



Drumlough & Ballygorian Rural Development Association
Charity Registration Number: NIC 103141
Trustees Report for Year ended October 2023

Association's Activities

- Men's Group;
- Provision of Hall to external groups & private hire;
- St Partick's Day Event 2023 (part funded by Newry, Mourne & Down DC);
- King's Coronation Event (part funded by Newry, Mourne & Down DC);
- Drumlough Community Festival 2023 (part funded by Newry, Mourne & Down DC);
- Drumlough Christmas Festival (part funded by Newry, Mourne & Down DC);
- New Capital Items Project (part funded by DAERA Micro Grant Scheme 2022);
- Installation of publicly available¹ defibrillator (part funded by Newry, Mourne & Down DC);
- Minor Capital Items Project (part funded by Newry, Mourne & Down DC);
- Dance Classes (part funded by Newry, Mourne & Down DC);
- Drumlough PUL Event 2023 (part funded by Newry, Mourne & Down DC);
- General maintenance of hall & grounds; and
- Tuck Shop.

Financial Summary

- Income for 2022-23 = £69,395.49²;
- Expenditure for 2022-23 = £66,261.15³;
- Net for 2022-23 = + £3,134.34²;
- Balance at end of Oct 2023 = £20,365.09; and
- £4,375.01 spent on upkeep, maintenance and running of the hall during 2022-23.

¹ Registered on The Circuit: www.thecircuit.uk.

² Includes significant one-off funding, donations, interest free loans for New Toilet & Store project.

³ Note, interest free loans from Safe Walls and New Toilet & Store Projects to be repaid as of 31 October 2023.

General Comments

- Membership levels remained steady;
- Main costs are for upkeep & running of the hall (e.g., insurance, electric, heating); and
- New Toilets & Store project commenced.

Charitable Status & Public Benefits

The public benefits continue to be the following and are achieved by the various activities outlined above.

THE ADVANCEMENT OF CITIZENSHIP OR COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT:

- THE DIRECT BENEFITS WHICH FLOW FROM THIS PURPOSE INCLUDE GIVING RESIDENTS A MEETING PLACE AND FACILITIES TO GET TOGETHER WITH OTHERS. THERE ARE OPPORTUNITIES TO LEARN AND REDUCE SOCIAL ISOLATION IN OUR RURAL COMMUNITY AND BUILD COMMUNITY CAPACITY, SPIRIT, COHESION AND GOOD RELATIONS.

THE ADVANCEMENT OF EDUCATION:

- THE DIRECT BENEFITS WHICH FLOW FROM THIS PURPOSE INCLUDE KEEPING PEOPLE INFORMED AND PROVIDING PEOPLE WITH THE OPPORTUNITIES TO INCREASE THEIR KNOWLEDGE, THEY WILL BE ABLE TO MAKE INFORMED CHOICES WITH REGARDS TO THEIR LIVES AND WIDEN THEIR SKILLS AND KNOWLEDGE IN VARIOUS AREAS. THE PERSONAL DEVELOPMENT OF INTELLECTUAL, PHYSICAL, EMOTIONAL AND SPIRITUAL CAPABILITIES PROVIDE VALUE TO THE INDIVIDUAL AND SOCIETY AS A WHOLE IN TERMS OF HEALTH AND WELLBEING. THE ENCOURAGEMENT OF LIFELONG LEARNING FOR ALL AGE GROUPS WHICH HAS IN SOME CASES IMPROVED CHANCES OF EMPLOYABILITY THROUGH ACCESS TO LECTURES AND FURTHER EDUCATION CLASSES INCLUDING CRAFTS AND HOBBIES.

OTHER CHARITABLE PURPOSES:

- THE DIRECT BENEFITS WHICH FLOW FROM THIS PURPOSE INCLUDE THE PROVISION OF FACILITIES IN THE INTERESTS OF SOCIAL WELFARE, EDUCATION, RECREATION AND OTHER LEISURE-TIME OCCUPATION WITH THE OBJECT OF IMPROVING THE CONDITIONS OF LIFE FOR THE USERS AND THE INHABITANTS IN OUR RURAL COMMUNITY.