

**Report 01/01/23 – 31/12/23**

**Ballymena/Craigs, Dunaghy & Killaghan/Craigs Parish Church,**

**Cullybackey/Connor/Church of Ireland**

**Craigs Parish Church**

**NIC103266**

### **Statement of Public Benefit**

#### **Purpose 1**

The expression of the precepts of the Christian religion through engagement with the general public, and in particular with the disadvantaged, the sick, the elderly and the young is a public benefit. This can be measured and evidenced through increased social integration and pastoral care delivered at the point of need. The direct benefit of participation in Church life includes the enjoyment of public worship and the giving and receiving of pastoral ministry, improved understanding of the values relating to civic engagement, community cohesion and providing a bridge between diverse groups as well as improved educational outcomes through the Church's ministry of teaching.

The beneficiaries are the general public, and the public valuation of the benefits can be evidenced through attendance at public worship, participation in Church governance and willingness to support through contributions the continuing witness of the Church. The wider benefit to the public will outweigh any detriment arising in the course of Christian outreach. Any private benefit arising out of the fulfilment of our Christian ministry or to lay staff is essential to the fulfilment of the purpose of the advancement of religion. No Trustee receives remuneration, reward or other private benefit for carrying out their Trustee responsibility.

#### **Purpose 2**

The direct benefits flowing from this purpose include the provision of archive records, public enjoyment of cultural and historic buildings and artefacts such as church plate, furnishings and materials as well as an overall improved appreciation of longstanding Christian heritage.

This is demonstrated through on-going provision of access to records and the use made of these records in, for example, research and genealogy, through conservation efforts in respect of records, property and artefacts and the subsequent and continued requests for access and use of our materials by wider society. There is no harm arising from the purpose. The beneficiaries are the general public. No private benefit is received by trustees fulfilling their trustee responsibilities in respect of these records, buildings or artefacts, but in the course of conservation and to make these accessible to the public, the engagement of professional staff and services is essential but incidental to the fulfilment of the purpose.

All the functions of the parish relate to the advancement of religion through holding regular worship and communicating with and caring for parishioners and others in our community.

All trustees have been made aware and have regard for the Commissions Public Benefit Statutory Guidance.

**Financial Position:-**

We have ended the year with a loss of £13,529.88 in the current account which is mainly due to ever increasing overheads within insurance and energy costs, whilst increase in anticipated Rector stipend along with additional ministry cover due to illness and a reduction in FWO/donations. The Restoration Fund has reduced to £18,158.01 mainly due to refurbishment of heating system within the Church Hall. Obviously this has been a poor annual return and we need to bear in mind that in 2024.

**Charity Address:-**

The Rectory 95  
Hillmount Road  
Cullybackey  
Ballymena  
BT42 1NZ

**List of Trustees:-**

Rev A Halligan (Chairperson)	Mr W Byers
Mr J Elder	Mrs P Fleming
Mr A D Frazer	Mrs M Moore
Mrs P McCord	Mr A McCord
Mrs W McIlroy	Mrs A Orr
Mrs E Ross	Mrs S Rodgers
Mr W Johnston	Mr G McDonald
Mr K McCord	Mrs A Taylor
Mr R Taylor	

**The Purpose of the Charity:-**

The principal function is to support the advancement of the Christian religion by promoting through the work of the Parish the whole mission of the Church, pastoral, evangelistic, social and ecumenical. Being open to and engaging with society as a whole and offering Christianity.

As a result of activity in pursuit of the advancement of the Christian religion, the Parish has custody of a large body of records, materials and artefacts of significance to the cultural heritage, the maintenance of which is undertaken by the Parish as a secondary charitable purpose.

**Appointment of Trustees:-**

The Chairperson asks for proposals from all members of the Select Vestry attendee's and the proposed trustee has to be approved and seconded by one or more members of the Select Vestry.

**Funds held by Charity:-**

Ballymena Clerical Union	£294-35
House Deposit	£400-00

Signed on behalf of Charity:



Jonathan Elder

Treasurer Dated: 16/04/24



Stephanie Rodgers

Secretary Dated: 16/04/24

