

Registration number NI068528

**North Belfast Interface Network
Company limited by guarantee
Charity no: NIC 103324
Directors' report and financial statements
for the year ended 31 March 2025**

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**Directors' report
for the year ended 31 March 2025**

The directors present their report and the financial statements for the year ended 31 March 2025.

The accounts have been prepared in accordance with the accounting policies set out in note 1 to the accounts and comply with the charity's Memorandum and Articles of Association, the Companies Act 2006 and "Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland published in October 2019.

Structure, governance and management

The Company is a company limited by guarantee.

Directors

The directors who served during the year were as follows

C Heron (Secretary)

A Kerr

M Maguire

J McAlea

L Morgan

K Murphy

L Wiggins

Introduction

NBIN aim to achieve these through consultation, local representation, work with community representatives across sectarian divides and interagency work. As a result of this engagement process NBIN plan activities that enable local people to address issues that have that have a negative impact on community relations. NBIN develop initiatives that seek to transform the nature of conflict and act as a catalyst for the development of community collaborations that have the potential to bring about positive social and physical change in the area. The primary vehicle for the delivery of this work has been through the programming of the Twaddell Ardoyne Shankill Communities in Transition (TASCIT) programme, of which NBIN is the lead partner.

The creation of North Belfast Interface Network has been a response to intra communal violence and the threat to the physical and social structures of community life posed by ongoing conflict and communal segregation.

North Belfast Interface Network was formed in 2002. Its primary focus is now on developing relations and trust between the two communities and to help create the conditions for the regeneration of interface communities.

Objectives and activities

Objectives & Activities for the Public Benefit

The Vision of The North Belfast Interface Network is of,

"A safe, confident and prosperous community at peace with itself and its neighbours".

The NBIN Mission statement is,

"Working to create understanding, respect and positive relations within and between North Belfast Communities

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NBIN have three have three key strategic aims which are:

To minimise the potential for violent conflict and support positive intervention in North Belfast

To build and maintain positive working relationships within and between communities

To play an active role in creating positive physical transformation of interface communities in North Belfast

2024-2025

From the outset of the April 2024 to March 2025 NBIN as achieved all of the objectives set out in its IFI TASCIT Peace Barrier removal Work plan.

In relation to Peace Barrier removal work in Jan this year, 2025, work to remove the interface structure at the rear of properties on Donaldson Crescent/Twaddell Avenue and Mountainview Park took place and the existing structure was replaced with civilian purpose fencing which now belongs to the residents themselves and are no longer considered DOJ barriers.

Community consent has been achieved, dependant of provision of concept plans, for the removal of the Woodvale /Holy Cross barriers and we awaiting instructions from the Department of Justice as to when this work may be carried out.

With the opening of the Flax St gates,2023, the area has witnessed an increased amount of road users and pedestrian footfall. TASCIT have been contacted by a number of residents and community organisations in the area appealing for speed calming and traffic calming to make the road and the immediate area safer. This issue affects pedestrians from both the Flax Street and Columbia Street entrances. The matter has been discussed with political representatives and has been raised with officials of the Department of Infrastructure from whom we are awaiting a response.

The only outstanding barrier for which there has been no community consent for change has been the Alliance Ave/ Glenbyrn Park fence. This means that 90% of the barrier removal work undertaken on by TASCIT is now complete.

With this in mind NBIN commissioned a review of the Twaddell, Ardoyne, Shankill Communities in Transition programmeto explore the impact of the work of the TASCIT Partnership to date alongside a series of recommendations for its future strategy and direction. The review undertaken by Dr Mc Cready and Dr Bell from Ulster University and the report , 'Reflections and Future Pathways' was delivered to NBIN in May 2024 and is freely available upon request.Among the key recommendations from the report was the suggestion that TASCIT broaden out their work from being a site specific Peace Barrier Removal Programme to a Barriers to Peace Programme which would identify and work on additional barriers to peace and reconciliation beyond the physical structures. This will be considered as the cornerstone of ongoing NBIN and TASCIT future strategic plans 2025 - 2028.

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Throughout this period TASCIT has continued to participate in ongoing conflict intervention activities including low level, youth led disturbances and parade and protest management. With only minor incidents to report and the summer period remaining relatively peaceful again this year has helped further enhance the TASCIT cross community engagement programme with over 1500 residents taking part in a range of activities. These activities have included cross community Meet the Neighbours and a Christmas Family Fun day events. 8 cross community workshops, the 15th and 16th tranche of Challenging Conversations and a number of single identity events

During this reporting period NBIN applied for and received funding to the value of £288846 from IFI, £900.00 from Belfast City Council, and €20,000 from DFA, offer pending. Unfortunately NBIN was unable to secure any funding from the CRC Core Funding programme.

In September this year NBIN took part in an IFI onsite audit of the Peace Barriers Programme. The results of the audit show TASCIT as being, 'Fully Compliant', which is great news and is a reflection of the great work being done by the NBIN Office manager and all TASCIT partners.

Achievements and performance

As outlined above, the company believes it achieved its goals of promoting good community relations throughout the North Belfast interface area.

Reserve Policy

In order to carry out our work it is necessary to hold financial resources in reserve. The trustees have agreed a policy that requires financial i.e. unrestricted reserves to be maintained at a level sufficient to sustain 3 months' core activity during a period of unforeseen difficulty.

To operate as a successful community organisation, we require financial reserves for the following purposes:

- Strategic- acquiring and replacing assets to benefit the community
- Accountability - complying with legal and statutory obligations e.g. redundancy payments
- Operational - to cover running costs not included in grant income, sustaining staff in gap funding periods etc.

Financial review

The results are set out in full in the financial statements. The directors have obtained funding for the near future.

This report was approved by the Board on 11 November 2025 and signed on its behalf by

Manus Maguire

[Manus Maguire \(Nov 25, 2025 11:03:50 GMT\)](#)

**M Maguire
Director**

Independent examiner's Report to the Members of North Belfast Interface Network

I report on the accounts of the for the for the year ended 31 March 2025, which are set out on the pages that follow.

Respective responsibilities of and examiner

As the charity trustees (and also the directors of the company for the purposes of company law) you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006. Having satisfied myself that the charity is not subject to audit under company law, and is eligible for independent examination, it is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under section 65 of the Charities Act (Northern Ireland) 2008;
- follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland under section 65(9)(b) of the Charities Act; and
- state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of independent examiner's report

I have examined your charity accounts as required under section 65 of the Charities Act and my examination was carried out in accordance with the general Directions given by the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland under section 65(9)(b) of the Charities Act. The examination included a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from you as charity trustees concerning any such matters.

My role is to state whether any material matters have come to my attention giving me cause to believe:

1. That accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 386 of the Companies Act 2006
2. That the accounts do not accord with those accounting records
3. That the accounts do not comply with the accounting requirements of section 396 of the Companies Act 2006 and with the methods and principles of the Charities Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland
4. That there is further information needed for a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Independent examiner's statement

I have completed my examination and have no concerns in respect of the matters (1) to (4) listed above and, in connection with following the Directions of the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland, I have found no matters that require drawing to your attention.

MTS

[MTS \(Nov 11, 2025 21:33:01 GMT\)](#)

Richard McClay FCA

For and on behalf of McCreery Turkington Stockman LTD

**1 Lanyon Quay
Belfast**

11 November 2025

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**Statement of Financial Activities (Including Summary Income and Expenditure Account)
for the year ended 31 March 2025**

| | | Unrestricted Funds | Restricted Funds | Total | Total |
|--|-------|-----------------------|---------------------|------------------|-----------------|
| | | 2025 | 2025 | 2025 | 2024 |
| | | £ | £ | £ | £ |
| Incoming Resources | Notes | | | | |
| <i>Activities to further the charity's objectives:</i> | | | | | |
| Grant received and events | 3 | 689 | 289,746 | 290,435 | 275,158 |
| Total incoming resources | | <u>689</u> | <u>289,746</u> | <u>290,435</u> | <u>275,158</u> |
| Charitable expenditure | | | | | |
| Management and administration | 4 | (424) | (271,247) | (271,671) | (288,098) |
| Total resources expended | | <u>(424)</u> | <u>(271,247)</u> | <u>(271,671)</u> | <u>(12,940)</u> |
| Net income before transfers | | <u>265</u> | <u>18,499</u> | <u>18,764</u> | <u>(12,940)</u> |
| Transfer between funds | | - | - | - | - |
| Net incoming resources | | <u>265</u> | <u>18,499</u> | <u>18,764</u> | <u>(12,940)</u> |
| Fund balances brought forward | | 49,806 | 9,329 | 59,135 | 72,075 |
| Fund balances carried forward | | <u>50,071</u> | <u>27,828</u> | <u>77,899</u> | <u>59,135</u> |

All of the above results are derived from continuing activities. All gains and losses recognised in the year are included above.

The notes on pages 9 to 13 form an integral part of these financial statements.

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**Balance sheet
as at 31 March 2025**

| | | 2025 | | 2024 | |
|---|-----------|---------|--------|--------|--------|
| Notes | £ | £ | £ | £ | £ |
| Current assets | | | | | |
| Debtors | 8 | 48,015 | | 55,263 | |
| Cash at bank and in hand | | 30,934 | | 3,872 | |
| | | 78,949 | | 59,135 | |
| Creditors: amounts falling due within one year | 9 | (1,050) | | - | |
| Net current assets | | | 77,899 | | 59,135 |
| Net assets | | | 77,899 | | 59,135 |
| Capital and reserves | | | | | |
| Restricted funds | 10 | | 27,828 | | 9,329 |
| Unrestricted funds | 10 | | 50,071 | | 49,806 |
| General funds | | | 77,899 | | 59,135 |

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Balance sheet (continued)

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For the year ended 31 March 2025 the company was entitled to exemption from audit under section 477 of the Companies Act 2006 relating to small companies.

Directors' responsibilities:

- (a) The members have not required the company to obtain an audit of its accounts for the year in question in accordance with section 476;
- (b) The directors acknowledge their responsibilities for complying with the requirements of the Act with respect to accounting records and the preparation of accounts.

The financial statements were approved by the Board on 11 November 2025 and signed on its behalf by

**M Maguire
Director**

Manus Maguire
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1. Accounting policies

Company information

North Belfast Interface Network is a Company limited by guarantee, registered in Northern Ireland. The address of the registered office is 123 Cliftonville Road, Belfast, Co Antrim, BT14 6JR.

1.1. Accounting convention

The accounts have been prepared in accordance with the charity's Memorandum and Articles of Association, the Companies Act 2006 and "Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland published in October 2019". The charity is a Public Benefit Entity as defined by FRS 102.

The financial statements are prepared in sterling, which is the functional currency of the company. Monetary amounts in these financial statements are rounded to the nearest £.

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention. The principal accounting policies adopted are set out below.

1.2. Fund Accounting

Unrestricted funds are available for use at the discretion of the trustees in furtherance of the general objectives of the charity.

Designated funds are unrestricted funds earmarked by the directors for particular purposes.

Restricted funds are subjected to restrictions on their expenditure imposed by the donor or through the terms of an appeal

1.3. Resources

Incoming resources

All incoming resources are included in the SOFA when the charity is legally entitled to the income and the amount can be quantified with reasonable accuracy.

Donations are included as income when they are received. No amounts are included in the financial statements for services donated by volunteers.

Resources expended

All expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis and has been classified under headings that aggregate all costs relating to the category. Where costs cannot be directly attributed to particular headings they have been allocated to activities on a basis consistent with use of the resources.

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2. Employees

| Number of employees | 2025 | 2024 |
|---|----------------|----------------|
| The average monthly numbers of employees (including the directors) during the year were: | | |
| Employed | <u>3</u> | <u>3</u> |
| | | |
| Employment costs | 2025 | 2024 |
| | £ | £ |
| Wages and salaries | <u>112,257</u> | <u>118,281</u> |

There were no employees earning over £60,000 in the two years ended 31 March 2025.

| 3. Income from charitable activities | Unrestricted | Restricted | Total | Total |
|---|---------------------|-------------------|----------------|----------------|
| | 2025 | 2025 | 2025 | 2024 |
| | £ | £ | £ | £ |
| Grants and donations | | | | |
| International Fund For Ireland | - | 288,846 | 288,846 | 229,759 |
| Belfast City Council | - | 900 | 900 | - |
| General Income | 689 | - | 689 | 1,384 |
| The Executive Office | - | - | - | 15,806 |
| NI Community Relations Council | - | - | - | 28,209 |
| | <u>689</u> | <u>289,746</u> | <u>290,435</u> | <u>275,158</u> |

In 2024 of the charitable income £273,774 was attributable to restricted income funds with the balance £1,384 adding to unrestricted income.

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| | 2025 | 2024 |
|--|----------------|----------------|
| | £ | £ |
| 4. Total resources expended | | |
| Wages and pension costs | 112,257 | 118,281 |
| Rent and room hire | 15,805 | 15,080 |
| Insurance | 1,768 | 1,733 |
| Project workers, activities and facilitation | 130,165 | 141,165 |
| Light and heat | 2,292 | 3,213 |
| Cleaning | 1,750 | 1,900 |
| Underspend | - | 717 |
| Printing, postage and stationery | 2,915 | 1,607 |
| Telephone | 3,251 | 2,892 |
| Independent examination | 1,050 | 1,050 |
| Bank charges | 418 | 460 |
| | <u>271,671</u> | <u>288,098</u> |

In 2024 of the charitable expenditure £287,685 was attributable to restricted funds with the balance £413 relating to unrestricted funds.

5. Taxation

No liability to UK corporation tax arises on ordinary activities for the year. The company is a registered charity .

6. Incorporation

North Belfast Interface Network is a company limited by guarantee and does not have a share capital. The liability of the members is limited to an amount not exceeding £1 per member.

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|--|---|--------------------|
| 7. Tangible fixed assets | Fixtures, fittings and equipment £ | Total £ |
| Cost | | |
| At 1 April 2024 | 6,342 | 6,342 |
| At 31 March 2025 | <u>6,342</u> | <u>6,342</u> |
| Depreciation | | |
| At 1 April 2024 | 6,342 | 6,342 |
| At 31 March 2025 | <u>6,342</u> | <u>6,342</u> |
| | | |
| 8. Debtors | 2025 £ | 2024 £ |
| Grants due | 46,235 | 55,263 |
| Prepayments and accrued income | 1,780 | - |
| | <u>48,015</u> | <u>55,263</u> |
| | | |
| 9. Creditors: amounts falling due within one year | 2025 £ | 2024 £ |
| Accruals and deferred income | 1,050 | - |
| | <u>1,050</u> | <u>-</u> |

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| 10. Statement of funds | Restricted reserve £ | Unrestricted reserve £ | Total £ |
|--|-------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|--------------------|
| Total reserves at 1 April 2024 | 9,329 | 49,806 | 59,135 |
| Total income for the year | 289,746 | 689 | 290,435 |
| Total expenditure for the year | (271,247) | (424) | (271,671) |
| Total reserves at 31 March 2025 | <u>27,828</u> | <u>50,071</u> | <u>77,899</u> |

The restricted reserve represents monies that are subject to restriction on their expenditure imposed by the donor. These funds are not available for general charity expenses and must be spent on expenditure stipulated by the funder.

The unrestricted reserve represents the free funds of the charity which are not designated for particular purposes.

| 11. Analysis of net assets between funds | Restricted reserve £ | Unrestricted reserve £ | Total £ |
|---|-------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|--------------------|
| Fund Balances at 31 March 2025 represented by: | | | |
| Current assets | 28,878 | 50,071 | 78,949 |
| Current liabilities | (1,050) | - | (1,050) |
| Total net assets | <u>27,828</u> | <u>50,071</u> | <u>77,899</u> |

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