

Carrowshee Park / Sylvan Hill Community Association Trustee Report 2017-2018

Charity Name : Carrowshee Park / Sylvan Hill Community Association

Charity Reg No: 102748

Registered Office: 119 Carrowshee Park, Lisnaskea, Co. Fermanagh BT92 0FR

Trustees:

The following served as charity trustees for the year and up to the date of this report

Mary Brady, Jennifer Moffatt, Kathleen Breen, Majella Curran, Una Reihill, Margaret Gunn and Mary Mc Caffrey

Bankers: Danske Bank Business Banking, PO Box 183, Donegall Square West, Belfast. BT1 6JS

OBJECTIVES & ACTIVITIES

The objects of this charity are to improve the quality of life for all residents of Carrowshee Park and Sylvan Hill and to make the area a better place to live, by encouraging the active involvement from all members of the community, without distinction of age, gender race, political or religious opinion. The Association aims to provide facilities, services and activities in the interests of social welfare, education, health, recreation and the environment.

Main activities:

Older people's "2010" club; meeting weekly, providing a social outlet in warm and welcoming surroundings, have a chat and tea/coffee and a few wee treats; activities include light exercise, dancing, games, menu planning and cooking, light gardening, arts and crafts, run outings and trips, meet other similar groups, participate in cross-community, cross-border and cross generational projects.

Youth activities; weekly homework and youth clubs for all school-ages, offering a wide variety of general youth club activities and games, both indoor and outdoor. Members also participate in training and awareness sessions around relevant issues e.g. drugs and alcohol abuse, mental health and well-being, peer and gender issues, personal development and confidence building, fitness and healthy living, internet and personal safety including self-defence, gardening and planting around the centre, growing and preparing food and cooking and budgeting. Each "term" finishes with relevant seasonal activities and a recreational trip away.

Summer holidays - a 4 week summer activity scheme for primary school children, a one week scheme for pre-school children and a full 2 week activity scheme for post-primary children.

May and June the Education Authority Youth Service provide training for some of our 15+ ages to become young leaders with summer scheme. Young people are at all times encouraged to have their say in their activities and regular suggestions and feedback are sought so that we keep up-to-date with trends and issues that are relevant to them.

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General activities offered include ICT classes at various levels, Digital training, First Aid training, Safeguarding training, Mother and Baby classes in massage and rhyme & chime activities, crafts training, information and safety events, provide venue for employment projects and Mencap "Sunshine" club for young adults with additional learning needs.

Our committee represents the area and its residents with relevant statutory bodies: NIHE, FODC, FRCN, Ed Authority, Policing Forum, EECF (Oak HLC), PCSP, Department for Infrastructure (Streetlighting, Water & Sewage, Roads & Footpaths), ACCESS N.I., we facilitate a quarterly Inter-Agency meeting and a 2 monthly Health & Well-being forum. We work very closely with Supporting Communities N.I. and they provide us with invaluable assistance with training and Good Governance, Salary and wages, facilitation of meetings and advice.

ACHIEVEMENTS & PERFORMANCE

Homework and Youth clubs, total 9 sessions weekly, total of 10.5 hours face-to-face youth work, 186 children registered. Clubs managed by the Carrowshee Park / Sylvan Hill Community Association, youth worker is employed 25 hours a week, grant aid from BBC Children in Need. 2 or 3 volunteers per session, average of 15 hours weekly per volunteer. All adult volunteers have been checked through Access N.I. Summer activity schemes have been attended to full capacity 85-90 under 11s and 26 in the 11+ groups.

Placement provided for a Youth Action Young Leader in training and a T-Buc United Champion for experience.

Grants have been successfully sought, administered, projects carried out and monitoring and evaluations completed.

Funded projects successfully completed e.g. Housing Executive Shared Communities Programme. Carrosyl Community Centre maintained in good condition.

Carrosyl Oil Buying established and membership is high, saving 12% on 500 litres.

ICT classes run with 40 learners.

FINANCIAL REVIEW

Total receipts for the year have increased from £37,035 last year to £49,368 this year which is due to increased grant aid being received. Payments have increased from £41,805 last year to £46,494 this year, resulting in a total balance of funds at year end of £22,768 compared to £26,586 last year.

Approved by the Trustees on 24th January 2019 and signed on their behalf by:



Secretary

---24th January 2019-----

Date