

# Apostolic Work Down & Connor

## Trustees' Annual Report

Year ended 30 November 2022

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The trustees present their report and the unaudited financial statements of the charity for the year ended 30 November 2022.

### Reference and administrative details

**Registered charity name** Apostolic Work Down & Connor

**Charity registration number** NIC102490

**Principal office** Down & Connor Centre  
Xavier House  
156 Cliftonpark Avenue  
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### The trustees

Mrs M McGrath  
Mrs G Goodall  
Mrs J O'Boyle  
Mrs P White

**Independent examiner** Dermot Corr (FCA) DC Corr and Company  
29B Main Street  
Randalstown  
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### Structure, governance and management

Apostolic work, Down & Connor is an unincorporated charity.

The board of Trustees are responsible for the strategic management of the charity. Trustees are responsible for making decisions on matters of day to day running of the charity, future projects and all matters concern to the charity. The Trustees also make decisions on how funds are allocated and on bills to be paid.

New trustees are interviewed by the Board of Trustees and then put to the Membership Executive for approval. The charity ensure new Trustees receive relevant training from the President and the board of Trustees.

### Risk Management

The Trustees review the major risks which the charity faces and believe that the policy on reserves, as stated below provides sufficient resources in the advent of adverse conditions. The trustees examine business and other operational risks faced by the charity and confirm that systems to monitor and mitigate significant risks are in place.

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## **Trustees' Annual Report** *(continued)*

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### **Objectives and activities**

The purpose of the charity is the prevention of relief of poverty, the advancement of religion, the financial hardship or other disadvantage. Through fundraising activities and donations, we are able to respond to request from Missionaries in overseas and developing countries. Throughout the year we have funded projects for the relief of poverty, education/training, religious activities, medical/health/sickness, community transport, counselling/support, disability, oversea aid/famine relief, accommodation/housing, community development, playgroup/after schools, volunteer development and general charitable purposes.

#### Main activities

Donations, member subscriptions, Gift Aid, cake sales, coffee mornings, Christmas & Easter events, table quiz, ballots, tombola, bingo tea.

#### Public benefit

The Trustees have had regard to the Public Benefit Requirements of the Charity Commission.

### **Achievements and performance**

We have provided details of all our donations received and missionaries helped. There was a significant increase of £193,802 in incomes received this year due to one off benefactory donations and other increased donations. However the covid 19 pandemic still continues to have an impact in reducing donations from parishes in comparison to pre-pandemic years. This has a direct impact on the amount of expenditure sent to the missions.

### **Financial review**

The results are set up on pages 9 to 17 and show for the year ended 30 November 2022, Apostolic Work Down and Connor had a surplus of funds of £118,142. The closing bank balance is £395,890. During the year, there was a one off benefactory donation which increased the income received but Covid 19 still has a significant impact on the reduction in the income received in the period and in the next year to 30 November 2023. The amount of expenditure will reduce accordingly. The trustees expect the income to return to pre-Covid 19 levels once the churches and parish centres are allowed to re-open.

#### Reserves policy

The reserves are part of the charity's unrestricted funds that are freely available to spend on any of the charity's purposes.

The reserves policy of the charity is to hold reserves that represent a minimum of three months expenditure of the organisation.

The Statement of Financial Activities shows a net increase in Unrestricted funds of £118,142 and a change of restricted funds of £Nil.

The charity has a total charity funds of £574,798 at 30 November 2022.

### **Plans for future periods**

The charity intends to continue to meet its objectives in the future, maintaining the projects it currently supplies.

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## Trustees' Annual Report *(continued)*

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The trustees' annual report was approved on 7/3/23 and signed on behalf of the board of trustees by:



Mrs M McGrath  
Trustee