of senior staff members (Optional information)**

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**Section B Structure, governance and management**

**Description of the charity's trusts**

Type of governing document  
(eg. trust deed, constitution)

Constitution
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How the charity is constituted  
(eg. trust, association, company)

Unincorporated Association
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Trustee selection methods  
(eg. appointed by, elected by)

Elected by vote
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**Additional governance issues (Optional information)**

You may choose to include additional information, where relevant, about:

- policies and procedures adopted for the induction and training of trustees;
- the charity's organisational structure and any wider network with which the charity works;
- relationship with any related parties;
- trustees' consideration of major risks and the system and procedures to manage them.

<p>Ardstraw Football Club detail the following duties for our trustees:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ensure the charity is carrying out its charitable purposes for the public benefit</li> <li>• Comply with the charity's Governing Document</li> <li>• Be accountable and comply with the charity guidelines</li> <li>• Manage our charity's resources responsibly</li> <li>• Act in the best interests of our charity</li> <li>• Act with reasonable skill and care</li> </ul>
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**Section C Objectives and activities**

**Summary of the objects of the charity set out in its governing document**

<p>The advancement of education The advancement of community development The advancement of amateur sport</p>
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**Summary of the main activities undertaken for the public benefit in relation to these objects (include within this section the statutory declaration that trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit)**

Ardstraw Football Club enables our local community to actively participate in sport, in doing so we promote physical wellbeing, mental wellbeing, education, integration and social cohesion. Our key objective is to provide recreational, educational and sporting opportunities for the next generation youth, whilst involving people of all ages, abilities and backgrounds from the local community. This is achieved by offering the services of qualified coaches, necessary equipment and appropriate facilities. As an organisation we do not discriminate in any way in our membership policies and are wholly open to all sections of the community. The club have a core purpose in the promotion of amateur sports participation and operate strictly on a non-profit making basis, we re-invest any profits into the sports club. Our activities aim to improve the physical and mental wellbeing of all participants, creating a progressive pathway for sustained involvement for all age groups from youth to elderly. We also aim to combat social exclusion, deprivation, isolation and inequality among young people in our community. We also strive to build partnerships with local schools, voluntary organisations, local residents, governing bodies, government agencies and neighbouring sports clubs.

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#### **Additional details of objectives and activities (Optional Information)**

**You may choose to include further statements, where relevant, about:**

- policy on grantmaking;
- policy programme related investment;
- contribution made by volunteers.

The Advancement of Citizenship or Community Development A key objective of Ardstraw Football Club ('the club') is to get people involved in their local community. The organisation is wholly inclusive; individuals can get involved as participants, volunteers, coaches or spectators. Public benefits of the organisation are to improve physical wellbeing, reducing social isolation, develop people's confidence, provide suitable facilities for the local community to come together and participate in relevant activities, bring diverse groups together including different ethnicities and age groups, build community knowledge and pride. The Advancement of Education The club is dedicated to educating its members through involvement in relevant activities. The organisation aims to develop the physical education of participants as well as developing individual capabilities, competences, skills and understanding. Through participation, coaching, spectator's or volunteering individuals will benefit from the promotion and sustaining of individual and collective knowledge and understanding in the field of sport, for example the club offers individuals the opportunity to coach younger teams and gain experience, earn a coaching or first aid qualification etc. The Advancement of Amateur Sport The main objective of the club is to provide the facilities, training, equipment and opportunity for the local community to participate in the sport of Football. The organisation caters for participants from the age of 7 years to senior level and is entirely inclusive of all members of society. The organisation offers participants the opportunity to get involved in sport as players, coaches, managers, volunteers, spectators etc. The organisation aims to promote and develop the footballing capabilities of the local community and promote participation in football. Membership of the club is open without discrimination and the club's facilities are open to members without discrimination. The club is organised on an amateur basis, non-profit making and provides for members and their guests by the provision of sporting facilities, reasonable provision and maintenance of club-owned sports equipment, provision of suitably qualified coaches and the provision of costs associated with coaching courses. There is no harm flowing from the purposes and no private benefit. The beneficiaries are the inhabitants of Newtown Stewart and the surrounding environs

**Summary of the main achievements of the charity during the year**

Operational Activities

- As an organisation, we have continued our objective of encouraging the community to participate in sport and recreation.
- We are delighted to see so many former players and youth players, progressing through the club to senior football and present-day youth coaches.
- *In addition, we are delighted to see so many former players return to the organisation as volunteers in coaching, maintenance, administrative duties etc.*
- It is hoped that, with commitment and continued support, we can further develop our girls / ladies' section – this is an area of high priority in our progression during the next two years.
- We will continue provide high level coaching, mentorship and support to the local community and residents.
- The Continued development of our youth system has resulted in increased numbers and more teams playing small sided games – *this is also evident in the additional youth teams we entered into competitive football completions during 2023.*
- Committed hard work, fundraising and grant aid have contributed to the development of our facilities e.g., purchase of a tractor for ground maintenance, new technology, training equipment etc. – *these investments have ensured we can better cater for the local demand and helped us become more self-sufficient with our maintenance work and other projects.*

During 2022/23 we further boosted our volunteer numbers and provided additional charitable activities to our local community, users and visitors

## Section E

## Financial review

### Brief statement of the charity's policy on reserves

Ardstraw Football Club operate solely on the basis of income from donations and grant aid. To ensure operation of our organisation for the period of 6 months (unlimited basis) - £4,000 is restricted for the charity reserves.

### Details of any funds materially in deficit

### Further financial review details (Optional information)

You may choose to include additional information, where relevant about:

- the charity's principal sources of funds (including any fundraising);
- how expenditure has supported the key objectives of the charity;
- investment policy and objectives including any ethical investment policy adopted.

#### Capital Projects

- During 2022/2023 we continued to invest in capital projects - benefiting from grant aid to support our causes.
- A total of £35,120 was invested in projects such as purchasing a tractor for ground maintenance and general upkeep in our facilities (£24,000). upgrading our new storage container (£9,174) and the purchase of a VEO camera (£1,946)
- These projects have enabled us to provide a better facility and environment for our users, and allowed us to better interact with technology advancements.
- Grants were obtained from Irish FA, DAERA, SSE, Derry City & Strabane District Council etc.

## Section F

## Other optional information

## Section G

## Declaration,

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report above.

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s) *A. Hempton*

Full name(s) AARON HEMPTON

Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc) CHAIRPERSON

Date 22/03/2024