

## **ANNUAL REPORT FOR AGE CONCERN 2017**

**Charity No NIC103984**

### **'Drop In'**

The year got off to a slow start as weather and illness kept numbers down attending the daily tea and coffee mornings. Thursday is the only morning we do not open. Average attendance per week is approximately 20. The 'drop in' opens from 10.00am to 12 noon. On a rare occasion 2 males attend but the majority of our members are women. It is a lifeline for many of the women who would otherwise be in the house on their own. They enjoy the company and informal chat over a cup of tea or coffee.

Only 8 ladies went on the annual holiday. This was in July for 5 days. The trip was with Highland Heritage. The group chose the Oban tour and thoroughly enjoyed the holiday. It was during the really good weather which was an added bonus.

We had our usual Christmas meal in The Curran Court hotel in Larne on 13<sup>th</sup> December at 1.00 pm. A smaller number attended this year – 12 ladies but an enjoyable time was had by all.

Thank you to the ladies who volunteer on a daily basis to provide a warm, clean environment and tea and biscuits to all who call. Without these volunteers Age Concern, Larne would not be able to operate.

### **Knitting Group**

The knitting group continues to have a healthy number attending. The average weekly number is 14. The group meet for 2 hours every Tuesday afternoon. The ladies knit baby cardigans and blankets for sale to help fund the running of Age Concern Larne. They also knit for charity, this year knitting; smoothie hats, premature baby cardigans and dog blankets. They also knit baby items to order on occasions for members of the public when asked. It is a lively afternoon with much talking and activity and of course a cup of tea.

Thankyou to the ladies who organise the afternoon, make the tea, and clear up.

### **Walking Group**

The walking group is a vibrant activity each Tuesday morning. The Group Leader is Ann Harris who continues to dedicate time and effort into the weekly walks. Her work with the group is to be commended. She provides a varied and well planned route each week. The walkers enjoy the exercise and social interaction which is helping keep them healthy.

This year 38 planned walks were arranged, 3 were cancelled due to inclement weather. The average attendance was 48 walkers. The walkers completed:

- 13 local walks – Inver River, Larne Promenade, Town Parks

- 6 using cars to venue – Coast Road/Black Arch, Drains Bay/Carnfunock Country Park, Ballyclare Park
- 12 using public transport to venue – Bangor, Botanic Gardens/River Lagan, Downshire/Carrickfergus, Whitehead, Sailorstown/Claredon Dock, Giants/Causeway/Bushmills
- 4 using SACT minibus to venue – Broughshane, Cranny Falls Carnlough, Lisnafillan Ballymena, Monkstown/Whiteabbey

Ann Harris and Jean Gaston attended the Walk Leaders Network Event in Tullyglass House Hotel on 22 June.

The walking season ended with all enjoying a meal together in the Halfway House Hotel, Ballygally.

Ann would like to thank the walkers who attend, help out by offering lifts, helping at picnics and encouraging others to walk and talk. Also her grateful thanks is given to the Walk Leader volunteers who give their time and support each week.

| Name                | Signature                  |
|---------------------|----------------------------|
| Patricia McCullough | <i>Patricia McCullough</i> |
| Jean O'Lynn         | <i>J. O'Lynn</i>           |
| Myrtle Gilbert      | <i>M. Gilbert</i>          |
| Nora Wright         | <i>Nora Wright</i>         |
| Jean Martin         | <i>Jean Martin</i>         |

DATE 10/5/19

Age Concern Accounts 2017

Charity number NIC103984

We the trustees have studied the accounts for 2017 and the information received from the accountant Mr Marcus and agree with them.

**Name**

**Signature**

Patricia McCullough

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Date *10/5/19*

**2017**

**Chairperson** Patricia McCullough

**Vice-Chairperson** Annie Shields

**Treasurer** Myrtle Gilbert

**Secretary** Jean Martin

**Committee Members**

Jean O'Lynn  
Myrtle Gilbert  
Annie Shields  
Nora Wright  
Jean Martin  
Derek Turkington  
Elaine Blackburn

It is with sadness that we report the sudden death of our Chairperson, David Blackburne. He suffered an accident when on holiday and was flown home a month later but unfortunately died in hospital due to his serious injuries.

Unfortunately during the summer period Elaine Blackburn gave up her position as a committee member due to work commitments.

Patricia McCullough was elected Chairperson.

Signatures were requested upon receipt of the accounts. Unfortunately both Annie Shields and Derek Turkington have both passed away and as such they cannot be included.

L Davies - Administrator

*L Davies 11/5/19*