

**Markethill Horse and Pony Driving Club  
Limited**

**Report of the Trustees  
for the Year Ended 31 December 2023**

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The trustees who are also directors of the charity for the purposes of the Companies Act 2006, present their report with the financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31 December 2023. The trustees have adopted the provisions of 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 (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019).

**INCORPORATION**

The charitable company was incorporated on 18 August 1995.

**OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES**

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- (1) The advancement of education
- (2) The advancement of citizenship or community development
- (3) The advancement of amateur sport
- (4) The advancement of animal welfare

**Significant activities**

- (1) Pony drives that take place every two weeks during the summer months.
- (2) Monthly meetings for members and interested parties that take place throughout the year.
- (3) Educational field trips, including visiting veterinary establishments.
- (4) A number of social events open to the general public, including barbecues in the summer and supper dances in the winter month.
- (5) Other social activities throughout the year, again open to the general public, that we organise in cooperation with other local community groups

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**OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES**

**Public benefit**

The benefits that flow from our purposes are many and diverse and include members and the general public. Members derive a number of important benefits from the club. These include an increased sense of camaraderie and solidarity that come from collective activities, which members would not be able to undertake as individuals. Members also benefit greatly from an enriching peer-to-peer learning environment and obtain a sense of empowerment as a result. Members gain in knowledge and experience through the club, which enhances the safety of drivers and horses alike. Members also benefit by way of increased familiarity with and enjoyment from the countryside. Finally, members experience improved mobility and derive health benefits through outdoor activities. These benefits are evidenced through direct feedback from members at our events and monthly meetings. Another important piece of evidence that the club is produced these benefits is the fact that members stay and new members join year after year. Non-members also enjoy a number of important public benefits. First, the club leads to an increased interest in equestrian matters and activities among the general public. Second, the club provides a space for the general public to come together as spectators at drives, which produces enjoyment in a safe and relaxing environment. Evidence that these latter category of benefits are produced comes directly from positive feedback from spectators and high attendance levels at our club events.

**STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT**

**Governing document**

The charity is controlled by its governing document, a deed of trust, and constitutes a limited company, limited by guarantee, as defined by the Companies Act 2006.

**REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS**

**Registered Company number**

NI029866 (Northern Ireland)

**Registered Charity number**

104495

**Registered office**

24 Beechlands  
Banbridge  
Co. Down  
BT32 3RJ

**Trustees**

C McLoughlin  
R Mayne BEM  
D Armstrong  
Mrs L Dillon  
Mrs S E Stewart  
Mrs P Corr

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**Independent Examiner**

S.M. Vint & Company

Chartered Certified Accountants

8 Newry Road

Banbridge

Co. Down

BT32 3HN

Approved by order of the board of trustees on 28 January 2024 and signed on its behalf by:

*Ronnie Mayne BEM*  
R Mayne BEM - Trustee