

KILLOWEN AND CHURCHLANDS COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION (KACCA) ANNUAL REPORT FOR  
FINANCIAL YEAR

31 MARCH 2023- 31 MARCH 2024

This report was presented to the trustees /group members as a résumé of activities for the above  
year and accepted as a fair report of the activities carried out.

The association is a small group consisting of about 18 members of which 10 -12 are very active. There are only two female members - female membership is being encouraged but is proving difficult. Funding unfortunately is reducing year on year and other fund raising may need to be looked at over the next financial year .Unfortunately over the past year approx we have lost 3 very strong members through bereavement

Meetings usually( x12)are held monthly except during the month of December and July . The committee meets during these holiday months to attend to any business arising

This year has been a very quiet year. As the group has only a small membership projects which are undertaken have to be achievable and realistic as well as time bound and involving little cost.

Income this financial year again has been a local council grant which has been more than used up by way of group insurance and hall rent. Other grants have been well use to buy a projector for the group and a successful Coronation event funded by the Ulster Scots.The group concerns itself with mainly environmental issues and attempts to make the area more pleasant for all inhabitants. Most of these projects involved on average 8-10 members

Some of the main activities are listed below:-

- 2 area clean ups in conjunction with KEEP NORTHERN IRELAND CLEAN/ ADOPT A SPOT!
- 6x litter patrols to educate especially young people - involves litter warden and PSNI
- working with search and rescue provding shelter /food etc
- provision of more litter bins in designated areas with local environmental services
- worked with local council to provide extra dog litter bins
- a follow - on history talk on "Killowen and the families in the war years " by local historian

- checking on elderly inhabitants during severe weather ensuring they had enough food , delivering prescriptions, clearing pathways during bad weather.
- liaise with roads services re lighting in the area - new LED type lights installed
  
- on -going delivery of "healthy man " talks by professional health persons aimed at the male.

Most of these activities do not involve costs and are not a drain on limited financial resources.

The small membership is enthusiastic and continues to look for projects to help the community. Sometimes ideas are given to the group by local inhabitants and at other times the members themselves hold discussions to look at various possibilities for local improvement. The main thrust is to make the local people take pride in their surroundings and take ownership of their area.

Lack of funding does hinder developing of various projects.

COMPILED/ACCEPTED BY GROUP SECTY FOR TRUSTEES / GROUP MEMBERS

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