

Flying Horse Ward Community Forum Trustees Report 2023 – 2024

1. The Charity is known as The Flying Horse Ward Community Forum.

2. Charity Commission Number is 101730

3. The Group Purpose is;

Purpose 1.) The Forum is established to: relieve poverty, sickness and the aged and to promote the benefit of the inhabitants of the Flying Horse Ward and it's environs (hereinafter described as “the area of benefit”)without distinction of age, sex, race, political, religious or other opinion, by associating the statutory authorities, voluntary organisations and inhabitants in a common effort to advanced education and to provide facilities in the interests of social welfare for recreation or other leisure- time occupation with the object of improving the conditions of life for the said inhabitants;

Purpose2.) to establish or secure the establishment of a Community Centre (hereinafter Called “the centre”) and to maintain and manage or to co-operate with any local statutory authority in the maintenance and management of such a Centre for activities promoted by the Forum and its constituent bodies in furtherance of the above objects.

4. **The Trustees – Management Committee – as at 31st March 2024.**

Lisa Perry – Chairperson

Kathleen Mullan – Treasurer

Denise Kelly – Assistant Treasurer

Jennifer Laverty – Secretary

Volunteers

Michelle Kearney

5. This report is for the financial year 1st April 2023 – 31st March 2024.

6. This is the 5th report submitted to Charity Commission.

7. Activities carried out in 2023 – 2024

- Support given to two senior groups Downpatrick Men Only and Active Mind Active Body, provided a number of activities including Yoga, Mindfulness, Boccia, bingo, Falls Prevention talk, arts & crafts, Ten Pin Bowling and various health talks.
- Attended meetings with a number of agencies to address Anti-social Behaviour within the estates.
- Designed a youth diversionary project in Ballymote.
- Attend regular meetings such as interagency, Housing community Network, Neighbourhood renewal, DEA and community engagement groups.
- The Forum in partnership with local community groups held the following events: Walk For Life, summer Family Event and Christmas Family event.
- Planning permission for New Build to replace the Trojan Horse passed and still awaiting funding.

8. The group always regard to the Commission's public Benefit whereby

The direct benefits which flow from purpose 2.1 includes access to facilities and activities to improve education, health and wellbeing.

These benefits are demonstrated through feedback from participants and beneficiaries and by the level of uptake of services. The purposes of our charity will not lead to any harm.

The charity's beneficiaries are people living in Ballymote and Cathedral Wards areas of Downpatrick.

A private benefit to trustees may arise from our programme of ongoing training programmes. Through this training trustees gain skills and experience which are transferable to other settings. These benefits are incidental and necessary to ensure the benefit is provided to our beneficiaries.

The direct benefits which flow from purpose 2.2 includes giving people a meeting place i.e. Trojan Horse (The Centre) to maintain and manage with support from to get together with others to enjoy social interaction and to take part in activities of a social and recreational nature. The participants learn new skills and share their own knowledge and skills with each other. These benefits are demonstrated through feedback from participants and beneficiaries and by the level of uptake of our activities. The purpose of our charity will not lead to any harm.

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9. Assets

- 3 office desks
- 3 office chairs
- 1 computer

10. Liabilities

- Trojan Horse Closed down due to unsafe to use, we continue to pay insurance for the building.

11. Finance

- Balance 1st April 2023 £82.03
- Income £510.29
- Expenditure £389.58
- Reserves £2401.14
- Balance 31st March 2024 £2687.91

12. Chairperson ...Lisa Perry..... Date ...31/03/2024.....

Secretary Jennifer Laverty.....Date 31/03/2024.....