

ROE VALLEY RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION

TRUSTEES' REPORT (INCLUDING DIRECTORS' REPORT)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024

The trustees present their annual report and financial statements for the year ended 31 March 2024.

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the accounting policies set out in note 1 to the financial statements and comply with the charity's Articles of Association, the Companies Act 2006 and "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).

Governing document

Roe Valley Residents Association is a Private Company Limited by Guarantee, incorporated on 15th September 2016 who maintain and manage the organisation. The governing document of the Charity is a Memorandum & Articles of Association, which sets out the objects and powers of the charitable company.

Recruitment and appointment of Directors/Trustees

The directors of the company are also trustees for the purposes of charity law. Under the requirements of the Memorandum and Articles of Association the number of Directors shall not be subject to any maximum but shall not be less than 3. At Annual General Meetings, one third of Directors shall retire by rotation.

Risk management

The Management Committee take risk assessment seriously and have in place a series of policies and procedures about how the organisation should be managed. Internal control risks are minimised by the implementation of robust policies and procedures for all activities.

Organisational structure

Roe Valley Residents Association has a management board of 12 members. All 12 board members have voting rights. The board meet bi-monthly and are responsible for the strategic direction of the charity. There is also a Project Co-ordinator who advises, however, has no voting rights.

Day to Day responsibility for the provision of services rests with the Project Co-ordinator. The Finance, Administration and Project Officers/Youth Officers team support this work. At present, there are 30 staff including full time, part time and sessional staff. However, this can change from time to time depending on projects. The Project Co-ordinator has responsibility for ensuring that the charity delivers the services specified and that key targets are met particularly in relation to the funding secured for services being delivered.

Recruitment and training of staff

Roe Valley Residents Association adheres to strict recruitment and selection policy. Where external recruitment is required, job advertisements are placed on Job Centre Online and Community NI. Training needs of staff are identified through a Training Needs Analysis and performance appraisals.

The trustees have paid due regard to guidance issued by the The Charity Commission for Northern Ireland in deciding what activities the charity should undertake.

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Objectives and activities

This document has been prepared based on the guidance provided by the Charity Commission and Trustees have had regard to the Commission's Public Benefit requirement statutory guidance.

The Company's objectives are to relieve poverty, sickness and help the aged and to promote the benefit of the inhabitants of the Limavady estates and district area of Co Londonderry and its environs, 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, in particular:

- a) To maintain and manage a centre, or to cooperate with any local statutory authority in the maintenance and management of such a centre for activities promoted by the company and its constituent bodies in furtherance of the above objects.
- b) To provide or secure the provision of social services, educational and recreational facilities and practical assistance for elderly and disabled people within the area of benefit.
- c) To provide or secure the provision of an accessible welfare rights advice and information resource and refer those in need of professional assistance to the relevant agencies.
- d) To provide a counselling service for the purpose of relieving stress in the following groups - women, single parents, preschool children, youth, unemployed, those suffering from the effects of poverty or debt, and further, to respond to any identifiable social or other need which may arise within the community.
- e) To provide and equip premises and centres required for the purposes of the Company.
- f) To organise, sponsor and conduct (whether alone or with others) educational and training courses and meeting, conferences and exhibitions.
- g) To publish and distribute materials relating to the work of the Company.

Activities delivered at the community centre on a regular basis are:

- Youth Clubs
- Craft Clubs
- Luncheon Clubs
- Educational classes
- Health related programmes
- Environmental projects
- Good Relations Projects
- Christmas savings club
- Community Clean-ups
- Seasonal programmes
- Older People activities
- Summer youth programmes and,
- Employability projects

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Achievements and performance

OUR MISSION

RVRA, located within the Hospital Lane Estate in Limavady, is dedicated to enhancing the quality of life for residents in the estate, the Greystone Ward, and the broader Limavady area. Our mission is to foster a community where all individuals, regardless of religion, gender, race, or sexual orientation, have access to a wide range of opportunities. We strive to build an inclusive environment where everyone feels valued, respected, and takes pride in their identity.

Our approach is grounded in the organisation's core values of respect, inclusiveness, integrity, compassion, person-centred care, and equality. These values are at the heart of everything we do, guiding the development and execution of our projects, ensuring that we consistently align with our ethos in delivering meaningful, positive impacts for the community.

These initiatives and community-focused programs are delivered at both Keady Way and the Youth & Community Hub located in Limavady town centre. These shared spaces serve as key venues for engaging with residents, fostering connections, and providing essential services and opportunities that support the well-being and development of the local community.



ACCESSIBILITY

Thanks to capital investment from the Department for Communities (DfC) in recent financial years, RVRA has been able to create an inviting and secure environment for users by enhancing the exterior of the Hub building. This investment has significantly expanded the available space, enabling the organisation to better meet the needs of the local community. The impact of this improved accessibility is evident, with an average footfall of 1,440 unique beneficiaries in 2023/2024, who accessed a wide range of services and activities offered by RVRA.

Furthermore, funding from the DfC Neighbourhood Renewal Fund, which supports the salary of a Coordinator as well as associated administrative and operational costs, has been instrumental in enabling the Association to plan, develop, and implement a wide variety of projects and programs. These initiatives are specifically designed to address the diverse challenges faced by the Hospital Lane Estate and the surrounding areas, including poverty, deprivation, antisocial behaviour, educational disadvantage, and crime, among other pressing social issues.

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OUR 2023/24 ACHIEVEMENTS

Through the development of its strategy and long-term vision, RVRA has consistently worked towards expanding the range of services offered to the local community. By identifying community needs, securing additional funding, and designing tailored programs and activities, RVRA has been able to address the specific challenges faced by local residents. The organisation has also continued to collaborate with voluntary and statutory agencies to deliver community initiatives, ensuring that the voice of the Limavady Neighbourhood Renewal Area is effectively represented. RVRA remains committed to engaging with hard-to-reach demographic groups and actively encourages both new and existing volunteers, providing them with the support needed to build confidence, develop skills, and access new opportunities. Additionally, the organisation offers a variety of diversionary projects aimed at young people in the area. The development of RVRA's strategic plan has provided a clear vision for the organisation's future, serving as a driving force behind its activities and decision-making processes.

EDUCATION

Education remained a central focus for the Roe Valley Residents Association as part of its commitment to providing additional opportunities for all community members. In total, 165 accredited qualifications were achieved by residents, including young people and older adults eager to re-engage with education. Essential Skills in Literacy and Numeracy served as the initial point of entry for many individuals seeking to access or return to education. Furthermore, a diverse array of vocational qualifications was offered to enhance local residents' eligibility for career-oriented jobs and training. These courses included Phlebotomy, Barista Skills, Youth Work, Word Processing, and Lego-Based Therapy. Additionally, training sessions were provided to increase awareness and understanding of critical topics such as drug addiction, internet safety, marketing, and business development. Moreover, RVRA is proud to have facilitated the completion of CBT Level 7 Practitioner Training for three of its staff members, empowering the organization to take a more proactive role in supporting the emotional, mental, and physical recovery of our local residents.

VOLUNTEERING

Volunteering remained a crucial component of RVRA's success in 2023/2024, allowing the organisation to effectively address the diverse needs of residents within the Neighbourhood Renewal Area. During this period, 38 volunteers contributed their time and skills, ranging from occasional support to over 20 hours per week. Collectively, these efforts resulted in 3,224 volunteer hours, representing an estimated value of £32,447 in unpaid work. The volunteering opportunities provided by RVRA play a vital role in the personal and professional development of local residents, equipping them with valuable experiences and preparing them for the next stage in their life's journey.

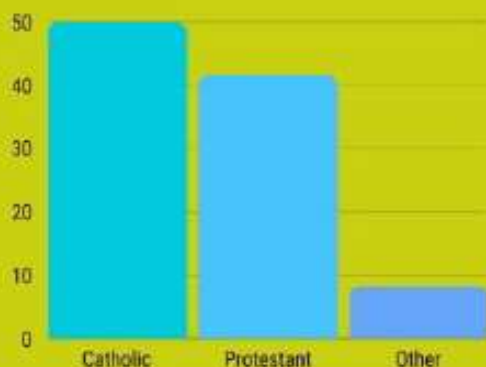
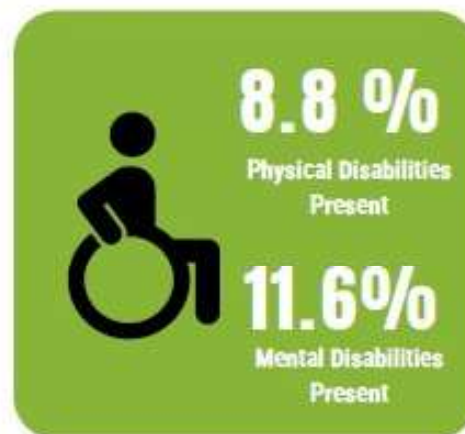
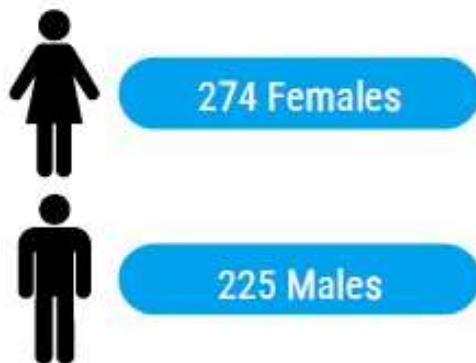


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OUR DEMOGRAPHIC

This information is specific to our Youth Registration Form that is based on 499 participants in 2023-2024. This includes participants from: Connect, EA Streetwork, Generic Drop-In, Junior Generic Drop-In, KidsKlub, Senior Youth Forum, Junior Youth Forum, Intermediate Youth Forum, TBUC 1, and TBUC 2



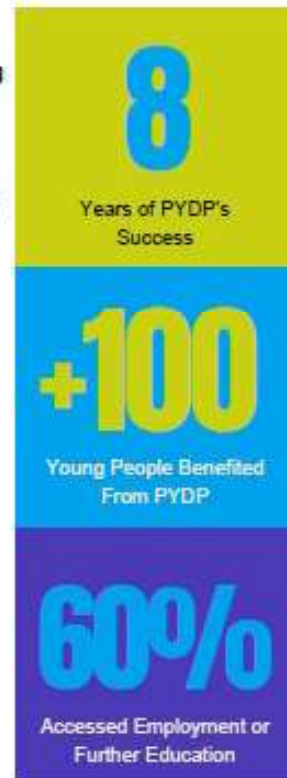
**Religious Community
Amongst TBUC Echo
Project Participants**

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PERSONAL YOUTH DEVELOPMENT PROJECT

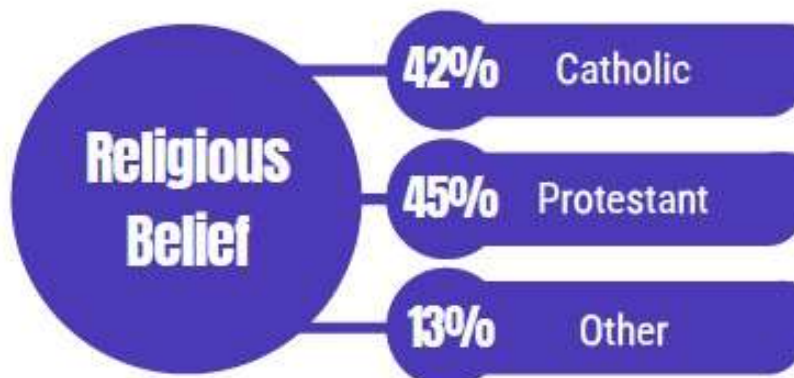
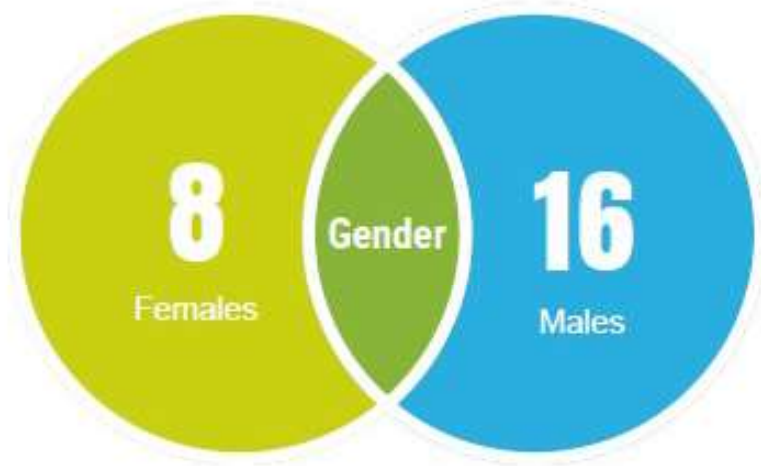
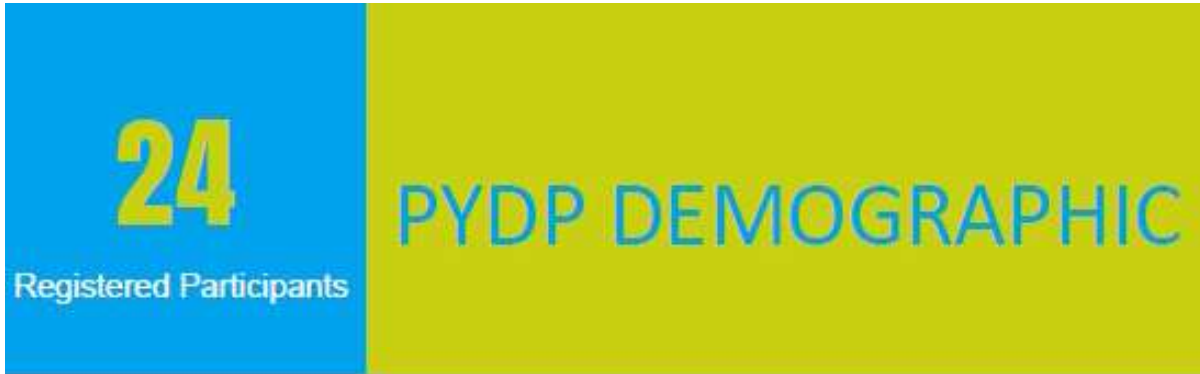
The International Fund for Ireland's Personal Youth Development Project, (PYDP), offered educational opportunities for a cohort of 15 young people aged 16-24 to complete a series of accredited qualifications including QA Level 2 Award in Emergency First Aid at Work, TikTok Academy, where they explored the elements of marketing online and influencing. In addition to this, they completed training on CANVA, whereby they were shown how to design marketing posters and campaigns. With the connection made through Money & Pension Services and MyBnk, our young people were the first group in Northern Ireland to benefit from a financial awareness course, looking at all aspects of their financial wellbeing.



Due to the success of the PYDP in the past 3 years, Roe Valley Residents Association has made significant impacts on young people's lives, offering them a person-centred support system, empowering them to make more positive life choices. Within the last 3 months of this year, the PYDP project is able to mentor and offer bespoke one to one support to the young people. This had proved successful in young people progressing through and being able to take the leap into employment or educational opportunities. Some of the young people also were given a personal development budget which enabled them to access driving lessons and complete their driving theory test, overcoming a significant barrier for some in accessing employment. In March 2024, saw 1 year of interventions with the current cohort on the programme. As a result, over 100 young people have benefited from the project with 60% accessing employment or further education. It is anticipated that in the next 9 months of working with these young people, they will continue to make major developments on their journey to employment.

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YOUTH DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMMES

TEO TBUC Summer Camps

RVRA has successfully delivered 3 major externally funded programmes from July 2023 until March 2024, funded through TEO TBUC Summer Camps. TBUC 2 engaged with 100 children and young people aged 11-13 in a project opening opportunities for young people to forge new friendships in positive and safe environments. These 100 young people participated in 3 consecutive days of camp. This was the inaugural year of partnering with Stendhal Festival. Working in partnership, the success in creating a festival themed camp which promoted Good Relations locally, was extremely well received. In addition, a further 2 TBUC programmes were delivered to another 100 young people.

Youth Club

Through our youth projects, and funding from BBC CIN, they were able to run weekly youth club sessions for children aged 5-11 and homework support clubs for primary school children. Within this financial year, the Stronger Together Project had 177 registered members. At the end of year evaluation, 100% of our members' parents found that there was an improvement in the social and personal skills of their children and young people. There continues to be strong relationships with the organisation with 100% happy or very happy with the adults who are running the sessions and programmes. In addition, over 94% of our members are happy or very happy with the quality of sessions being delivered through their project.

CONNECT Project

RVRA continued to be very proactive in responding to the emerging needs of the local community. In the year 2022-2023, there existed a gap in provision for young people who had additional needs or who found socialising difficult. As a result, the CONNECT Project was created. This provided a safe space for young people ages 11-16 who struggled to meet and be able to participate in youth activities.



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EANI PROJECT

The Project Coordinator continued to oversee the delivery of EANI Local Area Based Project and the Brace Project. Through the EANI Project, there is Generic and Targeted Drop-in alongside the delivery of structured youth-based programmes. As at March 2024, the EANI Project had 369 registered members, with many regularly attending our weekly drop-in sessions. The issues arising amongst our local population, particularly young people, are worrying with regards to the high numbers presenting with mental and emotional well-being issues.

L.E.A.D PROJECT

EA Local Area based funding enabled the L.E.A.D Project to deliver dedicated youth provision to young people aged 8-18 years across 5 evenings per week, 48 weeks of the year, in the Limavady area. Over the last year we have delivered a range of thematic programmes, generic drop-ins, participative structures, social outings and residential experiences.

GENERIC DROP-IN	THEMATIC WORKSHOPS	STREETWORK
<p>360 individual young people engaged in 134 general drop in sessions across all three age groups; offering young people participation, safe space and a sense of belonging.</p>	<p>182 young people benefitted from 50 thematic facilitated workshops focusing on Health & Wellbeing, Living in Safety & Stability, Environment & Climate and learning & achieving.</p>	<p>EA Project Based Funding has enabled us to deliver 83 Streetwork based sessions plus diversionary activities with a total of 1835 engagements. This has had a direct impact on helping to reduce antisocial behaviour incidents in the area. There was a 55% decrease in the number of reported incidents within the Hospital Lane estates.</p>

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ADULT & ELDERLY GROUP

PROGRAMMES

The new Guys N Dolls project continued to grow from strength to strength with over 30 adults aged over 50 registered and attending weekly. This new initiative has created safe spaces for the participants to share their experiences.

RVRA also was able to sustain the weekly luncheon club for local older people. This initiative run solely by volunteers has had on average 30 older people each week, receiving a hot meal. For some, this was the only warm meal they would get in that day or even week.

Addressing poverty and inequality within the community, RVRA promoted a Christmas savings club, with 130 local people saving for Christmas along with 67 people benefitting from weekly food parcels.



CRAFT CLASS



GOOD RELATIONS FOCUS

52%

Protestant

48%

Catholic

LUNCHEON CLUB



GOOD RELATIONS FOCUS

53%

Protestant

47%

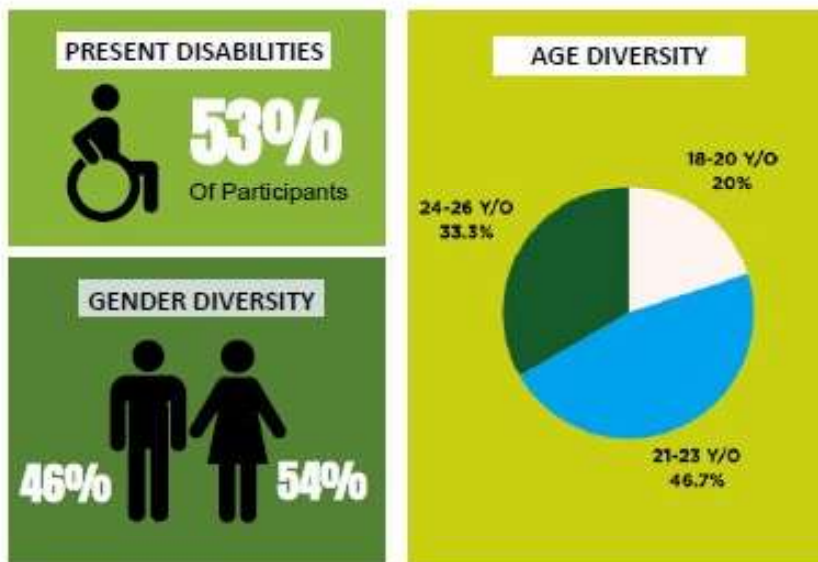
Catholic

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BRACE PROJECT

The Brace Project, which was funded through CFNI and Department for Health, supported these participants into developing a range of strategies and techniques that will seek to build their resilience and coping skills, building their confidence and esteem levels, as well as providing access to opportunities that they previously have not had access to.



In evaluating both the anecdotal and collated data from the GHQ12 results indicated that the Brace project made a 91% positive difference to the lives of the participants, with some reporting that they feel their life being more worthwhile and that they felt more equipped in overcoming their problems. Significantly, through the group support and 1-1 sessions with staff, 6% of the young people reported they are no longer dependant on anti-depressant medication and 36% are now complying daily with their much-needed medication.



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FINANCIAL CHALLENGES AND AMMENDMENTS

During this financial period, RVRA continued to experience significant increases to its running costs, with heating and lighting costs spiralling out of control. Combined with high inflation and a cost-of-living crisis, RVRA found itself, struggling to support the needs of its residents alongside the need to keeping costs down. The additional uplift from DfC in terms of running costs, proved to support the organisation in being able to better manage and cope with the rising costs. This enabled the Project Co-Ordinator and board to be able to focus its activities on supporting the residents.

In addition to the organisation's inflationary pressures, RVRA found itself continuing to support local families as they navigated a cost-of-living crisis. Through additional funding support from the Causeway Coast & Glens, RVRA were able to support families and households in not only food packs, but also cleaning and personal hygiene packs.

At our year end feedback, there was

100%

satisfaction rates in the services and activities
that are being provided by Roe Valley
Residents Association.

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RVRA ACTIVITIES 2023/2024

YOUTH PROVISION



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**PYDP &
BRACE**



**SOCIAL CAFE -
COFFEE AND
CONNECTIONS**



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**PUDSEY
DAY**



**CLEAN UP IN OUR
COMMUNITY**



**COMMON PURPOSE
PROJECT**

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HEALTH PROMOTION

COMMUNITY CAMPAIGNING



MUM'S GROUP



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CRAFT CLASS - PHYSICAL & SOCIAL ACTIVITIES



YARNBOMBING WITH STENDHAL



YOUTH FORUM - VAPING AWARENESS PROJECT

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JINGLE ALL THE WAY



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JINGLE ALL THE WAY @ RVRA

*** CHRISTMAS EXPERIENCE ***

☑ Meet Santa at his Grotto ☑	☑ Santa's Sleigh ☑
☑ Children's Christmas Gifts ☑	☑ Santa Letter Writing Station ☑
☑ Mrs Claus Storytelling ☑	☑ Santa's Workshop ☑
☑ Candy Cane Forest ☑	☑ Face Painting & Tattoos ☑
☑ Arts & Crafts ☑	☑ Bubble Designing ☑
☑ Christmas Comedy Sketch ☑	☑ Photo Opportunity ☑

Meet Olaf, Elsa, Anna, Kristoff & The Grinch
Tea, Coffee, Hot Chocolate, Mulled Wine & S'mores

CHILD: £13.00 ADULT: £7.00

Sunday 3rd December
6 The Hub, 23 Catherine Street
5pm-7pm

A HOME EXPERIENCE FOR ALL THE FAMILY!
Can book ONLINE or via telephone (777 89988)
20% DISCOUNT* for members aged 12+ (maximum 20%)
AGE CODE: 000000
*DISCOUNT ONLY APPLIES TO STANDARD TICKETS



FAMILY FUN



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YOUTH AWARENESS INITIATIVES



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GUYS N DOLLS



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Financial review

Roe Valley Residents Association is a not for profit organisation and therefore does not aim to hold substantial reserves. The minimum reserves held, are to ensure overheads are covered for a period of 6 months. Income generated from local fundraising initiatives are used to contribute towards the running of the community facility as well as some additional services, such as, seasonal activities for all beneficiaries.

Trustees and directors

The trustees, who are also the directors for the purpose of company law, and who served during the year and up to the date of signature of the financial statements were:

Simone Bonham	
Micheal Brown	(Resigned 28 September 2023)
Marie Campbell	
Chloe Devine	
Leona Kealey	(Resigned 28 September 2023)
Kenneth Martin	(Resigned 28 September 2023)
Natasha McDonald	(Resigned 28 September 2023)
Doreen Rodgers	
Una Simpson	
Lorna Wilson	
Jennifer Campbell	(Appointed 28 September 2023)
Wendy Ferris	(Appointed 28 September 2023)
Patricia Keys	(Appointed 28 September 2023)
Geraldine McLaughlin	(Appointed 28 September 2023)
Sadie Mulgrew	(Appointed 28 September 2023)
Dolores O'Brien	(Appointed 28 September 2023)
Samantha McAteer	(Appointed 30 May 2024)
Anthony Devine	(Appointed 30 May 2024)
Veronica Devine	(Appointed 30 May 2024)
Martha Ann Bernadette Duffy	(Appointed 30 May 2024)

None of the trustees has any beneficial interest in the company. All of the trustees are members of the company and guarantee to contribute £1 in the event of a winding up.

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Statement of trustees' responsibilities

The trustees, who are also the directors of Roe Valley Residents Association for the purpose of company law, are responsible for preparing the Trustees' Report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

Company Law requires the trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charity and of the incoming resources and application of resources, including the income and expenditure, of the charitable company for that year.

In preparing these financial statements, the trustees are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles in the Charities SORP;
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable UK Accounting Standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements; and
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in operation.


The trustees are responsible for keeping adequate accounting records that disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Companies Act 2006. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.


This report has been prepared in accordance with the provisions applicable to companies entitled to the small companies exemption.

Auditor

In accordance with the company's articles, a resolution proposing that PFS & Partners Limited be reappointed as auditor of the company will be put at a General Meeting.

The trustees' report was approved by the Board of Trustees.

Signed by:

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Una Simpson
Trustee

Signed by:

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Jennifer Campbell
Trustee

16 December 2024