

**Registration number NI042832**  
**Charity Number: NIC101598**

**Community Organisations of South Tyrone and Areas Ltd**  
**Company limited by guarantee**

**Directors' report and financial statements**

**for the year ended 31 March 2023**

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**Directors' Report**  
**for the year ended 31 March 2023**

The Trustees, who are also the directors for the purpose of company law, are pleased to present their annual report and the financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31st March 2023.

**Reference and administrative details**

|                          |  |
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| <u>Charity Number</u>    | NIC101598<br>The charity is constituted as a company limited by guarantee as per the Memorandum of Association |
| <u>Registered Number</u> | NI042832   |
| <u>Registered Office</u> | Presidents Grants Homestead<br>45 Dergenagh Road<br>Dungannon<br>Co. Tyrone<br>BT70 1TW                        |
| <u>Auditors</u>          | MacNeary, Rasdale & Co. Ltd<br>Wellington House<br>30 Darling Street<br>Enniskillen<br>Co. Fermanagh           |
| <u>Bankers</u>           | Ulster Bank Limited<br>14 High Street<br>Omagh<br>Co. Tyrone<br>BT78 1BJ                                       |

Directors & Trustees

The directors of the charitable company (the charity) are its trustees for the purpose of charities and throughout this report are collectively referred to as the Directors.

The directors serving during the year and since the year end were as follows:

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| <i>Directors</i> | Mr Richard Knox (Chairperson)<br>Ms Carmen Hamill (Vice Chairperson)<br>Mr Trevor Lockhart (Secretary & Company Secretary)<br>Mr John Burrell MBE (Treasurer)<br>Ms Heather Nixon-McLaughlin<br>Mr Raymond Harrison<br>Prof Wilfred Mitchell OBE<br>Mr David McFarlane<br>Mr Anthony McGonnell<br>Ms Rosina O'Neill |
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| <i>Company Secretary</i> | Mr Trevor Lockhart |
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**Structure, Governance and Management**

Governing Document

Community Organisations of South Tyrone and Areas Limited was incorporated as a Company Limited by Guarantee in 2002 with a registration number of NI 042832.

The Community Organisations of South Tyrone and Areas Limited was approved for registration as a charity with the Charity Commission for NI on 21<sup>st</sup> March 2013, with a registration number of NIC 101598.

Appointment of directors

The number of Directors shall be not less than four or more than fifteen.

Quorum for meetings is three of all members or the number nearest one third of total members which ever is greater.

One third (or the number nearest one third) of the Directors must retire at each AGM, those longest in office retiring first. A retiring Director shall be eligible for re-election.

Membership is open to other persons (aged 18+) who are invited to become members of the Charity by the Directors and apply to the Charity in the form required by the Directors.

Organisation

Community Organisations of South Tyrone & Areas (COSTA) is a rural Support Network organisation. COSTA's principle activity is providing community development support primarily to rural community groups in Dungannon & South Tyrone Borough Council area. This takes the form of helping local groups to determine need in their respective communities, identifying funding opportunities and providing support to develop and deliver projects. COSTA's particular focus is helping groups with the NI Rural Development Programme, social economy, rural poverty, social isolation and developing community capacity and leadership. COSTA also provides a local community resource library and community venue at Presidents Grant's Homestead. COSTA provides a Newsletter, a regular email communications, events and informal support, training, information and workshops to build community capacity, promote good governance, and good/community relation within Dungannon Council Area.

Related Parties

Community Organisations Of South Tyrone & Areas continues to work in close partnership with Cookstown & Western Shores Area Network (CWSAN).

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Risk Management

The trustees have taken a detailed review of the major risks to which the charity is exposed. A major risk exists with regard to future core funding for the organisation as the current contract for the Rural Community Development Support Service (RCDSS) as this funding stream will come to an end in 2024. The funding stream provided by RCDSS provided the essential key source of the organisation's income to ensure retention of the office and essential staffing resources. The Board believes the organisation has considered this risk and made provision under the Reserves Policy will be vigilant of the organisation's risks as new contracts and tenders are negotiated in the coming months. This situation is true of a large swathe of the sector at this point in time, however, COSTA Trustees are confident that they will be able to sustain the organisation with both current contracts, current reserves and new opportunities. The Network has applied jointly with CWSAN to DAERA's new Tender process for the RCDSS and has been successfully awarded a new contract which will run for up to 5 years ahead.

Risks to Directors, staff, clients and members of the public are covered by robust directors, employers and public liability insurances.

Directors are ever aware of their governance responsibilities and a reserve fund is maintained so that in the unlikely event that the charity had to close, the Directors would be in a position to honour redundancy payments and other legal and moral obligations.

Risks of misappropriation of funds are managed through financial policies and procedures including a fraud policy and the annual external audit of accounts.

Risk management policies and procedures are in place and are reviewed regularly.

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**Objectives & Activities**

In ensuring that the activities of COSTA provide a public benefit, all our activities are related to one or more of the following charitable objectives:

- A. to promote the efficiency and effectiveness of voluntary and community organisations and projects in the area of benefit by providing advice information, education and training, administrative support and practical assistance to such organisations and projects for the benefit of the public;
- B. to promote or assist in the promoting community capacity building programmes and projects for the benefit of the people in the area of benefit who have need of such assistance;
- C. to promote or assist in the promotion of and cooperation and networking between voluntary and community organisations in the area of benefit between themselves and others;
- D. to support community development, social inclusion and wellbeing activities and to work with partners to support and improve the conditions of the inhabitants in rural life and the development of a sustainable community;
- E. to identify the funding and policy needs of voluntary and community organisations in the area of benefit;
- F. to promote the advancement of health and well-being;
- G. to promote good relations, religious and racial harmony and equality and diversity;
- H. to promote awareness of the community in the area of benefit among public bodies, service providers and statutory agencies and to act as a representative of voluntary and community organisations offering services and support to the inhabitants in the area of benefit;
- I. to advance any other exclusively charitable purpose as the directors, may from time to time, decide in accordance with the law of charity.

**Achievements and Performance**

The overall aim is to improve the health and wellbeing of people living in rural deprived areas, thus supporting those rural dwellers living in or at risk of poverty and social exclusion.

**Key Activities for the Year:**

**Rural Community Development Support Service (RCDSS)**

Community Organisations of South Tyrone and Areas Ltd (COSTA) in conjunction with Cookstown and Western Shores Area Network (CWSAN) have continued to work in close partnership. With over 8 years now already completed, we strive towards the start of our 13th year, in April 2023, of delivering the 'Rural Community Development Support Service' for the Mid Ulster area covering the Dungannon and South Tyrone area (COSTA) and the Cookstown & Magherafelt areas (CWSAN).

The key elements of this current contract with the Department of Agriculture, environment & Rural Affairs (DAERA) supported through their Tackling Rural Poverty and Social Isolation Framework (TRPSI) are:

- 1. Local Groups: Increased Awareness/ Improved Capacity & Enhanced Sustainability;
- 2. Local Individuals: Improved Capacity of Individuals, Farmers & Farm Families;
- 3. Relationships: Bonding, Bridging & Linking.

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The RCDSS provides on-going practical Community Development support services - responsive local group's needs:

Events / Workshops / Visits / Meetings.

- Newsletters / E-Bulletins / Public Relations.
- Facebook Page / Website.
- Use of 'Grant-Tracker' / funding searches etc.
- Assistance with funding applications.
- Networking & Sharing expertise.
- Capacity Building, Training.
- Good Practice Checklists & Action Plans.
- Governance & Board / Management Committee Skills.
- Office Services – access to photocopying, fax and email.
- Resources, Library, Equipment loan.
- Wide range of Management & Leadership Support Services.
- Community Audit (support), SWOTs, Profiles, Statistics.
- Policies, Procedures, Good Practice Guides.
- Action Plans, Needs Assessments, Skills Reviews.

### **Financial Review**

Overall the Directors feel that the Charity has performed well over the year. Despite the increasingly difficult funding climate, the Board of Directors have managed to maintain a sound financial basis. This has been achieved through a very proactive and focused approach in the implementation of a successful fundraising strategy, continuous review of over-heads and the introduction of cost saving measures.

The Directors have also been able to ensure that core funding has been retained into the coming year.

A Reserves Policy is in place, which allows for an annual reserve to be held ranging between a minimum of £25,000 to £35,000. The actual free reserves at 31 March 2023 are £20,899 in order to ensure that the organisation holds sufficient reserves to meet any unforeseen scenarios.

Community Organisations of South Tyrone and Areas Limited has a Reserves Policy which details why reserves are held and the level of reserves appropriate for the charity. The trustees review the level of free reserves required (that is those funds not tied up in fixed assets, designated and restricted funds) on an annual basis to ensure continuity of charitable operations.

The charity is looking ways of increasing funding to meet current needs and this is reviewed annually. Designated reserves for various purposes are detailed and a cash flow fund is held to bridge any potential gaps or short-falls in finding streams and to underpin variable programmes that are experiencing cash flow problems. A staffing fund is held to cover sickness, maternity and to meet all redundancy costs.

### **Plans for the Future Periods**

The Company plans to continue in developing its services in line with its strategic priorities outlined above and it will seek to develop collaborative partnerships with a range of external agencies. Funding arrangements will be kept under review in relation to demand for service improvements and constraints on public expenditure. As a networking organisation, we take seriously our role in supporting the local rural and community infrastructure, disseminating best practice, and sharing experiences so that communities can learn from each other.

### **Public Benefit Statement**

The direct benefits which flow from this purpose include improves: cooperation; good/community relations; networking; skills; confidence; governance in community groups; increased capability in the management of community projects and facilities; increased access to funding for groups to develop projects; better informed group representatives about the sector and opportunities; enhanced ability to participate in decision making on policies which affect rural areas; more access to equipment as and when groups require it; strengthened ability of groups and individuals to avail of programmes which will improve their circumstances and opportunities. These benefits are evidenced through feedback from attendees at our events using evaluation forms; surveys conducted with member groups; records of loans/using equipment; verbal feedback of services provided; and independent evaluation of our services by funders. There is no harm anticipated from this purpose. The charity's beneficiaries are primarily the people living in rural areas of Dungannon & South Tyrone Borough Council area. A private benefit to Trustees may arise from our ongoing services and programme of training, good practise visits, direct support to groups, support provided through grants or information provision. Through this, Trustees gain skills, experience, or grant aid which are transferable to other settings, and which may benefit their own community group. Our own Trustees receive information in the same way as other beneficiaries. These benefits are incidental and necessary to ensure the benefit is provided to our beneficiaries.

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**Trustees' responsibilities statement**

The trustees, who are also directors for the purposes of company law, are responsible for preparing the trustees' report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

Company law requires the charity trustees to prepare financial statements for each year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charitable company and the incoming resources and application of resources, including the income and expenditure, for that period.

In preparing these financial statements, the trustees are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles in the applicable Charities SORP;
- make judgments and accounting estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in business.

The trustees are responsible for keeping adequate accounting records that are sufficient to show and explain the charity's transactions and disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Companies Act 2006. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

**Auditor**

Each of the persons who is a trustee at the date of approval of this report confirms that:


- so far as they are aware, there is no relevant audit information of which the charity's auditor is unaware; and
- they have taken all steps that they ought to have taken as a trustee to make themselves aware of any relevant audit information and to establish that the charity's auditor is aware of that information.

The auditor is deemed to have been re-appointed in accordance with section 487 of the Companies Act 2006.

**Small company provisions**

This report has been prepared in accordance with the provisions applicable to companies entitled to the small companies exemption.

The trustees' annual report was approved on 30<sup>th</sup> September 2023 and signed on behalf of the board of trustees by:



Richard Knox  
Chairperson



Trevor Lockhart  
Secretary

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**Independent Auditors' Report to the members of Community Organisation of South Tyrone and Areas Ltd**  
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**Opinion**

We have audited the financial statements of Community Organisation of South Tyrone and Areas Ltd for the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> March 2023 which comprise statement of financial activities (including income and expenditure account), statement of financial position and notes to the financial statements, including a summary of significant accounting policies. The financial reporting framework that has been applied in their preparation is applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards, including Financial Reporting Standard 102 The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

In our opinion, the financial statements:

- Give a true and fair view of the state of the company's affairs as at 31<sup>st</sup> March 2023
- Have been properly prepared in accordance with the United Kingdom General Accepted Accounting Practice;
- Have been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006.

**Basis for opinion**

We conducted our audit in accordance with International Standard on Auditing (UK) (ISAs (UK)) and applicable law. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements section of our report. We are independent in accordance with the ethical requirements that are relevant to our audit of the financial statement in the UK, including the FRC's Ethical Standard, and we have fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with these requirements. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

**Conclusions relating to going concern**

We have nothing to report in respect of the following matters in relation to which the ISAs (UK) require us to report to you where:

- The directors' use of the going concern basis of accounting in the preparation of the financial statements is not appropriate; or
- The directors have not disclosed in the financial statements any identified material uncertainties that may cast significant doubt about the company's ability to continue to adopt the going concern basis of accounting for a period of at least twelve months from the date when the financial statements are authorised for issue.

**Other information**

The directors are responsible for the other information. The other information comprises the information included in the annual report, other than the financial statements and our auditor's report thereon. Our opinion on the financial statements does not cover the other information and, except to the extent otherwise explicitly stated in our report, we do not express any form of assurance conclusion thereon.

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In connection with our audit of the financial statements, our responsibility is to read the other information and, in doing so, consider whether the other information is materially inconsistent with the financial statements or our knowledge obtained in the audit or otherwise appears to be materially misstated. If we identify such material inconsistencies or apparent material misstatements, we are required to determine whether there is a material misstatement in the financial statements or a material misstatement of the other information. If, based on the work we have performed, we conclude that there is a material misstatement of this other information, we are required to report that fact.

We have nothing to report in this regard.

**Opinions on other matters prescribed by the Companies Act 2006**

In our opinion, based on the work undertaken in the course of the audit:

- The information given in the directors' report for the financial year for which the financial statements are prepared is consistent with the financial statements; and
- The directors' report has been prepared in accordance with applicable legal requirements.

**Matters on which we are required to report by exception**

In the light of the knowledge and understanding of the company and its environment obtained in the course of the audit, we have not identified misstatements in the directors' report.

We have nothing to report in respect of the following matters in relation to which the Companies Act 2006 require us to report to you if, in our opinion:

- Adequate accounting records have not been kept by the company, or returns adequate for our audit have not been received by us; or
- The company financial statements are not in agreement with the accounting records and returns; or
- Certain disclosures of directors' remuneration specified by law are not made; or
- We have not received all the information and explanations we require for our audit.

**Responsibilities of directors**

As explained more fully in the directors' responsibilities statement, the directors are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements and for being satisfied that they give a true and fair view, and for such internal control as the directors determine is necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the financial statements, the directors are responsible for assessing the company's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless the directors either intend to liquidate the company or to cease operations, or have no realistic alternative but to do so.

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**Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements**

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance, but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with ISAs (UK) will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of these financial statements.

This report is made solely to the company's members, as a body, in accordance with Chapter 3 of Part 16 of the Companies Act 2006. Our audit work has been undertaken so that we might state to the company's members those matters we are required to state to them in an auditors report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, we do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the company and the company's members as a body, for our audit work, for this report, or for the opinions we have formed.

As part of an audit in accordance with ISAs (UK), we exercise professional judgment and maintain professional scepticism throughout the audit. We also:

- Identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error, design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks, and obtain audit evidence that is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion. The risk of not detecting a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than for one resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control.
- Obtain an understanding of internal control relevant to the audit in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the company's internal control.
- Evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates and related disclosures made by the directors.
- Conclude on the appropriateness of the directors' use of the going concern basis of accounting and, based on the audit evidence obtained, whether a material uncertainty exists related to events or conditions that may cast significant doubt on the company's ability to continue as a going concern. If we conclude that a material uncertainty exists, we are required to draw attention in our auditor's report to the related disclosures in the financial statements or, if such disclosures are inadequate, to modify our opinion. Our conclusions are based on the audit evidence obtained up to the date of our auditor's report. However, future events or conditions may cause the company to cease to continue as a going concern.
- Evaluate the overall presentation, structure and content of the financial statements, including the disclosures, and whether the financial statements represent the underlying transactions and events in a manner that achieves fair presentation.
- Obtain sufficient appropriate audit evidence regarding the financial information of the entity or business activities to express an opinion on the financial statements. We are responsible for the direction, supervision and performance of the audit. We remain solely responsible for our audit opinion.

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We communicate with those charges with governance regarding, among other matters, the planned scope and timing of the audit and significant audit findings, including any significant deficiencies in internal control that we identify during our audit.



*Anthony Rasdale (Senior Statutory Auditor)*

*For and on behalf of*  
*MacNeary, Rasdale & Co. Limited*  
*Chartered Accountants & Statutory Auditor*  
*Wellington House*  
*30 Darling Street*  
*Enniskillen*  
*Co. Fermanagh*

*30<sup>th</sup> September 2023*

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**STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES (including Income & Expenditure account)**  
**31 MARCH 2023**

|                                      | Note   | 2023<br>Unrestricted<br>Funds<br>£ | 2023<br>Restricted<br>Funds<br>£ | 2023<br>Total<br>Funds<br>£ | 2022<br>Total<br>Funds<br>£ |
|--------------------------------------|--------|------------------------------------|----------------------------------|-----------------------------|-----------------------------|
| <b>Income and endowments</b>         |        |                                    |                                  |                             |                             |
| Donations and gifts                  | 3      | -                                  | -                                | -                           | -                           |
| Charitable activities                | 4      | -                                  | 48,470                           | 48,470                      | 46,555                      |
| Release of Deferred Income           |        | -                                  | -                                | -                           | -                           |
| <b>Total Income</b>                  |        | -                                  | 48,470                           | 48,470                      | 46,555                      |
| <b>Expenditure</b>                   |        |                                    |                                  |                             |                             |
| Expenditure on charitable activities | 5<br>6 |                                    | 42,751                           | 42,751                      | 43,633                      |
| <b>Total Expenditure</b>             |        |                                    | 42,751                           | 42,751                      | 43,633                      |
| Net income/ (deficit)                |        |                                    | 5,719                            | 5,719                       | 2,922                       |
| Other recognised gains and losses    |        |                                    |                                  |                             |                             |
| Other gain/(losses)                  |        |                                    |                                  |                             |                             |
| Net movement in funds                |        | -                                  | 5,719                            | 5,719                       | 2,922                       |
| Total funds brought forward          |        | 20,899                             | 47,071                           | 67,970                      | 65,048                      |
| Total funds carried forward          |        | 20,899                             | 52,790                           | 73,970                      | 67,970                      |

The statement of financial activities includes all gains and losses recognised in the year.  
All income and expenditure derive from continuing activities.

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**Statement of Financial Position**

**As At 31 March 2023**

|   | Notes | Unrestricted/ Total<br>Funds 2023 | Unrestricted/ Total<br>Funds 2022 |
|---|-------|-----------------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| <b>Fixed assets</b>                                   |       |                                   |                                   |
| Tangible fixed assets                                 | 9     | -                                 | -                                 |
| <b>Current assets</b>                                 |       |                                   |                                   |
| Debtors   | 10    | -                                 | -                                 |
| Cash at bank and in hand                              |       | 88,198                            | 82,479                            |
| <b>Creditors: amounts falling due within one year</b> | 11    | 1,500                             | 1,500                             |
| <b>Net current assets</b>                             |       | 86,698                            | 80,979                            |
| <b>Total assets less current liabilities</b>          |       | 86,698                            | 80,979                            |
| <b>Deferred income</b>                                |       | (13,009)                          | (13,009)                          |
| <b>Net assets</b>                                     |       | 73,689                            | 67,970                            |
| <b>Funds of the charity</b>                           |       |                                   |                                   |
| Restricted funds                                      |       | 52,790                            | 44,071                            |
| Unrestricted funds                                    |       | 20,899                            | 24,119                            |
| <b>Total charity funds</b>                            | 13    | 73,689                            | 67,970                            |

These financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the provisions applicable to companies subject to the small companies regime.

The financial statements were approved and authorised for issue by the board on 30<sup>th</sup> September 2023 and signed on its behalf by:



Mr Richard Knox (Chairperson)



Mr Trevor Lockhart (Secretary)

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**General information**

The charity is a private company limited by guarantee, registered in Northern Ireland and a registered charity in Northern Ireland.

**1. Statement of compliance**

These financial statements have been prepared in compliance with FRS 102, "The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and the Republic of Ireland", the Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (Charities SORP) (FRS 102).

**2. Accounting Policies**

**Basis of preparation**

The financial statements have been prepared on the historical cost basis.

The financial statements are prepared in sterling, which is the functional currency of the entity.

**Going Concern**

There are no material uncertainties about the charity's ability to continue.

**Judgements and key sources of estimation uncertainty**

The preparation of the financial statements requires management to make judgements, estimates and assumptions that affect the amounts reported. These estimates and judgements are continually reviewed and are based on experience and other factors, including expectations of future events that are believed to be reasonable under the circumstances.

**Fund accounting**

Unrestricted funds are available for use at the discretion of the directors to further any of the charity's purposes.

Restricted funds are subject to restrictions on their expenditure declared by the donor.

**Incoming Resources**

All incoming resources are included in the statement of financial activities when entitlement has passed to the charity; it is probable that the economic benefits associated with the transaction will flow to the charity and the amount can be reliably measured. The following specific policies are applied to particular categories of income:

- Income from donations or grants is recognised when there is evidence of entitlement to the gift, receipt is probable and its amount can be measured reliably.
- Income from donated goods is measured at the fair value of the goods unless this is impractical to measure reliably, in which case the value is derived from the cost to the donor or the estimated resale value. Donated facilities and services are recognised in the accounts when received if the value can be reliably measured. No amounts are included for the contribution of general volunteers.
- Income from contracts for the supply of services is recognised with the delivery of the contracted service. This is classified as unrestricted funds unless there is a contractual requirement for it to be spent on a particular purpose and returned if unspent, in which case it may be regarded as restricted.

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**Resources expended**

Expenditure is recognised on an accruals basis as a liability is incurred. Expenditure includes any VAT which cannot be fully recovered, and is classified under headings of the statement of financial activities to which it relates:

- Expenditure on raising funds includes the costs of all fundraising activities, events, non-charitable trading activities, and the sale of donated goods.
- Expenditure on charitable activities includes all costs incurred by a charity in undertaking activities that further its charitable aims for the benefit of its beneficiaries, including those support costs and costs relating to the governance of the charity apportioned to charitable activities.

All costs are allocated to expenditure categories reflecting the use of the resource. Direct costs attributable to a single activity are allocated directly to that activity. Shared costs are apportioned between the activities they contribute to on a reasonable, justifiable and consistent basis.

**Limited by guarantee**

Community Organisations of South Tyrone and Areas Ltd is a company limited by guarantee and accordingly, does not have a share capital.

Every member of the company undertakes to contribute such amount as may be required not exceeding £1 to the assets of the charitable company in the event of it being wound up while he or she is a member, or within one year after he or she ceases to be a member.

**3. Unrestricted Income**

|                         | <b>Unrestricted<br/>Funds<br/>£</b> | <b>2023<br/>Total<br/>£</b> | <b>2022<br/>Total<br/>£</b> |
|-------------------------|-------------------------------------|-----------------------------|-----------------------------|
| Donations and Gifts     | -                                   | -                           | -                           |
|                         | -                                   | -                           | -                           |
| Deferred Income Release | -                                   | -                           | -                           |
|                         | -                                   | -                           | -                           |

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**3. Restricted Funds**

|  | <b>Restricted Fund<br/>Income<br/>£</b> | <b>2023<br/>Total<br/>£</b> | <b>2022<br/>Total<br/>£</b> |
|--|---|-----------------------------|-----------------------------|
| <b>Analysis of Grant Income Received</b> |   |                             |                             |
| DAERA Grant                              | 43,750                                  | 43750                       | 43,195                      |
| MUD Strategic Network Grant              | 3,000                                   | 3000                        | 3,000                       |
| CSWAN                                    | 720                                     | 720                         |                             |
| Rural Warm & Chatty Place                | 1,000                                   | 1000                        | 360                         |
|  | <u>48,470</u>                           | <u>48,470</u>               | <u>46,555</u>               |

**4. Analysis of resources expended**

|   | <b>Unrestricted<br/>Expenditure<br/>2023<br/>£</b> | <b>2022<br/>Total<br/>£</b> |
|---|--|-----------------------------|
| <b>Analysis of resources expended for charitable activities</b> |  |                             |
| COSTA Covid-19 Micro Grants                                     | -  | -                           |
| Staff Pension Costs   | -  | -                           |
| General Expenses  | -  | 438                         |
| Travel Expenses   | -  | -                           |
| Bank Fees   | -  | -                           |
| Light & Heat  | -  | -                           |
| Subscriptions   | -  | -                           |
|   | <u>-</u>   | <u>438</u>                  |

Charitable expenditure comprises those costs incurred by the charity in the delivery of its activities and services for its beneficiaries.

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**6. Analysis of resources expending for grant purposes**

|                                       | <b>2023</b>   | <b>2022</b>   |
|---------------------------------------|---------------|---------------|
|                                       | <b>Total</b>  | <b>Total</b>  |
|                                       | <b>£</b>      | <b>£</b>      |
| Analysis of restricted grant expenses |               |               |
| DAERA Grant                           | 43,750        | 43,195        |
| MUDC Grant                            | 3,000         | 0             |
|                                       | <u>46,750</u> | <u>43,195</u> |

**7. Staff Costs**

No employee received emoluments of more than £60,000.

The true staff costs of the company during the year is noted below. The staff costs disclosed in the accounts have been reduced as they have been funded by a DAERA Grant .

|                                   | <b>2023</b>   | <b>2022</b>   |
|-----------------------------------|---------------|---------------|
|                                   | <b>£</b>      | <b>£</b>      |
| Wages & Salaries                  | 30,507        | 30,507        |
| Social Security and Pension Costs | 2,746         | 2,746         |
|                                   | <u>33,253</u> | <u>33,253</u> |

**Amounts of Staff Costs Funded by Grant Assistance**

|                     |        |        |
|---------------------|--------|--------|
| DAERA Grant Funding | 33,253 | 33,253 |
|---------------------|--------|--------|

**8. Emoluments of Directors**

No director or member received any remuneration from the company during the year (2023: £Nil).

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**9. Tangible Fixed Assets**

| Cost:            | Fixtures<br>& Fittings<br>£ | Total<br>£   |
|------------------|-----------------------------|--------------|
| At 31 March 2022 | 4,979                       | 4,979        |
| Additions        |                             |              |
| Disposals        |                             |              |
| At 31 March 2023 | <u>4,979</u>                | <u>4,979</u> |

**Accumulated Depreciation:**

|                  |              |              |
|------------------|--------------|--------------|
| At 31 March 2022 | 4,979        | 4,979        |
| Charge for year  |              |              |
| At 31 March 2023 | <u>4,979</u> | <u>4,979</u> |

**Net Book Value:**

|                  |          |          |
|------------------|----------|----------|
| At 31 March 2022 | <u>-</u> | <u>-</u> |
| At 31 March 2023 | <u>-</u> | <u>-</u> |

**10. Debtors**

|               | 2023<br>£ | 2022<br>£ |
|---------------|-----------|-----------|
| Other Debtors | -         | -         |
|               | <u>-</u>  | <u>-</u>  |

**11. Creditors : Amounts falling due within one year**

|                                     | 2023<br>£     | 2022<br>£     |
|-------------------------------------|---------------|---------------|
| Accruals                            | 1,500         | 1,500         |
|                                     | <u>1,500</u>  | <u>1,500</u>  |
| Deferred Income - Government Grants | 13,009        | 13,009        |
|                                     | <u>13,009</u> | <u>13,009</u> |

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**12. Provisions for liabilities and charges**

There are no provisions for liabilities and charges in the current or previous year.

**13. Total Charity Funds**

There was no fund transfer between restricted and unrestricted funds within the year.

|  | <b>Total<br/>Fund<br/>£</b> | <b>Total<br/>£</b> |
|--|-----------------------------|--------------------|
| Balance of unrestricted funds at 1 April 2022                            | 20,899                      | 20,899             |
| Deficit allocation to general reserves                                   | -                           | -                  |
| <b>Balance of unrestricted funds at 31 March 2023</b>                    | <u>20,899</u>               | <u>20,899</u>      |
| <br>   |                             |                    |
| Balance of restricted funds at 1 April 2022                              | 47,071                      | 47,071             |
| Surplus allocated to restricted reserve                                  | 5,719                       | 5,719              |
| <b>Balance of restricted funds at 31 March 2023</b>                      | <u>52,790</u>               | <u>52,790</u>      |
| <br>   |                             |                    |
| <b>Total funds both restricted and unrestricted<br/>at 31 March 2023</b> | <u>73,689</u>               | <u>73,689</u>      |

**14. Cash Flow Statement**

Under the provisions of Financial Reporting 102, the company is permitted to prepare annual accounts which exclude a Cash Flow Statement.