

CARRYDUFF RETIREMENT GROUP 2023/2024

CHARITY NO. 103531

TRUSTEES' REPORT

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| CHAIRPERSON | Elizabeth Graham |
| VICE-CHAIR | Helen Proctor |
| SECRETARIES | Maura Middleton and Connie Rodgers |
| TREASURER | Shirley Herron |
| ASSISTANT TREASURER | Jennifer Fowler |
| COMMITTEE | Elish Crosby, Jean Edgar, Ursula Jackson |

The Group meets on the second Monday of the month in the hall belonging to St Ignatius Parish Church.

Our membership number is 40 but on a monthly basis would average around 30 attending. We have a few names on the waiting list.

We continue to be registered with the Northern Ireland Charity Commission and have lodged the required documentation on the relevant section of the website. The Group confirms that it has had due regard to the guidance on public benefit produced by the Commission, that there is no harm to the older people who are our beneficiaries and that we accrue no private benefit.

The following is a brief list of our activities from March 2023 to February 2024:

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| 13 February 2023 | Annual General Meeting and tea |
| 13 March 2023 | Lagan Valley Regional Park – talk and film |
| 24 April 2023 | Daffodil Tea with Crawford Bell as Guest Singer |
| 15 May 2023 | Coronation Lunch grant-aided by LCCC |
| 12 June 2023 | Portstewart Outing with lunch at Tullyglass Hotel |
| 11 September 2023 | Meeting and Tea |
| 2 October 2023 | Outing to Ards and Dinner at McBride's, Comber |
| 9 October 2023 | Meeting and Beetle Drive |
| 13 November 2023 | Yarnspinners |
| 11 December 2023 | Christmas Lunch at Auld House |
| 8 January 2024 | John Cartwright, Antiques |

Sadly, we have lost some of our members. Some have passed away and some are not able to travel to the Group. As a Group, we feel that our Members benefit from our various activities, both mentally and physically. Friendships are formed and we look forward to Meetings, outing and seeing our friends.

Much help and assistance has been received from Gina Biggerstaff and Linda McCracken at Lisburn and Castlereagh Council, for which we are very grateful.

We appreciate all the help that the volunteers from Carryduff Hub give us by letting us have a room for our Committee Meetings.

Our Group appreciates the fact that Rev Lowry and St Ignatius Church grant us the use of the Church hall and also the use of the Church Warden who sets out tables and chairs for us. Sandra Thomas, Co Treasurer of the Vestry, has helped us with the Church diary and gave us guidance on carrying out a fire drill and survey recently.

Signed on behalf of the Management Committee

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "maura middleton".

Maura Middleton, Secretary