

St Brigid's Women's Group

Financial Statements

for the year ended 31st March 2025

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Information

Committee	Mrs Mary Harley Mrs Jean Cooke Mrs Helen McGrellis Mrs Detta McGuinness Mrs Ann McIntyre Mrs Doreen White Mrs Ann McPhillips Mrs Patricia O'Reilly
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Charity Number	NIC103355

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Independent examiner's report to the charity members of St Brigid's Women's Group

We report on the accounts of the charity for the year ended 31 March 2025, which are set out on pages 3 to 6.

Respective responsibilities of charity members and examiner

As the charity's members you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the Charities Act (Northern Ireland) 2008.

It is our responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under Section 65 of the Charities Act;
- follow the procedures laid down in the general directions given by the Commission under Section 65(9) (b) of the Charities Act;
- state whether particular matters have come to our attention.

Basis of Independent examiner's report

We have examined your charity accounts as required under Section 65 of the Charities Act and our 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.

Our examination included a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also included considerations of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanation from you as charity members concerning any such matters.

Our role is to state whether any material matters have come to our attention giving us cause to believe:

1. That accounting records were not kept in accordance with Section 63 of the Charities Act.
2. That the accounts do not accord with those accounting records.
3. That the accounts do not comply with the accounting requirements of the Charities Act.
4. That there is further information needed for a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Independent Examiner's Statement

We have completed our examination and have no concerns in respect of the matters 1 - 4 listed above and, in connection with the following directions of the Charity Commission Northern Ireland; we have found no matters that require drawing to your attention.

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Members report

The Management Committee present their report and the financial statements for the year ended 31st March 2025.

Objectives and activities

St Brigid's Women's Group was established in October 1999, to empower women living in the Carnhill Area (SOA Carnhill 1&2). A small group of local women came together to discuss ways in which women within the Carnhill estate could move forward, improve their life chances & effect positive change for themselves & their community. The group is based within Carnhill, an area that is particularly deprived & impoverished especially in terms of employment opportunities. Poverty & unemployment in Carnhill have exacerbated a whole range of social problems, including family breakdown, poor health, youth disaffection, drugs & crime. The recent deprivation indices have ranked Carnhill in the top 10% of wards in NI suffering for multiple deprivation, child poverty, income deprivation & health deprivation. Since October 1999, the group have rented a small room within the local parish hall. With help from small grants, local fundraising & donations in kind the group has been able to deliver various courses such as Tia Chi, Aqua Aerobics, Swimming Lessons, Zumba Gold, Healthy Eating, Creative writing, Knitting / Crocheting, Arts & Crafts, Personal Development, Community Development training & visits to Stormont to talk to political parties to discuss the issues that effect them & their community. For local children each year we set up a summer scheme & a bus trip to the beach for the local residents i.e. parents, children, grandparents etc.

Management Committee

The members of the charity for the purposes of charity law and throughout this report are collectively referred to as the members.

The members serving during the year and since the year end were as follows:

Mrs Mary Harley
Mrs Jean Cooke
Mrs Helen McGrellis
Mrs Detta McGuinness
Mrs Ann McIntyre
Mrs Doreen White
Mrs Ann McPhillips
Mrs Patricia O'Reilly

Public benefits

The direct benefit which flows from this purpose is the increased level of social inclusion for members of St Brigid's Women's Group and the promotion of volunteering and development and inspiring civic values and community activity within the Greater Shantallow Area. These benefits are evidenced through increased numbers of women attending weekly meeting & activities, increased numbers in volunteers & volunteering

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opportunities, feedback from the committee & volunteers involved with training & events, focus groups & evaluation/monitoring carried out for all work carried out. There is no harm flowing from this purpose. Beneficiaries of this purpose are residents (Women, parents & Volunteers) within the Greater Shantallow Area. A private benefit may arise to committee members who may from time to time avail of training programmes in matters such as governance, but this is necessary for professional standards to be maintained to carry out the work of St Brigid's Women's Group & to ensure the benefit is provided to our beneficiaries.

Risk Management

The members have assessed the major risks to which the organisation is exposed, in particular those related to the operations and finances of the association, and are satisfied that systems are in place to mitigate the exposure to the major risks.

Financial review

The financial performance is summarised in the enclosed accounts.

Members Responsibilities In Relation To The Financial Statements

The members are responsible for preparing the annual report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice.

The law applicable to charities in Northern Ireland requires the members to prepare the financial statements that give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charity at the end of the financial year and of its surplus or deficit for the financial year. In doing so the members are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and apply them consistently;
- observe methods and principles in the Charities SORP;
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in business.

The members are responsible for maintaining proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and enables them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the necessary legislation. The members 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.

By Order of the Management Committee:

Member *C. M. Phillips*

Date: 12/2/26

Member *Doreen White*

Date: 12-2-26

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Statement of assets and liabilities for the year ended 31st March 2025

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total 2025 £	Total 2024 £
Funds Reconciliation				
Cash at bank & in hand 31.03.24	3,089	2,856	862	5,945
Surplus/(deficit) this year end	66	-	66	(5,083)
Cash at bank & in hand 31.03.25	3,155	2,856	928	862

Bank & Cash Balances

Bank current account	928	862
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Approved by the members and signed on their behalf by:

Member *Ann M. Phillips*

Date: *12/2/26*

Member *Doreen White*

Date: *12-2-26*

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Statement of Receipts and Payments for the year ended 31st March 2025

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total 2025 £	Total 2024 £
Receipts				
<u>Voluntary Receipts</u>				
Donations	3,573	-	3,573	474
<u>From Charitable Activities</u>				
Pams Grant	-	-	-	-
Derry City & Strabane District Council	-	-	-	-
	<u>3,573</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>3,573</u>	<u>474</u>
Payments				
Tutors & facilitators	2,112		2,112	4,752
Room & venue hire	500		500	500
Insurance	358		358	-
Accountancy	480		480	-
Sundries	-		-	245
Bank fees	57		57	60
	<u>3,507</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>3,507</u>	<u>5,557</u>
Net Receipts	66	-	66	(5,083)
Transfers to/(from) funds	-	-	-	-
(Deficit)/ Surplus for the year	<u>66</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>66</u>	<u>(5,083)</u>
Reconciliation 31.03.25				
Cash at bank & in hand 31.03.24	862	-	862	5,945
Surplus/(deficit) this year end	66	-	66	(5,083)
Cash at bank & in hand 31.03.25	<u>928</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>928</u>	<u>862</u>