



Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From	Period start date			To	Period end date		
	01	06	2023		31	05	2024

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			
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
How the charity is constituted (eg. trust, association, company)	Unincorporated Association
Trustee selection methods (eg. appointed by, elected by)	Elected by vote

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.

Ardstraw Football Club detail the following duties for our trustees:

- Ensure the charity is carrying out its charitable purposes for the public benefit
- Comply with the charity's Governing Document
- Be accountable and comply with the charity guidelines
- Manage our charity's resources responsibly
- Act in the best interests of our charity
- Act with reasonable skill and care

Section C Objectives and activities

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

The advancement of education
The advancement of community development
The advancement of amateur sport

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 to be successful in our objectives – mainly being our local community participating in sport and recreation.
- During 2024 we launched a new girls team to further develop our girls / ladies' section – this will remain an area of high priority in our progression as a club.
- To facilitate our growth, we will continue to provide high level coaching, mentorship and support to the local community and residents.
- We have introduced an additional training night for school aged children – with the assistance of local council grants we have increased numbers and now have more teams playing small sided games.
- New technology, training equipment, and machinery have all enabled our club to broaden their prospects and digitalise certain aspects of our operations.
- We are delighted to see more 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.
- In 2025, it is our ambition to begin a capital project which will introduce a new training room and community hub to our facilities.

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.

During 2023/2024 we continued to invest in our base and playing facilities.

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)	<i>T. Robinson</i>	
Full name(s)	TREVOR ROBINSON	
Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)	TREASURER	
Date	09/10/2024	