

BROOKMOUNT CULTURAL & EDUCATION SOCIETY

(Acronym – BCES)

NIC103107

Principal Address: 37 Ballinderry Road, Lisburn. BT28 2QS.

Trustees' Annual Report

for the financial year 1st January 2018 to 31st December 2018.

Details of how the charity is governed are set out in a Constitution adopted by the Trustees on 22nd April 2015. The unregistered community organisation was constituted as Brookmount Cultural & Education Society on 10th December 2002.

The Purposes of the charity are:

- (I) The relief of need and the advancement of education of the inhabitants of the Magheragall area and its environs in Moneybroom, Lissue, Knocknarea, Drumsill, Mullaghcarron, Magheraliskmisk, Aghacarnan and Knocknadona. (hereinafter described as "the area of benefit") without distinction of age, sex, race, disability, political, religious or other opinion. It will do so by associating the statutory authorities, voluntary organisations and inhabitants in a common effort to advance education and to provide facilities in the interests of the social welfare, education, recreation or other leisure-time occupation with the object of improving the conditions of life for the said inhabitants;

- (II) To advance knowledge and appreciation of the Ulster-Scots language and culture and to encourage understanding and acceptance of all indigenous cultures to the area of benefit.

The Charity's beneficiaries during the year were the inhabitants of the Magheragall area and its environs in Lissue, Knocknarea, Drumsill, Mullaghcarron, Magheraliskmisk, Aghacarna and Knocknadona.

The benefit they received from purpose one was the use of a safe and neutral facility for meetings, training courses and recreation activities. The benefit was evidenced by word of mouth from the attendees/participants and feedback after using the hall from the organisational groups. All feedback received was positive. Over the year BCES facilitated weekly meetings and classes by: Crafts at Brookmount; Brookmount Dance Ranch Line Dance Club; Dynamic Brass Band; Walking with Brookmount and monthly meetings and classes by; Brookmount Seniors; and Killultagh WI Craft Group. Other activities facilitated or carried out by the charity

included: a Royal Wedding Celebration Party; an annual craft exhibition; a series of five Line Dance social nights; Tea Dances with on average 30 attendees; a Community Festival with over 800 attendees; a Community Networking Session and Barbeque with over 100 attendees and a Community Hogmanay Party on 31st December with 90 attendees.

The benefits received from purpose two include a more informed society and a healthier community lifestyle, thereby contributing to a better standard of living conditions and environment for inhabitants. Other benefits evidenced by comments from beneficiaries and their support for our activities are: a more united community which comes together as one to achieve its targets; and a more vibrant and inclusive society by way of the educational programmes, meetings and recreation activities provided.

These benefits are also evidenced through feedback from attendees, guest speakers and presenters. Direct charitable activities to carry out purpose two for the public benefit included: talks and musical entertainment evenings focusing on indigenous cultures to the area of benefit.

Throughout the year restrictions on who can benefit from our direct charitable activities were managed and mitigated by reducing to a minimum or removing, where possible, admission fees to our events and ensuring safe access to our facilities was maintained for all attendees. Our direct charitable activities are not specifically aimed at children or vulnerable people; therefore, a restriction on the basis of personal characteristics requires a child or vulnerable person to be accompanied by a parent, guardian or other responsible person.

Our purposes do not lead to any harm. The only private benefit from our purposes is that a trustee or family member may participate in the same manner as all other beneficiaries, this is purely incidental and necessary, so that the benefit is available to all inhabitants of the area.

Throughout the year the Trustees of BCES have complied with their duty to have due regard to the Commission's public benefit guidance when exercising any powers or duties to which the guidance is relevant.

A review of the Charity's financial position confirms a successful year. The Charity had receipts of £8,442 and payments of £9,145 giving a deficit of £703 for 2018. The total funds available on 31st December 2018 amounted to £3,318 and included £1,090 of restricted funds for a grant supported project. Liabilities at the year-end amounted to £1,090 which is the balance of unspent funds relating to the Lisburn & Castlereagh City Council Community Support Grant for 2018/2019 and is committed to that charitable project.

The Trustees of BCES acknowledge the support of Lisburn & Castlereagh City Council through the following grant schemes:

- a) LCCC Royal Wedding Grant 2018.
- b) LCCC Community Support Grants Scheme 2017/18.
- c) LCCC Community Support Grants Scheme 2018/19.
- d) LCCC Community Festival Fund 2018/19.

The Trustees of BCES acknowledge the support of the Department of Agriculture, Environment and Rural Affairs through the Rural Micro Capital Grant scheme.

The following is a complete list of individuals who served as Charity Trustees during the year and are the only Trustees of BCES on the date this report was approved.

Mr G Anderson	Mrs P Canmore	Mr J Crockard	Mr V Hendron
Mrs S Hendron	Mr C Hendron	Miss E Hendron	Mr R McNeill
Mr R Stevenson	Mr I Tolerton		

Signed on behalf of the Trustees of BCES by Mr I Tolerton.



Chairperson

1/8/19

Date