

Carnlough Community Association

Charity No: 104809

Receipts & Payments Accounts for the period

01.04.24 – 31.03.25

Carnlough Community Association

For the year ended 31 March 2025

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Trustees Report

Charity Name: Carnlough Community Association

Charity Address: Harbour House
11 Harbour Road
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Ballymena
BT44 0EU

Trustees

The following served as trustees during the year and up to the date of this report:

Keith Cruttenden	Ronald McQuitty
Denis Corigan	Patricia McConnell
Ann McAllister	Rosie Simpson
Mary Watson	Ian Scroggy
Ann Corigan	Hugh Simpson
Geraldine Moorcroft	

Bankers: The Co-Operative Bank
18 Donegal Square North
Belfast
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Independent Examiner Nicola Marks
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Trustees Report

Purposes and Objectives of Carnlough Community Association

The purpose of Carnlough Community Association is to advance community development and encourage active citizenship by providing a range of services and programmes which have been highlighted through consultations. The benefits would include the increased development of skills, a better quality of life for the beneficiaries, enhanced independence, reduction of isolation and the provision of a safer and cleaner environment.

Objectives, Activities and Performance

In setting our objectives and planning our activities for the year the trustees have given careful consideration to the Charity Commission NI's guidance on public benefit to ensure that the activities have helped to achieve the charity's purposes and provide a benefit to the beneficiaries.

During the year we:

- The community office acts as a drop-in facility where local residents can call in and avail of information and support.
- Every Friday between February to May and September to December we run a luncheon club where we serve between 45 & 50 meals. The luncheon club ends the year with a Christmas dinner. This is a very important and worthwhile part of our work. This has helped to alleviate isolation and many friendships have been made as a result. For many it is the highlight of their week.
- The bowling club continues to meet every week in the local community centre. This is another great way to meet friends and neighbours while keeping active. Refreshments are provided and there are opportunities to visit other clubs during the year.
- The luncheon and bowling club members also participate in many trips and excursions during the year. Those who attend the luncheon club also enjoy a programme of events such as reflexology, head massages, keep fit, craft and talks from different agencies on crime prevention and mental health issues.
- We also run a very successful summer scheme in August with many local children in attendance. The children enjoy sport, craft, coaching and refreshments.
- We also provide a youth club which has been very well attended. The children play sport, make craft and have an opportunity to get to make new friends over refreshments.
- At Christmas we host a Community Christmas Party, there are stalls, entertainment and refreshments.

- A wellbeing programme which helps improve both our physical and mental health. This includes light exercise e.g. yoga, reflexology and talks from different organisations such as Extern and Mindset. Giving our community the means to manage and improve their overall wellbeing.
- An art group takes place every Monday evening, (7–9pm) throughout the year. The group hosts tri-annual exhibitions and welcomes guest tutors to teach new techniques like printmaking and acrylic painting.
- An annual craft day for children between 1-11yrs, giving them an opportunity to explore their artistic flair.
- A garden project which is open year-round, with members of all ages. Members cultivate vegetables, fruits, and flowers, and provide an educational programme for children. A facilitator from Inver Nursery regularly conducts informative sessions that engage both children and adult members.
- An annual Fun Day where families attend with their children. We have a variety of different stalls including tombola, bottle stall and home produce. Face painting, and arts and craft take place, not forgetting the fun rides for the children.
- An annual Christmas card competition for local primary schools where children design their own Christmas cards. Each class has a winner, with one overall winner chosen from both local schools.
- Another educational annual project would be an educational visit to our local heritage hub/government buildings. Giving children the opportunity to gain experience about the history of Carnlough or how our local government is run.
- Various Training programmes during the year such as Safeguarding, First Aid and Food and Hygiene.
- Volunteer celebration event is held annually to thank our wonderful volunteers who assist in the delivery of each of our projects.

Financial Review

During the year we secured funding from The National Lottery Community Fund, DAERA, Northern Ireland Housing Executive and Halifax totalling £98,021.80. We also raised funds through the Youth Club, Summer Scheme, Bowling Club, Art Club, Funday and other fundraising activities totalling £26,774.50. We also received a donation of £20 and repayments totalling £1,004.99. Our total receipts for the year amounted to £125,821.29. We made payments in total to the value of £111,389.48 leaving us with a bank balance at the 31 March 2025 of £97,782.04.

This report was approved by the Trustees at a meeting on 1/8/25. and signed on its behalf by:

P.M. Connell
Mrs Patricia McConnell (Trustee)

K.E. Cruttenden
Mr Keith Cruttenden (Trustee)

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Independent Examiners Report

I have carried out an independent examination of the accounts of Carnlough Community Association for the year ended 31 March 2025.

Respective responsibilities of Trustees and Examiner

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

It is my responsibility to:

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

Basis of Independent Examiner's statement

I have examined your charity accounts as required under section 65 of the Charities Act and an examination was carried out in accordance with the general directions given by the Charity Commission NI under section 65 (9)(b) of the Charities Act.

The 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 consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts and seeking explanations from you as charity trustees concerning any such matters.

As the Independent Examiner my role is to state whether any material matters have come to my attention giving cause to believe

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

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Independent Examiners Report

Independent Examiners Statement

I have completed my examination and have no concerns in respect of the matters listed 1 to 4 above and in connection with following the directions of the Charity Commission NI have no matters that require drawing your attention too.

Name: Nicola Marks Date: 29-7-25

Nicola Marks
Independent Examiner
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Receipts & Payments Accounts

for the period 01/04/24 - 31/03/25

	Restricted Funds	Unrestricted Funds	2025 Total Funds	2024 Total Funds
	£	£	£	£
RECEIPTS				
Mid & East Antrim Council	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,200.47
BBC Children In Need	0.00	0.00	0.00	18,981.00
TNL Community Fund	93,011.75	0.00	93,011.75	89,854.75
NI Housing Executive	500.00	0.00	500.00	1,025.00
DAERA	510.05	0.00	510.05	0.00
Halifax Grant	4,000.00	0.00	4,000.00	0.00
Fundraising from Charitable Events	0.00	9,384.67	9,384.67	7,342.59
Luncheon Club Fees	0.00	8,080.00	8,080.00	8,070.00
Bowling Club	0.00	5,095.70	5,095.70	3,480.77
Youth Club	0.00	3,258.30	3,258.30	5,007.00
Art Group	0.00	955.83	955.83	0.00
Donation	0.00	20.00	20.00	0.00
Repayments	4.99	1,000.00	1,004.99	132.00
TOTAL	98,026.79	27,794.50	125,821.29	135,093.58
PAYMENTS				
Staff Costs	37,019.21	134.40	37,153.61	35,912.77
HMRC	3,002.38	0.00	3,002.38	2,864.68
Office Costs	2,434.70	5,734.66	8,169.36	2,882.16
Luncheon Club	23,909.86	271.95	24,181.81	22,092.03
Bowling Club	4,890.93	4,876.85	9,767.78	5,103.47
Rent	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,650.00
Room Hire	4,514.00	0.00	4,514.00	0.00
Donation	0.00	100.00	100.00	0.00
Events/Project Costs	15,037.88	4,108.83	19,146.71	21,540.66
Youth Club	1,145.64	909.10	2,054.74	6,088.02
Insurance	0.00	1,607.22	1,607.22	3,628.90
Tele/Elec	1,154.50	387.37	1,541.87	836.20
Accountancy	0.00	150.00	150.00	200.00
TOTAL	93,109.10	18,280.38	111,389.48	102,798.89
Surplus/(Deficit) for the year	4,917.69	9,514.12	14,431.81	32,294.69
Cash balance at 01 April 2024	83,350.23			
Current Account				
Cash balance at 31 March 2025	97,782.04			
Current Account				

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Statement of Assets & Liabilities for the period
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	Restricted Funds	Unrestricted Funds	2025 Total Funds
	£	£	£
Funds Reconciliation			
Cash at bank & in hand 01 April 2024	47,501.97	35,848.26	83,350.23
Surplus/Deficit this year end	<u>4,917.69</u>	<u>9,514.12</u>	<u>14,431.81</u>
Cash at bank & in hand 31 March 2025	52,419.66	45,362.38	97,782.04

Bank & Cash Balances

Bank Current Account	97,782.04
Cash in Hand	<u>0</u>
	<u>97,782.04</u>

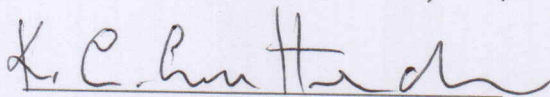
Other Assets (Unrestricted Funds)

Office Furniture: 3 Desks, 2 Filing Cabinets and
 2 Wooden cabinets.
 1 Desktop Computer
 2 Laptops & 5 iPads
 2 Printers
 10 Office Chairs
 2 computer Chairs
 Kettle
 Toaster
 Microwave
 Coffee Machine
 3 Handheld Phones
 Office Stationery & Equipment – Guillotine,
 Shredder, pens and paper.

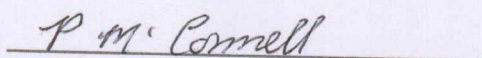
Liabilities (Unrestricted Fund)

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Approved by the trustees on 1/8/2025 and signed on their behalf by



Mr Keith Cruttenden
Trustee of Carnlough Community Association



Mrs Patricia McConnell
Trustee of Carnlough Community Association