



Annual Report
2019-2020



St. Mary's
Youth Club
Newry

“Celebrating 30+ years of youth work”

Charity Information

Established in 1990

Current Management Committee

Chairperson: Kate Cahill
Treasurer: Georgina Jennings
Secretary: Asumpta Hyland
Trustees: Eddie Heaney, Kylie Cahill, Therese Murphy, Leah Garlic, Michael Heaney, Wayne Jennings

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Registrations and Affiliations

Charity Commission Northern Ireland: NIC105093

Information Commissioners Office:

Advice and support services

Banking: First Trust
42-44 Hill St, Newry BT34 1AU
Insurance: Royal and Sun Alliance Insurance plc
RSA Insurance Group plc, 20 Fenchurch Street
London EC3M 3AU
Accountancy Brian Mc Cullagh
Caulfield Place, Newry
External Examiner: Marian Shields

Chairperson's Foreword



As leaders of St. Mary's, we see our core values as promoting health and wellbeing in our young people by developing social and communicational skills, while helping to build confidence in a safe and supportive environment. Our young people and indeed our older group, enjoy coming together to socialise. This gives them a sense of belonging and sharing.

Our vision for the club is that it will always remain at the heart of the community, and that we can continue to plan by being able to offer a range of activities that will make a positive contribution to our community to suit both young and old. We acknowledge the support we have received from the Education Board without which; we would have been unable to continue.

We have achieved awards for top club six times, and South Down club of the year twice. Netball has played a big part in our club when winning the under nineteen-team event. Dance has played a big part, as has football. Volunteers have achieved their bronze, silver and gold award over the past three years and more volunteers will be recruited before the summer scheme this year.

Our plans for the coming year are to continue to keep the young people interested in the everyday running of the club so that they in turn will continue to work for the community as a whole and keep this wonderful club alive well into the future. The older people continue to attend the club on a fortnightly basis and this is an area of work, which we would dearly like to build on in the future.

Kate Cahill

(Chair)

St. Mary's Youth Club



St. Mary's Youth Club was established in 1990 for the purpose of giving local youth a place to come together for activities and socialising. Our premises in Boat Street, Newry are owned by the Newry Parish and partly subsidised by the Education Authority.

Club activities strengthen and develop partnership between young and old while enhancing the cultural traditions of this area. They emphasise healthy lifestyle, well-being, and positively contribute to the lives of the people of the surrounding community. The diverse range of programmes offered has evolved from a commitment to give members the opportunity to express their views, and to participate in the planning and management of their own activities, outings, and learning opportunities. Volunteering is promoted and supported as cornerstone of the Club.

Onsite at our Youth Club & Community Hall and in outings or activities, we offer opportunities to:

- Improve the quality of personal health and well-being
- Enhance community and cultural connections
- Encourage positive personal contribution
- Develop social and communication skills
- Embrace learning and build confidence
- Have fun in a safe environment

Our Club provides and facilitates:

- Youth Activities (including those for the under 10's and Seniors)
- Netball Club
- Summer Scheme
- Happy Days Club for older people
- Community partnership activities

Youth Club



Youth Club operates three nights per week and our sports hall activities include football, netball, rounders and unihoc. We also provide a quiet room for socialising or dancing, and a games room for table tennis and pool. Members range from 4-17yrs old. There is a dedicated under 10's room where the youngest members are supervised in doing arts and crafts.

Monday – Senior members

Wednesday – Girls & Boys (primarily girls) Thursday – Boys & Girls (primarily boys)

Examples of activity:

- Member nights at the Hall
- Sports tournaments/activities with visiting clubs
- Trip to Youth Action Pantomime in Belfast
- Trip to Tayto
- Annual summer sports day
- Mourne Mountain walking
- Trip to an open farm
- Cookery and fun food night
- Ten pin bowling and karting
- Youth club disco & pizza night
- Cheeky Monkeys play zone
- Annual 'Kick for charity' event to raise money for kids with cancer

We also encourage and support young people to volunteer with the Club, or to participate in short skills building courses.



Happy Days Club



The Happy Days Club as an umbrella group from St. Mary Youth Club, provides an opportunity for older community members to meet and socialise. It has been running since 2015. Our hall now has a dedicated room for their use. Every other Friday there is a group lunch and members lead on choosing other activities such as bowls or bingo

Examples of activity:

- Regular Member lunches
- Bowling
- Bingo
- Afternoon tea and dance
- Five day trip to Westport ,Co Mayo (35 travelled)
- Christmas party in the club

Netball Club



Since 2012, St. Mary's has run an over -16's Netball Club that meets monthly for matches. Members play for enjoyment and train for competitive matches with other teams. Younger Youth Club members are invited to join from time to time, to encourage them to get involved in netball.

Community Engagement activity this year



We would like to thank the local community for supporting us and partnering in our valuable work.

Examples of community engagement activities

- Welcomed community members who volunteered their time with the club.
- Free outdoor Summer Community Event, with sports activities, bouncy castle etc and a barbeque.
- Free Halloween Community Event, with fun activities, bouncy castles and light snacks.
- Community Christmas Fair
- Engaged in shared activities with other clubs and groups





ST. MARY'S YOUTH CLUB

FINANCIAL STATEMENT 1ST APRIL 2019 TO 31ST MARCH 2020

RECEIPTS

Education Authority	15,065.94
Rent	1,650.00
Door Money	3,954.07
Newry, Mourne & Down District Council	2,999.65
Membership Fees	315.00
Summer Scheme	1,330.00
Shop	1,300.00
	<u>£26,614.66</u>

PAYMENTS

Outings	718.89
Repairs & Maintenance	4,307.50
Professional Fees	481.00
Wages & Inland Revenue	10,100.49
Volunteer Costs	55.00
Transport	2,950.00
Insurance	296.39
Equipment	613.47
Telephone	670.35
Heating	3,000.00
Bank Charges	169.64
Shop	1,051.39
Parties	81.99
Fun Day	348.22
Sands Baby Unit	25.00
Summer Scheme	830.34
Happy Days Community Social Fund	858.00
Caretaking Costs	400.00
	<u>£26,957.67</u>

Excess of Payments over Receipts **-£343.01**

ACCUMULATED FUND

Balance as at 1st April, 2019	5,497.27
Deficit for the Year	-343.01
Balance as at 31st March, 2020	£5,154.26

REPRESENTED BY

Bank Current Account **£5,154.26**

In my opinion, from the records and books I received, the above Financial Statement gives a true and fair view of the state of St. Mary's Youth Club's financial position for the year ended 31st March, 2020.

Marian Shields

Marian Shields
Independent Examiner
25th May 2020

Acknowledgements



We would like to acknowledge all our supporters and funders and in particular the Education Authority as our main funder.

