

**Leckpatrick Development Association**  
**Company No. NI613635**  
**Trustees' Report For The Year Ended 31 July 2023**

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The Trustees are pleased to present their annual report together with the financial statements and the report of the independent examiner for the year ended 31st July 2023. This is a charitable company limited by guarantee and accepted as a charity by HM Revenue and Customs under reference NI00154.

### **Objectives and Activities**

The aim and objectives of the association is to provide a fully inclusive community centre for all of the community in Artigarvan and the surrounding areas, which will provide a welcoming, shared space where the community can avail of sporting facilities, meeting facilities and hold community events and projects. The Group have stated that their overall aim is to "provide a hub for all of the village to help to bring a heart back into the village".

### **Achievements and Performance**

Leckpatrick Development Association have delivered the following specific project objectives:

- Continues to provide a safe secure central hub for all of the community of Artigarvan providing a central hub for the community.
- Providing the facilities and resources to stimulate participation in physical activity and sport for under-represented groups in rural areas through the provision of sporting hall and sporting facilities;
- To provide a reduction in the level of anti-social behaviour and vandalism in Artigarvan through the development of sustainable activities for youth groups and after schools clubs.
- Increasing the skill base of individuals within the community to increase employment opportunities by delivering a wide variety of occupational training.
- Provide luncheon clubs for our older members and provide an environment where they can meet and socialise.

### **Public Benefit**

The objectives of the Trust are as listed. The Trust has considered the UK Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit and plans to ensure that it provides public benefit and achieves its objectives as set out in the Trust's Memorandum and Articles of Association. The direct benefits to the individuals using the service include:

- A fully inclusive, shared space for all members of the community of Artigarvan and surrounding areas.
- The provision of a community centre that is fully accessible to all members of the community and provision of facilities and resources within the centre for a wide range of community activities.

### **Structure, Governance and Management**

#### **Governing Document**

Leckpatrick Development Association Limited is governed by its Memorandum and Articles of Association.

#### **Appointment of Trustees**

The Charity Trustees are also Directors of the company. A Trustee is initially elected by the Board in accordance with the Memorandum and Articles of Association.

The Board as a whole was approved by the AGM and continues to monitor its membership.

#### **Organisation**

The Board of Trustees which administers the Trust meets throughout the year as required.

#### **Risk Review**

The management committee has conducted its own review into the major risks to which the charity is exposed. Significant external risks to funding have led to the development of a strategic plan which will allow for the diversification of funding and activities. Internal risks are minimised by the implementation of procedures for authorisation of all transactions and projects and to ensure consistent quality of delivery for all operational aspects of the charitable company.

### **Financial Review**

The Company returned a net surplus in funds of £7,641 (2022: £2,377 surplus) after other recognised gains and losses. The results for the year are shown in pages 5 to 11.

#### **Reserves Policy**

It is the policy of the charity that unrestricted funds which have not been designated for a specific use should be maintained at a level which will ensure that, in the event of a significant drop in funding, they will be able to continue the charity's current activities while consideration is given to ways in which additional funds may be raised. This level of funding has been maintained throughout the year.

The Trust aims to continue to increase reserves to ensure the stability of its services, employment and everyday operations of the organisation.

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**Going Concern**

The Trustees have a reasonable expectation that the Trust has adequate resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future. The principal factors underlying this judgement include:

- Current levels of financial performance by comparison with budgeted expectations;
- Continuing support from local bodies

Accordingly, the Trust continues to adopt the going concern basis of accounting in preparing the annual financial statements.

**Independent Examiners**

A resolution for the reappointment of AGL Chartered Accountants as Independent Examiner of the Trust is to be proposed at the forthcoming Annual General Meeting.

**Statement of Trustees' Responsibilities**

The Trustees, who are also the directors of Leckpatrick Development Association for the purpose of company law, are responsible for preparing the Trustees' Report and the accounts in accordance with United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

Company law requires the Trustees to prepare accounts for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charity and of its incoming resources and application of resources, including the income and expenditure, of the charitable company for that year.

In preparing these financial statements, the trustees are required to:

- Select suitable accounting policies and apply them consistently;
- Observe the methods and principles in the Charities SORP;
- Make judgements and accounting estimates that are reasonable and prudent; and
- Prepare the accounts on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to assume that the company will continue on that basis.


The trustees are responsible for keeping adequate accounting records that are sufficient to show and explain the charity's transactions and disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Companies Act 2006. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

**Statement of Disclosure to Independent Examiners**

So far as the Trustees are aware, there is no relevant information of which the company's independent examiners are unaware. Additionally, the Trustees have taken all the necessary steps that they ought to have taken as Trustees in order to make themselves aware of all relevant information and to establish that the company's independent examiners are aware of that information. This report was approved by the Board on 10<sup>th</sup> April 2024 and signed on its behalf by:



**Mr John McCarter**  
**(Director and Trustee)**



**Mr Robin Cummings**  
**(Director and Trustee)**