

Down Visually Impaired Persons Group Trustees Report 2017/18

1. The charity is known as Down Visually Impaired Persons Group.
2. Charity commission Number is 103628
3. The Groups purpose is;
Purpose 1) Provide a programme of events for people who are Blind/Visually Impaired which will include information sessions regarding benefits, healthy eating, health promotion and sign posting to appropriate providers. We will also address social exclusion and isolation for Blind/Visually Impaired people living in rural areas. Help them to avail of projects that encourage socialising and integration both between themselves and sighted adults without distinction of age, sex, race, political, religious or other opinion, by associating the statutory authorities, voluntary organisations and inhabitants in a common effort to advance education and to provide facilities in the interests of social welfare for recreation or other leisure-time occupation with the object of improving the conditions of life for the said inhabitants;
4. **The Trustees - Management Committee – as at 3rd January 2018.**

Delores Fegan – Chairperson

David Gale – Treasurer

John McCullough – Secretary

Kieran Bryce – Community Support Worker
5. This Report is for the financial year 1st of April 2017 – 31th March 2018
6. This is the group’s second report to charity Commission and
 - Held AGM on the 3rd January 2018
 - The group held several activities including aromatherapy, Boccia, history talk’s from local historians, library archive films. We also held information sessions from the PSNI, RNIB tech officer, a healthy eating programme and a group meeting with local councillor.

- The group also attended a lunch time recital by the Ulster Orchestra in the Ulster Hall. We visited Bangor & Down Museums.
- The group had a collection day at ASDA, Downpatrick to help with raising funds.
- The group also held their annual Christmas dinner with Slieve Donard VIPs at the Burrendale Hotel in Newcastle.

7. The group always regard to the Commission's Public Benefit whereby

The direct benefits which flow from purpose 2.1 includes access to facilities and activities to improve education, health and wellbeing.

These benefits are demonstrated through feedback from participants and beneficiaries and by the level of uptake of services. The purposes of our charity will not lead to any harm.

The charity's beneficiaries are people living in the Lecale ward areas of Newry, Mourne and Down District Council

The direct benefits which flow from purpose 2.2 includes giving people a meeting place to maintain and manage with support from to get together with others to enjoy social interaction and to take part in activities of a social and recreational nature. The participants learn new skills and share their own knowledge and skills with each other. These benefits are demonstrated through feedback from participants and beneficiaries and by the level of uptake of our activities. The purposes of our charity will not lead to any harm.

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8. Assets

- Not Applicable

9. Liabilities

- Not Applicable

10. Finance

- Balance of £518.51 - as at 31st march 2018

11. Chairperson - Delores Fegan *Delores Fegan* Date *31-05-18*

Secretary - John McCullough *John McCullough* Date *31-03-18*