

## THE BIRCHES COSY CLUB & DAY CARE CENTRE ANNUAL REPORT FOR THE YEAR 2023

CHARITY NUMBER 101621

Financial year from 1 January 2023 until 31 December 2023

### Public Benefit

In setting our objectives and planning our activities for the year the trustees have given careful consideration to the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland's guidance on public benefit to ensure that the activities have helped to achieve the charity's purposes and provide a benefit to the beneficiaries. All our activities are related to one or more of the following charitable objectives.

1. The advancement of citizenship or community development
2. The advancement of health or the saving of lives
3. The advancement of arts, culture, heritage or science.

Our New Year started on the 10<sup>th</sup> January when John came and entertained us with his singing. We had story telling with Steve Lally, Bingo and Natural Home Care Products which brought us to the end of January. In February we again had John, cooking with Pauline Skelton, then music, song and story telling with Mary Fox. Mary had a super group of young people of all ages who were really very talented.

March carried on with a similar theme with Pauline back with more cooking skills, which we got to sample. We had a morning with the Maghey group and got to hear Mary Fox with her music group again.

April we had an outing to Woodlawn Garden Centre after which there was an Easter break. On opening up again after Easter Hazel Boland taught everyone how to make flowers with wet felt. The month ended with Bingo as our arranged story teller didn't turn.

But he did appear the first week in May and told his stories. On 9<sup>th</sup> May we did a tea party to celebrate the Coronation of King Charles. Our guest was Jim Smart who entertained us with song, poems and his ukulele.

More crafts brought us through May and into June when the AGM was arranged for 6<sup>th</sup>.

Outgoing secretary Edith read her report before treasurer Emma, Chairperson Mrs Hawthorne Hynds had stepped down due to her being resident in a nursing home. Elections then took place and the following were elected into office;

✓ Chairperson; Miss Harriet Millsopp

✓ Secretary; Mrs Mary Stafford

✓ Treasurer; Mrs Emma Doyle

Committee;

✓ Mrs Margaret Boyd

✓ Mrs Mrytle Bell

✓ Mrs Sandra Ogibly

✓ Mrs Reba Jackson

✓ Mrs Margaret Wilson

✓ Mrs Lucy Tate

✓ Mrs Edith Stevenson

✓ Mrs Evelyn Millar

✓ Miss Sally Murphy.

Outgoing ladies were thanked for their work over the years and gifts were presented to Mrs Edith Stevenson who was secretary from the Cosy Club from it began.

Our weekly meetings carried on as usual for a few weeks as usual before the summer recess. On 13<sup>th</sup> June we all went to Birches School, where the Armagh Rhymers and the school children provided excellent entertainment and we had brilliant fun. On the following two weeks the Lough Neagh Boatbuilders helped members to make wooden planters which were finished off with lovely spring flowers. This brought us into July and we had Bingo on the last Tuesday before summer break.

We opened up again on 15<sup>th</sup> August when Bruce White came along to help everyone finish drawings which were started earlier in the year. The following week we set off on our summer outing to Downpatrick. Stopping for morning tea/coffee in Downpatrick centre. On we went to Newtownards to shop, then to McKee's farm shop for our evening tea. From 28<sup>th</sup> August we settled into our weekly routine with Bingo Boccha, Music, Games and Quizzes. At the beginning of October we had visitors who read poems and reminisced over olden days. Cathy

Devlin from ABC Council came regularly to do exercise and light dance movements to help with strength and balance. Halloween brought the Playgroup children over to decorate apples for us all and usual everyone got an apple home with them. In November we started Christmas activities with Molly and Me, then Mary Benson did her card making.

On 12<sup>th</sup> December we all went to The Royal Hotel in Cookstown for our Christmas dinner. This was a wonderful event and the suburb food was set off by the Christmas atmosphere. This finished our programme for year 2023.

The Craft Club continued to meet every Tuesday afternoon to continue with their Quilting etc for the Linus Trust and knitting of Trauma Teddies. They joined with morning group for outings, parties and dinners.

Signed Mary Steppend.

Date 20.9.2024.

## **TRUSTEES**

### **The trustees who served during the year 1 January 2023 to 6 June 2023**

Hawthorne Hynds

Edith Stevenson

Emma Doyle

Reba Jackson

Myrtle Bell

Evelyn Miller

Lucy Tate

Margaret Boyd

Sandra Ogilby

### **The trustees who served from 6 June 2023 to 31 December 2023**

Chairperson; Miss Harriet Millsopp

Secretary; Mrs Mary Stafford

Treasurer; Mrs Emma Doyle

Committee;

Mrs Margaret Boyd

Mrs Myrtle Bell

Mrs Sandra Ogibly

Mrs Reba Jackson

Mrs Margaret Wilson

Mrs Lucy Tate

Mrs Edith Stevenson

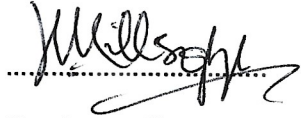
Mrs Evelyn Millar

Miss Sally Murphy.

There were no funds held by the charity that was in any way deficit at the end of our financial year and we had a closing balance of £2648.54. We have also included a list of outings and activities on a separate page to the report.

All trustees have agreed to this report.

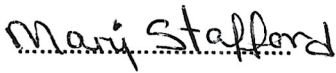
Signed by on behalf



Date 19-9-2024

Harriett Millsopp

Chairperson



Date 20-9-24

Mary Stafford

Secretary

## **THE BIRCHES COSY CLUB**

### **ACTIVITIES & OUTINGS 2023**

January 10 <sup>th</sup>	Music
January 17 <sup>th</sup>	Story Telling with Steve Lally
January 24 <sup>th</sup>	Bingo
January 31 <sup>st</sup>	Natural Home Care Products by Molly & Me
February 7 <sup>th</sup>	Music
February 14 <sup>th</sup>	Week 1 Cook it Programme with Pauline
February 21 <sup>st</sup>	Week 2 Cook it Programme with Pauline
February 28 <sup>th</sup>	Music, song & story telling with Mary Fox
March 7 <sup>th</sup>	Music
March 14 <sup>th</sup>	Bingo
March 16 <sup>th</sup>	Morning invite to Maghery - music etc with Mary Fox
March 21 <sup>st</sup>	Week 3 Cook it Programme with Pauline
March 28 <sup>th</sup>	Week 4 Cook it Programme with Pauline
April 4 <sup>th</sup>	Outing to Woodlawn Garden Centre, Carryduff
April 11 <sup>th</sup>	Easter Break
April 18 <sup>th</sup>	Art - Wet Felting with Hazel Bowland
April 25 <sup>th</sup>	Bingo
May 2 <sup>nd</sup>	Story Telling with Steve Lally
May 9 <sup>th</sup>	King Charles III Coronation Tea Party + Jim Smart
May 16 <sup>th</sup>	Candle Making with Molly & Me
May 23 & 30 <sup>th</sup>	Art delivered by ACNI
June 6 <sup>th</sup>	AGM & Music
June 13 <sup>th</sup>	Armagh Rhymers at The Birches Primary School

June 20 & 27 <sup>th</sup>	Wooden Planter making with Maghery Boat Builders
July 4 <sup>th</sup>	Bingo
Summer Break	
August 15 <sup>th</sup>	Art
August 22 <sup>nd</sup>	Summer Outing – Downpatrick/Newtownards
August 29 <sup>th</sup>	Bingo
September 5 <sup>th</sup>	Beetle Drive/quiz
September 12 <sup>th</sup>	Beauty Session
September 19 <sup>th</sup>	Chi Me/Strength & Balance with Cathy Devlin ABC
September 26 <sup>th</sup>	Debt/money advice – Citizen Advice
October 3 <sup>rd</sup>	Poetry & Readings
October 10 <sup>th</sup>	Chi Me/Strength & Balance with Cathy Devlin, ABC
October 17 <sup>th</sup>	Scams & Safety - PSNI
October 24 <sup>th</sup>	Intergenerational Halloween activity with playgroup
October 31 <sup>st</sup>	Chi Me/Strength & Balance with Cathy Devlin ABC
November 7 <sup>th</sup>	Music
November 14 <sup>th</sup>	Christmas Craft Activity with Molly & Me
November 21 <sup>st</sup>	Chi Me/Strength & Balance with Cathy Devlin ABC
November 28 <sup>th</sup>	Christmas Crafts
December 5 <sup>th</sup>	Card Making with Mary Benson
December 12 <sup>th</sup>	Christmas Lunch at Royal Hotel Cookstown
Closed	