

Cane & Able Club

NIC 102770

Trustees Annual Report 2021 - 2022

Registered Office Address

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First Constituted as a charitable organisation on 08/02/2016

REPORTING PERIOD | April 2021- 31 March 2022

TRUSTEES

Margaret Davidson (Chair)

Mr. Craig Johnston (Treasurer)

Mr. Arnold Carville (Secretary)

Mrs. Joyce Johnston

Ms. Ellen Dermott

Mr. Frank McAvoy

Mrs. Arlene Norton

CHAIRPERSONS REPORT

The last few years have been difficult for Cane and Able because of the coronavirus and the numerous restrictions and lockdowns that we experienced throughout this period. From September 2021 we continue to meet online on a Tuesday morning each week, where members could call to chat and exchange news, this allowed us to keep in touch and support each other.

As the coronavirus eased, we thought about meeting up again, following some discussion with Una Mulgrew (RNIB) and ABC Community Network, it was decided to approach the Council for use of a room in the Old Portadown Townhall. From 15th March 2022, we started to meet face-to-face each Tuesday with our members. This allowed us to continue with some of our activities for our members, along with a cup of tea and a chat.

Since we didn't have our annual Christmas dinner we decided to arrange hampers for our members. We hope to be able to hold our annual Christmas dinner next year.

We decided to change the taxi company we used as we need a service that was more suitable for our members and their needs. We received money from the Macan Trust which supported us in some of our activities this year.

We found this year a little less challenging than the previous year, although we did continue our group with limited activities and finances, we were happy just to find a new venue to see each other face to face again. We hope 2022- 2023 is a better year for Cane and Able and look forward to running at full capacity and providing those much-needed activities to our members.

BENEFICIARIES

The charity's beneficiaries are blind and partially sighted people living in the Craigavon and Banbridge area, their families, carers, friends, and the volunteers who assist the Club.

ACTIVITIES

The group ran with limited activities and events in 2021/22.

ACHIEVEMENTS HOW ACTIVITIES HAVE BENEFITED BENEFICIARIES

Objects:

The objects of the Club shall be to advance education and relieve disablement and in particular to provide facilities in the interests of social welfare for the recreation and other leisure-time occupation of blind and partially sighted people in the Craigavon and Banbridge areas of Northern Ireland (hereinafter called the "area of

benefit") so that their conditions of life may be improved, enabling them to make informed choices in relation to services available. Promote independence and better integration into society of blind and partially sighted people. Promote the physical, mental, and general well-being of blind and partially sighted people.

Benefits:

The Club has addressed feelings of loneliness and social isolation through the promotion of social inclusion activities and peer group support. This has enabled members to participate more fully in community life through their involvement in a wide variety of recreational activities and helping them access social support on a weekly basis.

The club has promoted structured health and well-being activities and raised awareness of the importance of health and wellbeing for members.

The Club has continued to raise awareness of the needs of blind and partially sighted people in the Craigavon and Banbridge area among public bodies, service providers, and statutory agencies.

FINANCIAL REVIEW AT END OF YEAR

The results for the year and the Charities' financial position at the end of the year are set out in the Cane and Able Club Annual Accounts for 2021-2022. The independent examiners' report to the Trustees found that no material matters have come to their attention.

RESTRICTIONS ON WHO CAN BENEFIT

There are no restrictions on who can benefit.

There are no restrictions based on personal characteristics.

There is a weekly membership fee of £3.00

PUBLIC BENEFIT

The direct benefits which flow from our purposes include; improvement of knowledge and skills of blind and partially sighted people; reduction in social isolation and also peer - group support for members of the club; reduction in social isolation through participating more fully in community life and being involved in a wide variety of activities and raising awareness of the importance of health and wellbeing for members, to empower members to take action on the multi determinants of health, signposting to other relevant organisations and networking.

PRIVATE BENEFIT

There is no private benefit to any individual from any of our Purposes

HARM

No harm has flowed from any of our Purposes.

SERIOUS INCIDENT REPORTING

There are no serious incidents to report.

VULNERABLE BENEFICIARIES

Appropriate Policies, Procedures, and Training are in place.

STATEMENT OF COMPLIANCE

The Committee has complied with their duty to have due regard to the Charity Commission NI's Public Benefit Guidance when exercising any powers or duties to which the guidance is relevant.



Mr. Arnold Carville

Secretary

Date: