

Shopmobility Omagh

Report of the trustees for the year ended 31 March 2022

The trustees present their report and the accounts for the year ended 31 March 2022.
The trustees who served during the year and up to the date of this report

Hazel McGuigan Chairperson
Bob Lingwood Vice chair
Jim Sharkey Secretary
Conor Keys Treasurer
Breege Coleman
Louise McCrory
Nicola Mullin

Objectives

Shopmobility Omagh meets the public benefit requirement detailed in the Charities Act under the relief of those in need. The main benefit of our service is that it enhances the independence of our service users, increasing their ability to integrate into the community and take part in activities that others take for granted. Shopmobility Omagh aims to provide equipment and advisory services that help those who are socially excluded through restricted mobility to re-integrate back into the community. By providing equipment designed to aid mobility, users are able to access shops, leisure and commercial facilities they otherwise would not be able to avail of. The provision of mobility equipment and advisory/signposting that Shopmobility Omagh offers, provide comfort to those who are sick or convalescent. In many cases the provision of equipment has been life changing. Shopmobility Omagh assists people with mobility difficulties to help make Omagh and surrounding areas more accessible. It promotes social inclusion by providing a means for those with mobility restrictions to access social, cultural and commercial facilities in the area. The scheme actively promotes volunteering, by providing to users, a volunteer befriending guide to assist users around shops and local facilities. The scheme is actively promoting equality to all by providing a means for those people with mobility restrictions to access facilities that others take for granted such as shopping, visiting friends or attending medical appointments. The scheme promotes the human rights of those who have mobility difficulties to be able to access these services whilst also encouraging freedom of movement and independence throughout the area. Although Shopmobility services are open to anyone of all ages, it is noted that over 70% of the users are aged 60 years plus. With an aging population there is inevitably going to be more mobility related issues and Shopmobility Omagh works to address these. The specialist care provided allows older and disabled equality of opportunity by the provision of specialist equipment and advice to aid their mobility.

The service also provides respite for carers and helps to alleviate the often heavy burden on families and friends. The service is free to join and free to use, allowing members greater freedom to become regular visitors to local facilities. It is also a great add-on to the district of Omagh helping to attract visitors from outside the area.

The demand for the service in Omagh can be demonstrated by the collection of statistics from usage. These continue to grow and with an ever aging population, anticipate that demand

The Main Beneficiaries are:

- " Those with mobility issues within our community.
- " The care givers and family members that have their independence when those with mobility issues can have a break from the constant support they give.
- " Those persons in our society that could not otherwise be able to use the service for monetary reasons.
- " Many users have undergone recent operations in hospital, chemotherapy, sickness such as MS or Muscular deteriorating illnesses

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Achievements in the year

It has been wonderful getting back into some kind of normality this past year, although there are still some restrictions when hiring the equipment, things are a little more normal now than over the previous years.

We are very grateful to DFI for their continuing financial support which is vital to the smooth running of the scheme, however the ever increasing costs such as electric and heating may prove a struggle for us, so we are hopeful DFI will take into account these changes when we receive our letter of Offer, in the coming months

Funding received in 2021:

DFI £18,050 core running costs

DFI £6,745 COVID relief

DFI £798 computer and printer

Co-operation Ireland £740 new laptop

FODC £500 Recover programme

Thank you to all the funders who supported our scheme over 2021 and continue to do so.

Statement of trustees' responsibilities

The trustees 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).

Law applicable to charities in Northern Ireland requires the trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of charity and of the incurring resources and application of resources of the charity for that year. 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;
- 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; and
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in operation.

The trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records which 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 Charities Act (Northern Ireland) 2008. 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.

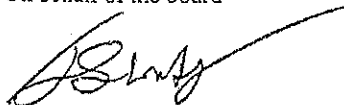
The trustees have complied with the duty to have regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland on public benefit.

The TPPD grant and COVID Relief (Resource) Funding grant has been used solely for the purposes intended and in accordance with the terms and conditions of grant.

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On behalf of the board

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'J Sharkey', written over a horizontal line.

Jim Sharkey
Secretary

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26th July 2022