

**Loup Women's Group**

**Trustees' Annual Report and Statement of Receipts and Payments  
and Assets and Liabilities for the year ended  
31<sup>st</sup> December 2024**

**Charities Number:**

NIC104831

# **Loup Women’s Group Annual Report and Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31<sup>st</sup> December 2024**

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## **Loup Women's Group - Trustee's Annual Report for the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> December 2024**

The Trustees present their Annual Report and Statements of Receipts and Payments and Assets and Liabilities for Loup Women's Group Group for the year 31<sup>st</sup> December 2024.

### **References and Administrative Details**

**Charity Name:** Loup Women's Group

**Charity Registration Number:** NIC104831

**Principal Address/Registered Office:** Mrs Helen Andrews  
6 Dunronan Road  
Magherafelt  
BT45 7SU

### **Trustees**

The trustees who served during the year are as follows:

**Chairperson:** Helen Andrews  
**Vice Chair:** Maura Johnston  
**Secretary:** Jennifer Hamilton  
**Treasurer:** Irene Johnston  
**PRO:** Patricia Toner  
**Committee Members:** Ann Cassidy  
Anne Conway  
Christine McFlynn  
Rosaleen McMahan  
Bernadette O'Neill  
Dympna Wilson  
Delia McPeake  
Jennifer Bell  
Mary Frances McGuckin

## Objectives & Activities

The benefits flowing from the purposes of Loup Women's Group is that the people of The Loup and surrounding areas have access to a range of educational, social and recreational activities promoted by the group. People benefit by learning new skills in a variety of crafts. They benefit from being introduced to IT which in turn helps them to work with their children with a better knowledge of modern technology. The community benefits because individuals who might otherwise be isolated in a very rural area are given an opportunity to meet and interact with each other. Individuals with disabilities benefit because the building used by the group is wheelchair accessible so that those with disabilities can participate. A major benefit for everyone participating in the activities is that they meet new friends, learn to trust each other and share individual problems with each other. Local volunteers benefit by becoming involved in the work of the group and deriving a sense of achievement and purpose and ownership of everything that happens. All participants benefit from the educational classes, talks and lectures often from eminent speakers on a huge variety of topics. Those who participate in the social outings benefit from visiting interesting places, learning by networking with other groups and as a result reducing their feelings of isolation and loneliness. While the majority of activities are organised for women by women many of the talks and classes are open to the entire community so everyone can benefit. The benefits are measured by internal evaluations which are held at the end of each series of classes or courses. They are also measured by the number of people wanting to attend the activities and by the feedback from the general community to the management committee.

Loup Women's Group has had another enjoyable year in 2024.

We have kept on doing the long running classes and also managed some other workshops. Fern took the stone painting classes. 2 x 10 week sessions. They painted some beautiful pictures on the stones. This is a very relaxing past time. The stones are used around the home and in the garden.

The crochet classes were also well attended with Celine guiding everyone through the stitches. The ladies are always very keen to get started at the beginning of each session. It's a great skill to have

The scrapbooking classes are much enjoyed too. Yvonne leads these classes and everyone follows the instructions meticulously to produce papercraft items.

Gardening still goes on with Jenny. There are only 4 in the class but we still find it worthwhile. We had a bumper crop of strawberries, plums, apples and blackcurrants. The Conservation Volunteers, the organisation which Jenny works with, held an Autumn gathering in September. Jenny Hamilton got first prize for her plum brandy. We were taught the art of pounding flowers onto material. It is called "Tatakizome", an ancient Japanese technique.

On colder days we did some cooking. Apple chutney was one of the recipes we tried.

Reminiscence was a new subject for us to get involved with. Maura led these 4 sessions of recording memories . She put these into script and a book was printed . There are still plenty of copies for sale.

Then at Christmas the workshops take off.

We did Christmas scenes, box frame pictures. Plaques and wreaths. All well attended and you can see from the photos how beautiful they are.

In February we had a very good Health day.29 ladies attended.

Kathy from TCV gave a very informative talk on sprouting vegetables and micro greens . She had a display of these and we got tasting them.

This was followed by a nutritionist ,Jacqueline Kartin, giving an in depth talk on healthy eating. We finished off the day with a healthy buffet meal

Trips are always a must for our ladies.

In February we went for a short day trip to Junction one,Antrim.

Dobbies was the attraction there.

Then in September 52 ladies went to Holywood and on to Donaghadee.

The third trip was to Rushmere shopping centre in November.

23 ladies went on that trip.

Back in June 2 of us attended the 30th anniversary of Swatragh women's group. That was a big affair with music ,a speaker and a buffet meal. We still like to keep in contact with the Swatragh ladies.

In order to celebrate our 25th anniversary the committee went out for a meal in The Black Sheep restaurant.

Our what's app group keeps getting more contacts.

This is very encouraging to know that local people want to come to our events.

I would like to thank the committee for all their support throughout the year and for attending meetings . Everybody's opinions and practical help are appreciated.

Will and Yvonne are always very helpful and Will keeps us right when something needs fixed.

We could not continue without the help.of our funders. In July we were pleased to receive £19,980 from Awards for All. A 2 year grant.

Mid Ulster Council are always generous. We received £ 1045 for Crochet and Scrapbooking classes and a flask.

### **Compliance with Public Benefit**

The Charity has given careful consideration to the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland's guidance on public benefit to ensure that the activities entered into during the year have helped to achieve the Charity's objectives and activities, as well as providing public benefit.

### **Financial Review**

Total Payments (£12,958) for the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> December 2024 were exceeded by Total Receipts (£23,195) by £10,237 increasing the total cash funds held to £16,194 from £5,957. (Pages 8&9).

### **Charitable Purposes**

The purposes of the Loup Women's Group is to promote activities for the benefit of people in The Loup and surrounding areas without distinction of age, race, political, religious or other opinion. The group will associate with statutory authorities, voluntary organisations and local inhabitants in a common effort to advance education and provide facilities for social interaction with the aim of improving the conditions of life for the said people.

### **Structure, Governance and Management**

Loup Women's Group is a Registered Charity and is governed by the terms of its constitution, which was adopted by the membership on 26<sup>th</sup> February 2015. Loup Women's Group is registered with the Charity Commission and is placed on the Northern Ireland register of charities from 7<sup>th</sup> March 2016.

The objectives and activities of the Charity are administered by a Management Committee, which shall consist of not less than five and not more than twenty members and who are elected at the Annual General Meeting (AGM). The AGM is held each year and not more than 15 months after the preceding AGM. There shall not be less than five members of the Management Committee present at all General Meetings, including the AGM. Voting is carried out at General Meetings by way of a show of hands or ballot with the Chairperson having the casting vote.

**Approved by the trustees on 7<sup>th</sup> May 2025 and signed on their behalf by:**

Helen D Andrews

**Helen Andrews**  
Chair

Patricia Toner

**Patricia Toner**  
Secretary

# Independent examiner's report to the charity trustees of Loup Women's Group

I report on the accounts of the Trust for the year ended 31st December 2024, which are set out on pages 8 to 9.

## Respective responsibilities of charity trustees and examiner

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

It is my responsibility to:

- Examine the accounts under section 65 of the Charities Act
- Follow the procedures laid down in the general directions given by the Commission under section 65 (9) (b) of the Charities Act
- State whether particular matters have come to my attention.

## Basis of independent examiner's report

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

My examination included a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a preparation of the accounts from 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.

My role is to state whether any material matters have come to my attention giving me cause to believe:

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

## Independent examiner's statement

I have completed my examination and have no concerns in respect of the matters 1 to 4 listed above and, in connection with the following the Directions of the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland, I have found no matters that require drawing to your attention.

Signed: Seamus O'Neill FCA  
Name: Seamus O'Neill FCA

Date: 7<sup>th</sup> May 2025

Weir & Co. Chartered Accountants  
23 High Street, Moneymore, BT45 7PA.

**Statement of Receipts & Payments - Year ended 31 December 2024**

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	<b>Total 2024 £</b>	Total 2023 £
<b>Receipts</b>				
<u>Grants</u>				
Mid Ulster Council Grants	-	1,273	<b>1,273</b>	1,910
Keep NI beautiful	-	540	<b>540</b>	-
Awards for all grant	-	19,980	<b>19,980</b>	-
Lottery Grant for Charitable Activities	-	-	-	9,027
<u>From Charitable Activities:</u>				
Courses/Classes	1,112	-	<b>1,112</b>	2,355
Other income	55	-	<b>55</b>	1,328
Trips income	235	-	<b>235</b>	730
	<b>1,402</b>	<b>21,793</b>	<b>23,195</b>	<b>15,350</b>
<b>Payments</b>				
<b>Cost of Charitable Activities</b>				
Tutors	-	6,300	<b>6,300</b>	11,428
Trips	-	1,265	<b>1,265</b>	1,538
Food & class materials	248	-	<b>248</b>	1,195
Rent	520	-	<b>520</b>	520
Professional Fees	270	-	<b>270</b>	258
Heat & Light	224	-	<b>224</b>	787
Insurance	1,337	-	<b>1,337</b>	1,264
Caretaker Costs	400	-	<b>400</b>	400
Festive lights	-	948	<b>948</b>	-
Repairs & Maintenance	150	-	<b>150</b>	1,489
Water Rates	98	-	<b>98</b>	104
Telephone & Internet	573	-	<b>573</b>	444
Printing & Computer Expenses	547	-	<b>547</b>	1,030
Bank Fess & Interest	78	-	<b>78</b>	93
<b>Asset &amp; Investment Purchase</b>				
Equipment & Building Work	-	-	-	-
<b>Total Payments</b>	<b>4,445</b>	<b>8,513</b>	<b>12,958</b>	<b>20,550</b>
<b>Net receipts/(payments)</b>	<b>(3,043)</b>	<b>13,280</b>	<b>10,237</b>	<b>(5,200)</b>
Transfers to/from funds	-	-	-	-
<b>Surplus/(deficit) for the year</b>	<b>(3,043)</b>	<b>13,280</b>	<b>10,237</b>	<b>(5,200)</b>
<b>Reconciliation 31.12.24</b>				
Cash at Bank & in hand 31.12.23	2,077	3,880	<b>5,957</b>	11,157
Surplus/(deficit) this year end	<b>(3,043)</b>	<b>13,280</b>	<b>10,237</b>	<b>(5,200)</b>
Cash at bank & in hand 31.12.24	<b>(966)</b>	<b>17,160</b>	<b>16,194</b>	<b>5,957</b>

**Statement of Assets & Liabilities - Year ended 31 December 2024**

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total 2024 £	Total 2023 £
<b><u>Funds Reconciliation</u></b>				
Cash at Bank & in hand 31.12.23	2,077	3,880	5,957	11,157
Surplus/(deficit) this year end	(3,043)	13,280	10,237	(5,200)
<b>Cash at bank &amp; in hand 31.12.24</b>	<b>(966)</b>	<b>17,160</b>	<b>16,194</b>	<b>5,957</b>
 <b>Bank &amp; Cash Balances</b>				
Bank Current Account			15,640	5,403
Bank Acc- Community Foundation			554	554
			<b>16,194</b>	<b>5,957</b>
 <b>Other Assets (Unrestricted Funds)</b>				
Equipment			2,877	2,877
Closing Stock of books			88	88
			<b>2,965</b>	<b>2,965</b>
 <b>Other Assets (Restricted Funds)</b>				
Building Work			35,653	35,653
			<b>35,653</b>	<b>35,653</b>
 <b>Other liabilities (Restricted Funds)</b>				
Grants due to be spent			17,160	3,880

Approved by the trustees on the 7<sup>th</sup> May 2025 and signed on their behalf by:

Helen D Andrews

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Chair

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Secretary