

The Village Garden (Broughshane) Ltd

Trustees' Report

The trustees, who are directors for the purposes of company law, present the annual report together with the financial statements of the charitable company for the year ended 31 March 2024.

Objectives and activities

Objects and aims

The company's objectives and principal activities are to promote benefit of the inhabitants of the Broughshane and surrounding area without distinction of race, religion or political opinion.

Objectives, strategies and activities

The main objectives and activities for the year continued to focus on the promotion of the area and its inhabitants. The strategies employed to meet these objectives included:

Offer a neutral venue for any group/organisation/individual in which to meet.

Liaise with the statutory/voluntary organisations and act as a lead partner for Ballymena East Rural Community Cluster

Act as an advice centre to our affiliated groups along with administrative/office support.

Provide rental office accommodation in order to generate a sustainable income.

Provide rental of a cottage.

Maintenance of a website.

Support and develop connections of all community/voluntary groups in the area.

Provide support in organising community events.

Public benefit

The trustees confirm that they have complied with the requirements of the Charities Act (Northern Ireland) 2008 to have due regard to the public benefit guidance published by the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland.

Financial review

Policy on reserves

The Charity aims to use their income in furtherance of their objectives and any small amounts in the unrestricted funds are held to meet any unforeseen expenditure that may occur.

Trustees and officers

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

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Trustees:

Mr Barry Bamber
Mrs Mae Clark
Mr Andrew Davison
Mr Leonard Fenton
Mrs Mary Knox
Dr Tony Redmond
Mr Sandy Wilson
Mrs Anna Louise Lamont

Secretary: Mrs Anna Louise Lamont

Structure, governance and management

Nature of governing document

The organisation is a charitable company limited by guarantee, incorporated on 4 March 1998, registered as a charity with HMRC on 6 September 2001 and registered with The Northern Ireland Charities Commission on 9 October 2015. The company was established under a Memorandum of Association which established the objects and powers of the charitable company and is governed under its Articles of Association. In the event of the company being wound up, trustees are required to contribute an amount not exceeding £5.

Recruitment and appointment of trustees

Under the requirements of the Memorandum and Articles of Association, the trustees are elected to serve until the next Annual General Meeting following their appointment after which they are eligible for re-election.

Organisational structure

The development manager is responsible for the organisation and administration of the charity. An assistant is employed to look after the cleaning and maintenance of Houston's Mill and Broughshane House.

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Statement of trustees' responsibilities

The trustees (who are also the directors of The Village Garden (Broughshane) Ltd 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), including FRS 102 "The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland".

Company law requires the trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year. Under company law the trustees must not approve the financial statements unless they are satisfied that they give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charitable company and of the incoming resources and application of resources, including its income and expenditure, of the charitable company for that period. In preparing these financial statements, the trustees are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles in the Charities SORP;
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable accounting standards, comprising FRS 102 have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements; and
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charitable company will continue in business.

The trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records that can disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charitable company 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 charitable company and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

The trustees are responsible for the maintenance and integrity of the corporate and financial information included on the charitable company's website. Legislation governing the preparation and dissemination of financial statements may differ from legislation in other jurisdictions.

The annual report was approved by the trustees of the charity on 25 June 2024 and signed on its behalf by:



Mrs Anna Louise Lamont
Company Secretary