

BALLYWALTER YOUTH & COMMUNITY COOPERATIVE

BALLYWALTER VILLAGE HALL

49/51 MAIN STREET

BALLYWALTER

NI Charity Registration No 101447

April 2023– March 2024 TRUSTEES' ANNUAL REPORT

TRUSTEES

Mrs A Fisher

Mr E Pickering

Mr C Dempster

Ballywalter Youth & Community Cooperative during this period continues to provide a shared community space for community groups, statutory organisations etc to meet and offer services at Ballywalter Village Hall. The hall operates over 2 floors with a disabled lift providing access to the 2nd floor, it has a large hall for bigger activities, Training Room, IT Suite, Kitchen, Storage Rooms and Office Space and 2 self-contained business units

During this period, we had 12 regular user groups 25 ad hoc users from Voluntary and Local Government Departs. In addition, the hall was used by Ballywalter Community Action Group to to deliver the Coronation Celebration Event, Christmas Festival, Rabbe Burns Night and St Patrick's Day Event. Newtownards Jobs and Benefits Office delivers an Outreach Support Services to those on benefits and seeking support and work. Ards Peninsula Village Partnership met weekly to plan Ards Peninsula Kite Festival. United Ulster History Forum organised a Military Exhibition as part of Remembrance Day, this was attended by school children from 4 schools and public. All the user groups offer services for isolated older people, as well as running training or information workshops.

In addition, the hall has 2 business units, this allows us to provide space for 2 local businesses – Barbers and Hair & Beauty Salon they between them provide employment for 6 people and deliver services to Ballywalter and the surrounding areas this saves residents the costs of travelling to Newtownards or Bangor.

Ballywalter Village Hall is an integral part of the community and means that the Main Street in the village and continues to be the focal point of that area as it provides a welcoming and accessible space for community use to meet all needs.

Alison Fisher

Secretary