

**Glenariff Improvement Group
Company limited by guarantee**

**Trustees' annual report (incorporating the director's report)
Year ended 30 November 2021**

The trustees, who are also the directors for the purpose of company law, present their report and the unaudited financial statements of the charity for the year ended 30 November 2021.

Reference and administrative details

Registered charity name	Glenariff Improvement Group
Charity registration number	NIC105695
Company registration number	NI610101
Principal office and registered office	40 Main Street Waterfoot Glenariff Co. Antrim BT44 0QS

Trustees

The trustees who served the company during the year were as follows:

Arthur Acheson
Sheena McGaughey
Theresa McGaughey
Margaret McIlwaine
Mairead McMullan
Kathleen Murray
Rose McQuillan

Accountants

Park McKillop and Company
Chartered Accountants
51 Springwell Street
Ballymena
Co. Antrim
BT43 6AT

Structure, governance and management

The organisation is run by a committee. The committee has appointed trustees who are responsible for the daily administration of the charity. There is one employee engaged to work in the Glenariff Beach Cafe which is open in the Spring, Summer and Autumn tourist season.

Objectives and activities

The purposes of Glenariff Improvement Group are to promote the benefit of the inhabitants of the Glenariff area and its environs without distinction of gender, sexual orientation, age, race, ethnicity, or political, religious or other opinion by associating the statutory authorities, voluntary and community organisations and inhabitants in a common effort to:

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- a) Promote community development by providing resources, support and information for community and voluntary groups and organisations and encouraging and assisting such organisations to co-operate to achieve their aims; The direct benefits flowing from this purpose include greater efficiency and effectiveness by working together. These benefits can be demonstrated by residents participating more fully in their local environment.
- b) Advance environmental protection and improvement; The direct benefits flowing from this purpose include an improved local environment. These benefits can be demonstrated by the community and amenities; remove litter and debris and otherwise improve the appearance of the area of benefit; The direct benefits flowing from this purpose include improved village environs. These benefits can be demonstrated by the village having an improved appearance for local people and visitors.
- c) Provide facilities in the interests of social welfare for recreation and other leisure time occupations with the object of improving the conditions of life for the said inhabitants; The direct benefits flowing from this purpose include provision of regular opportunities for people to meet and learn in sociable surroundings. These benefits can be demonstrated by regular club and other activities taking place.
- d) Relieve those in need by reason of youth, age or other disadvantage; The direct benefits flowing from this purpose include the provision of opportunities for social interaction. These benefits can be demonstrated by provision of opportunities for social interaction demonstrated by people enjoying a better condition of life, both socially and mentally.
- e) Promote culture and heritage and raise awareness of local history; The direct benefits flowing from this purpose include regular talks and activities by a range of expert speakers. These benefits can be demonstrated by an increased awareness of cultural heritage.
- f) Promote tourism and opportunities for recreational purposes; The direct benefits flowing from this purpose include improved facilities for tourists and recreation. These benefits can be demonstrated by an annual increase in tourist appreciation of Glenariff.
- g) Promote good community relations, religious and racial harmony and equality and diversity; The direct benefits flowing from this purpose include improved relations with community groups from different backgrounds. These benefits can be demonstrated by sharing expertise and enjoying activities together.
- h) Promote such other charitable purposes as may from time to time be determined.

Statement of compliance

In setting our objectives and planning our activities for the year the trustees have given careful consideration to the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland'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.

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Achievements and performance

The organisation has been able to secure sufficient funding to enable its existence into the foreseeable future, whilst being able to provide the public with a safe, friendly and efficient service within expected budgetary constraints.

Due to Covid regulations, we were unable to restart the weekly Luncheon Club so at the meeting held in August 2021 in Glenariff Forest Park it was agreed that funding would be sourced to enable us to continue with the "Meals on Wheels" which was very well received by our older generation who were delighted by the weekly hot lunch cooked and delivered by Kathleen and Sheena. Funding was sourced from Causeway Coast and Glens Council and also from NACN which enabled us to continue with the project started at the beginning of lockdown.

At the AGM held in September, we reviewed the Beach Cafe position as the lease was up for renewal in January 2022. Following the discussion, a vote was taken and it was agreed that we would not renew the lease. It was agreed that the Council would be informed of the decision in December.

Financial review

Having obtained funding from various sources, together with public and private donations, the organisation has been able to maintain sufficient cash flow to continue operations uninterrupted.

Small company provisions

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

This report was approved by the board of directors on 11 May 2022 and signed on behalf of the board by:



Mairead McMullan
Trustee