

# Noeleen's Helping Hands Markethill

## Trustees' Report

The trustees present the annual report together with the financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31 December 2022.

### Trustees

Mr George Ballentine

Mr Philip Hawe

Miss Alison Gates

### Objectives and activities

#### *Objects and aims*

To help relieve poverty and suffering through the provision of humanitarian aid.

To provide donations in support of missionaries and missionary societies as agreed by the trustees' to those charities based in NI and UK for the advancement of religion in promoting faith in Jesus Christ.

The advancement of health by providing donations to charities such as cancer care and research or other debilitating diseases in NI and UK.

#### *Public benefit*

The Charity operates from buildings at 22 Seaboughan Road, Markethill, Co Armagh. The site is manned by a team of volunteers, mostly retired ladies and men, and one employee who does general maintenance and driver for collection and delivery of goods.

Members of the public generously donate large quantities of good quality clothing, footwear, bedding, household goods, furniture, building materials, tools, medical aid and cash donations. These are all sorted and transported by container to Project Romania Charity Centre based in Sighasoara, Romania. The distribution of these goods is undertaken by a missionary couple from NI (resident in Romania for 20 years) who are familiar with the desperate needs of people who are deprived, exploited, suffer from poor health, lack of housing, education and employment.

The aim of NHHM charity is to send at least one container of aid per year to this area. The direct benefits are to help clothe, feed, provide bedding, repair shelter, build and furnish new homes for these extremely deprived people, which in turn enables children to go to school, improve general health and reduce stress levels.

Alot of donated goods not suitable to go to Romania. are sold in the charity shop at 22 Seaboughan Road, this helps with the cost of transporting containers to Romania.

To provide funding in support of missionaries and missionary societies as agreed by trustees' for the advancement of religion in promoting faith in Jesus Christ. Volunteers man the charity shop 2 days weekly (Wednesday & Saturday), also use social media to advertise goods, and arrange 1 or 2 sales in the year when the shop is open every day. Fundraising events include coffee mornings, cake sales, fireside quizzes, Christmas sale. Any additional funds have enabled donations to be sent to suppoer missionaries overseas as agreed by the trustees and to support charities who provide care for terminla illness, eg. hospice services.

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.

### Achievements and performance

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### Trustees' Report (continued)

This year 2022 has been off to a very good start and things have started to pick up again since the outbreak of the Coronavirus Pandemic.

We convey our appreciation to all our hard working volunteers who gave extra time and commitment to achieve the purposes and aspirations of the charity over the entire year.

We sincerely thank the generosity of the general public for donating so much valuable goods to send to Romania or sell in the shop and for all who gave cash donations. Without their support the charity would not be able to operate.

#### January/February/March 2022

The volunteers returned to open the shop after the Christmas Holiday period and got goods sorted and displayed which were donated in December, as well as attend a steady stream of customers.

On 16th March we sent a cheque to Tullyallen Church re Ukrainian Appeal for the sum of £350.

On 19th March we sent a cheque to Resore Ministry for £2,000.

#### April/May/June 2022

Our first committee meeting of the new year was held on 25th April, the volunteers met to plan and prepare for hosting an open garden later in the year.

Donations of clothing, household goods and offers of good furniture from house clearance required on going collection. Sorting, storage, and displaying kept everyone busy. Shop busy with steady flow of customers giving a good turnover of sales.

On 27th April we sent a cheque to Restore Ministry for £5,000 and a cheque to Armagh Food Bank for £500.

On 9th May we sent a cheque to Marie Curie Cancer Care for the sum of £3,000.

Ongoing correspondence, record keeping, accounts and administration attended to.

On 14th June we were invited to Air Ambulance Headquarters at the Maze.

#### July/August/September 2022

Shop closed for two weeks from 6th - 19th July for summer break to give volunteers a chance for family holidays.

Ongoing correspondence, record keeping, accounts and administration attended to.

Good turnover of sales in shop.

We held an Open Garden on 5th & 6th August with all proceeds going to Southern Area Hospice Services. This was a great event well supported by the public and a grand total of £3,000 was raised and donated to Southern Area Hospice on 30th September.

Family box appeal letters were prepared and mailed to schools, churches, organisations, clubs and individuals.

Response to family box appeal very encouraging, deliveries coming in every day during last week in September.

Committee meeting was held on 21st September.

#### October/November/December 2022

October was a very busy time for all the volunteers collecting and packing items for family boxes, recording, checking contents, labelling and packing into cartons.

The lorry of aid consignment went out on 28th November 2022.

The shop closed for 2 weeks over the Christmas period.

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### Trustees' Report (continued)

#### Structure, governance and management

The annual report was approved by the trustees of the charity on 27 September 2023 and signed on its behalf by:



Mr George Ballentine  
Trustee



Miss Alison Gates  
Trustee