

WINDYHALL COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

2025 CHAIRMANS REPORT

Another year gone and again it has been a pleasure to chair our community group and work with a great group of people in our estate and try and do some good in the area .

As the year started we began making plans for events first up was easter we had our anual egg hunt and easter party very well supported by the local community some 30 young kids with their pare nts in attendance made for a great day sometime after easter we were contacted by a local church group to see if we had any interest in doing something together of course we thought it was a good idea and the church group organised a BBQ to gauge what support they would get the BBQ went very well and was a success and left things open for future events with group.

After easter it came time to plan our annual July festival to which we got downhearted when we were not give our usual council funding it left us without any funds to run any events the feeling in our group and indeed other Coleraine groups who all got their funding denied was that the money was spent on the return off the GOLF so the local people had to pay the price and be left out .

Lucky for us we were in contact with Gareth from Coleraine housing executive whom we met at inter agency meetings Gareth was able to obtain funding for our July event which meant it could go ahead as usual to which the community where very happy about especially the young children I would like to out here in text our thanks to Gareth and Coleraine H.E for their help and last Minuit rescue of our July event which was very successful and well supported by family's from Windyhall and surrounding areas including members of the church group.

In August we met up with the church group again at their request to talk about having something in the area to engage with the local people and get some feedback on anything they could do in the area there was talk of a senior youth club so we arranged an end of summer fun day and BBQ which they funded the day was well supported and a senior youth club is in the planning stage for 2026.

Into September and talks for our next events started but lack of funding would prevent our annual Halloween party, so our focus went to Christmas with what little money we had we decided to do meals for our elderly residents in December this turned into a bigger event after we were contacted by the church group we worked with previously they gave us a donation which meant we could scale up and provide Christmas dinner for all over 60s in Windyhall we invited them down to the community centre and gave a 3 course meal and for those unable to attend due to health issues we had their meal delivered and in the evening we had Christmas music and treats for the kids and of course a special visit from Santa which made a perfect ending to a great day which was well attended and we received a lot of positive feedback for especially the dinner.

To finish up id like give huge thanks to our group volunteers who put in the hard work and make everything possible none of this would happen without them and another huge thankyou to the church group for helping us with a donation .

Looking forward now to 2026 and more hard work in the community.

Chairperson

