

**DRUMCREE COMMUNITY TRUST**  
(A company limited by guarantee)

3 ASHGROVE ROAD, PORTADOWN, CO. ARMAGH

**Trustees' Annual Report (Including Directors Report and Strategic Report)**

**Year Ended 31 December 2016**

The Directors present their report and the financial statements of the charity for the year end 31 December 2016. The directors have adopted the provisions of the Statement of Recommended Practice (SORP) "Accounting and Reporting by Charities" (FRS 102) in preparing the annual report and financial statements of the charity.

**Trustees of the charity**

The directors of the charitable company are its trustees for the purposes of charity law. The trustees who have served during the year and since the year end were as follows:

Michael Bingham (Chairperson)  
Collette Mercer (Secretary)  
Breandan Mac Cionnaith  
Brian G McKeown (Treasurer)  
Ciaran Tennyson

**Objectives and activities**

The main charitable objectives of Drumcree Community Trust are the advancement of citizenship or community development; the advancement of education; the advancement of health or the saving of lives; the prevention or relief of poverty and the relief of those in need by reason of youth, age, ill-health, disability, financial hardship or other disadvantage.

**Activities**

Throughout 2016, Drumcree Community Trust's staff and volunteers have successfully delivered a range of programmes, activities and events to our local community aimed at addressing a variety of needs within the area. We estimate that approximately 1,500 children, young people and adults directly benefited from participation in the various activities, programmes, events and classes organised through Drumcree Community Centre and Drumcree House of Health over the course of the year.

As always, much of the work undertaken by our staff team continued to be assisted and strengthened by our volunteer base. We would like to pay tribute and express our utmost appreciation to the unselfish contribution which our volunteers make towards all aspects of our work within the community.

There are three Centre-based groups operating for children aged from 2yrs and 10 months up to the age of seven years with an average attendance of 30 at each group.

During 2016, a number of parents' & children's events were organised including: cookery sessions, stay and play sessions, and family day trips.

Monday, Wednesday and Thursday evenings were set aside for young people aged from the primary 3 age groups right through to secondary school-age and older. During 2016, average attendance at each of these sessions was around 60. Regular activities included arts and crafts; multi-games; cookery workshops; competitive games; movie nights; anti-bullying programmes; project and small group work.

External coaches were also engaged by the Trust to deliver fitness and stamina tests to make young more aware to the need to engage in regular physical activities.

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In addition, thanks to the Youth Engagement Programmes funded through NR/SELB/EA, a number of intensive personal development courses for 45 young people aged 12-19 years old were organised.

Elements of those programmes included outdoor residentials, volunteering and mentoring opportunities; leadership and personal development training and trips; health workshops; life skills courses; mental health issues; drugs & alcohol awareness sessions; relaxation and stress management.

Full programmes of activities were organised for July/August 2016 with morning, afternoon and evening sessions. On average, over 300 children/young people of all age groups benefitted from these activities and the programme was supported by 20 adult volunteers, 14 young volunteers and 8 junior leaders.

Distinct from the summer scheme, Youth Intervention funding allowed Drumcree Community Trust to deliver additional programmes for 100 families as well as a separate programme focussed on 75 young people aged between 10 and 25 years.

Much of our work with adults involved activities aimed at promoting better and healthier lifestyles. Our main funder for this was SH & SCT which also funded our health related work with young people.

During 2016, we organised regular fitness classes, personal development programmes, stress reduction classes, mental health workshops, complementary therapy sessions, yoga classes, etc. All these activities have been delivered throughout the year and mean that many local residents could take advantage of health promotion/health advisory services held in an environment where they feel protected and in which they can feel a genuine part of.

Our women's group, parents & toddlers group and our young parents' group also continued to meet weekly. A second parents & toddlers group was also meeting each Friday. A weekly crochet class on Wednesday evenings has proved popular with a very good attendance. This is a much of a social evening as well as a craft class for women of all ages. This class came about from a suggestion by one of our new volunteers who took on responsibility to run this weekly two hour session.

There were also three separate and very well-attended adult exercise classes in the community centre each week; two on Tuesday evenings and the third on Friday evenings.

Twelve adults participated in a first aid course and a second cohort of twelve also participated in a paediatric first aid course.

In February 2016, in conjunction with staff from the Northern Ireland Abdominal Aortic Aneurism Screening Programme based at the RVH in Belfast, a one-day AAA clinic for men aged 65 and over was organised in the Drumcree Centre. Such was the level of interest that the clinic was extended for an extra half day with a total of 50 men scanned.

In their evaluation of the clinic in the Drumcree Centre, the lead sonographer with the screening programme from the RVH, Deirdre Kearns, stated:

*"The main benefit of this clinic was the high uptake with 50 men screened over the course of 1 and ½ days. This high uptake is a testament to the staff at the venue in promoting and recruiting men to the clinic, and the ability to screen such large numbers of men is down to the hard work of all the team at the screening clinic that day and those in the screening office, all going that extra mile.*

*"The AAA screening clinic at Drumcree Community Trust provided an opportunity for the project to raise the profile of AAA Screening among the community and offer screening to men who may have otherwise not accessed services.*

*"Another benefit is to cement the fact that AAA Screening works really well out in the community in non-clinical environment, with careful planning, engaged staff at the venue and teamwork across NIAAASP, this clinic, its planning, preparation and smooth operation on the day, can be used as a template for future non-clinical AAA screening clinics.*

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*"The AAA Screening Clinic at Drumcree Community Trust was an enjoyable and fulfilling experience for all staff involved. It cemented the success of AAA Screening out in the community outside of the clinic environment and is a template for future planned clinics in Healthy Living Centres and local communities."*

As a result of the success of this initiative, Drumcree Community Centre and the House of Health has been the venue for several more men's health programmes.

Through this comprehensive provision, Drumcree Community Trust has contributed to the well-being and personal development of many people of all ages within our community.

**Partnership Working**

Drumcree Community Trust is a member organisation, with two representatives, of the Verve Network which is a partnership of community organisations and the Southern Health and Social Care Trust operating across Brownlow, Lurgan and Portadown. Along with Drumcree Community Trust, the other member organisations are Craigavon Intercultural Programme, Drumellan Community Organisation, Edgarstown Residents Association, Shankill (Lurgan) Community Projects, Taghnevan Community Development Association and Fitzone Foundation.

Each of the organisations have established and developed themselves as Healthy Living Centres and are part of the Healthy Living Centres Alliance which extends across several areas of the North.

Drumcree Community Trust has two representatives on the North West Portadown Neighbourhood Renewal Partnership. They work alongside other community groups on the Partnership including Churchill Park/Gardens Tenants' Association, Woodside Residents Association, Obins Drive/Avenue Association and Edgarstown Community Association.

The Department for Communities, the Education Authority, Southern Health and Social Care Trust, Housing Executive, Southern Regional College, and Armagh, Banbridge & Craigavon Council are also represented on the Partnership.

The Neighbourhood Renewal Partnership aims to bring together the work of government departments in partnership with local people to tackle disadvantage and deprivation in all aspects of everyday life. Each year, it has an annual budget to bring forward proposals and projects which match that aim.

The Youth Support Worker and Health Worker represent Drumcree Community Trust on the North West Portadown Network body, which manages two external community facilities, the Darby & Joan Club and the multi-use games area (MUGA). As well as attending regular meetings, they are also responsible for helping to organise the MUGA programme for children and adults.

Drumcree Community Trust is represented on the management committee of Blossom Sure Start, an initiative to support all pregnant women and families who have a preschool child or children (0-4 years) and who live in the Portadown area. Sure Start is a government led initiative offering a range of services to families with pre-school children to help them reach their full potential and is aimed at giving every child the best possible start in life. Sure Start works in partnership with statutory, voluntary and community sectors and parents to promote the physical, intellectual and social development of babies and young children.

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**Economic Development**

Drumcree Community Trust is involved in local economic development and employment creation in the community through representation on the Board of Mayfair Business Centre, a social economy enterprise, which houses a total of twenty-five businesses, providing between them over 120 full- and part-time jobs to local people. Through the various businesses located at Mayfair, it is estimated that well in excess of two million pounds is contributed annually into the economy of the local community through wages, rates, etc.

The impact of this achievement by the local community to create, develop and sustain this economic development project is often under-estimated and over-looked. By providing business development, job creation and employment opportunities, Mayfair is making a positive contribution to the lives of the families and households of those employed by the various businesses on site.

**Public Benefit Statement**

Drumcree Community Trust's activities are designed to ensure contribution to the achievement of its charitable objectives.

The Directors of the company believe that the charitable company provides a public benefit and meets the charitable purpose as laid down in The Charities Act (NI) 2008/13.

Drumcree Community Trust aims to help: Addictions (drug/solvent/alcohol abuse); Adult training; Carers; Children (5-13 year olds); General public; Interface communities; Men; Mental health; Older people; Parents; Preschool (0-5 year olds); Specific areas of deprivation; Unemployed/low income; Voluntary and community sector; Volunteers; Women; Youth (14-25 year olds).

We have reviewed The Charity Commission for Northern Ireland guidance on public benefit and can confirm that we believe that we have satisfied the public benefit requirement.

**Future Plans**

Over a period of six weeks during the last quarter of 2016, a very successful pilot inter-generational project was delivered in conjunction with Rosemount Care Centre which involved young people from the Drumcree Centre and residents of the home.

Based on the success of that pilot scheme, Drumcree Community Trust intends to deliver further inter-generational projects involving young people from the Drumcree Centre and residents of the care centre and to expand the project to include other older people living within the Northwest Portadown area with the further possibility of developing a specific programme for older people.

**Strategic Report**

**Achievements and performance**

The charity succeeded in promoting the benefit of the inhabitants of Portadown.

We have described the performance of the charity in further detail in the Activities Section above.

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**Financial review**

**Reserves Policy**

The Board of Directors have examined the charity's requirements for reserves and consider the current level to exceed the requirements to continue operation throughout the 2017 financial year. The current level of reserves available to the charity is £377,243. This provides sufficient funds to cover charitable expenditure, support costs and governance costs.

**Structure, governance and management**

The board of directors can only appoint new trustees. A motion must be put forward by one director and a show of hands determines if the majority agrees.

The charity is a charitable company limited by guarantee and was incorporated on 26 February 1991. It is governed by a memorandum of association. The charitable company's registration number is NI038841 and its registered office is 3 Ashgrove Road, Portadown, Co Armagh, BT62 1PA.

The company is approved as a charity under the terms of the Income and Corporation Taxes Act 1988 and the Charity Number is XR34864.

On 2 September 2015 the charitable company registered with The Charity Commission for Northern Ireland and its NIC number is 103171.

**Trustees' Responsibilities**

The Trustees (who are also directors of Drumcree Community Trust for the purposes of company law are responsible for preparing the Trustees' Annual Report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

Company law requires the trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year, which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charitable company and of the incoming resources and application of resources, including the income and expenditure, of the charitable company for that period. In preparing these financial statements, the trustees are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles in the Charities SORP 2015 (FRS 102)
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable UK Accounting Standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements;
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charitable company will continue in operation.

The trustees are responsible for keeping adequate accounting records that disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charitable company 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 charitable company and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

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The report of the trustees has been prepared taking advantage of the small companies' exemption of Section 415A of the Companies Act 2006.

**Disclosure of information to the Independent Examiner**

We, the directors of the company who held office at the date of approval of these Financial Statements as set out above each confirm, so far as we are aware, that:

- there is no relevant information of which the company's Independent Examiner is unaware; and
- we have taken all the steps that we ought to have taken as directors in order to make ourselves aware of any relevant information and to establish that the company's Independent Examiner is aware of that information.

In approving the Trustees' Annual Report, we also approve the Strategic Report included therein, in our capacity as company directors.

Approved by the Board on 19/12/2017 and signed on its behalf by:

Signed: Michael Bingham  
Michael Bingham

Signed: Ciaran Tennyson  
Ciaran Tennyson