

# **Richmount Rural Community Association**

## *Report of the Trustees and Financial statements*

*For Year Ended 31st March 2023*

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Richmount Rural Community Association  
**Trustees and other Information**  
**for the Year Ended 31 March 2022**

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Richmount Rural Community Association

**Report of the Trustees**

**Public Benefit & Impact**

**For Year Ending 31 March 2023**

### **1. Introduction**

The annual accounts & Independent Examiner's report have been prepared as individual reports and are included in the annual return submission.

This report will focus on our public benefit and impact.

### **2. Organisational objectives**

To promote the benefit of the residents of the Richmond area without distinction of political opinion, religious belief, disability, gender, race, age, sexual orientation, those with a marital status and family status or other opinion, by engaging in and organising community activities and projects with the object of improving the quality of life of the said residents.

### **3. Public Benefit**

We provide services for the residents of the Richmond area and beyond. These are provided in a non-profit situation. Our public benefit is for all in our community, is beneficial and can be clearly demonstrated by the numbers attending our facility and availing of our services. We obtain feedback on our services through social media, our community magazine and at our meetings with our users.

We provide services for our older people to combat loneliness and social isolation and to promote active aging. We provide health and wellbeing programmes for the older people in our community which increases their general wellbeing.

We promote by positive action projects which engender good community relations in our community

We develop and deliver programmes which help improve the health and wellbeing of our community.

We develop projects to enhance the environment in the area.

We are active promoters of the arts, and this reflected in our programmes.

We also promote the investigation of our heritage and develop programmes to report on same.

## **Our Public Benefit will be reported under headings of:**

**Covid 19**

**Older People**

**Developing good relations.**

**Ethnic Minorities**

**Heritage**

**Arts**

**Promotion of Health & Wellbeing**

### **1.0 Covid 19**

This was the first real year of the return to relative normality following the Pandemic. We successfully restored all our services.

### **2.0 Older People**

We resumed our weekly all day activity session for older people with the numbers increasing to what they were pre Covid. .

### **3.0 Developing Good Relations**

We continued with our good relations projects.

### **4.0 Ethnic Minorities**

We have a substantial Bulgarian population (200) in the area. Most have no extended family and there can be degrees of social isolation particularly amongst young mothers.

### **5.0 Heritage**

We continued to make good progress on the heritage project and managed to get more people involved in becoming aware of their local heritage.

### **6.0 Arts**

This was the first year we had our own drama presentation with performance of our play by our amateur dramatic group.

### **7.0 Promotion of Health & Wellbeing**

In addition to our ongoing health promotion for our older people we became acutely aware that many of our community on lower incomes were experiencing food poverty. We started a community shop where we distributed surplus food from several local supermarkets. We also retailed basic groceries at very low prices to assist these people.

### **8.0 Environment**

In addition to the maintenance and development of our own community gardens we distributed surplus food from supermarkets that would otherwise have been dumped.

## **Conclusion & Impact**

It is estimated that some 2500 people benefited directly or indirectly from the activities of Richmount Rural Community Association.

On behalf of the Committee:



Joe Garvey

Chairperson