

Granaghan & District Women's Group

Financial Statements

Year Ended 31 March 2023

NI Charity No: 105800

**Granaghan & District Women's Group**  
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**Charity Information**  
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**Trustees**

Deirdre Bradley  
Martha Mullan  
Ann McNicholl  
Brigid O'Doherty  
Roisin Turner  
Mary Mullin  
Diana McClean

Pauline McFall  
Margaret McCusker  
Trea Duggan (Appointed September 2022)  
Janette O'Kane (Appointed October 2022)  
Margaret McFlynn (Resigned September 2022)  
Elizabeth Whitaker (Resigned February 2023)

**Chairperson**

Deirdre Bradley

**Secretary**

Ann McNicholl

**Treasurer**

Roisin Turner (Appointed September 2022)  
Margaret McFlynn (Resigned September 2022)

**Registered Charity No.**

105800

**Principal Address**

25 Macknagh Lane  
Upperlands  
Maghera  
BT46 5SL

**Independent Examiner**

Niall O'Doherty FCA  
Chartered Accountant  
87 Killygullib Road  
Swatragh  
Maghera  
BT46 5QW

**Bankers**

Bank of Ireland  
11 Market Street  
Magherafelt  
BT45 6EE

**A Company Limited by Guarantee**  
**Report of the Trustees**  
**Year Ended 31 March**

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The trustees present their Trustees' Report and the unaudited financial statements for the year ended 31 March 2023.

The trustees present their Trustees' Annual Report prepared in accordance with the Charities Act (Northern Ireland) 2008. The charity considers that under applicable law they are entitled to adopt receipts and payments basis for the period ended 31 March 2023.

## **TRUSTEES**

Deirdre Bradley	Diana McClean
Martha Mullan	Pauline McFall
Ann McNicholl	Margaret McCusker
Brigid O'Doherty	Trea Duggan
Roisin Turner	Janette O'Kane
Mary Mullin	

The trustees are reviewed on an annual basis

## **STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE, AND MANAGEMENT**

The Women's Group is an unincorporated charity, which was registered with the Charity Commission of Northern Ireland on 3 November 2016. The charity number is 105800.

The charity is governed by its constitution and is managed by the Trustees as noted above.

The charity's principal address is:

25 Macknagh Lane  
Upperlands  
Maghera  
BT46 5SL

The charity is a registered charity and hence the report and results are presented in a form that complies with the requirements of the Charities Act (Northern Ireland) 2008, the organisation has implemented its recommendations that were relevant in these financial statements.

## **MISSION, OBJECTIVES, AND STRATEGY**

### **Objectives**

As per our Constitution, we aim to relieve poverty, advance education, preserve and safeguard health and, in particular, to provide in Granaghan and the surrounding district in Co Derry ("the area of benefit") activities in the Interests of social welfare for the education, recreation, and leisure-time occupation of people (not exclusively women) who, because of social or economic circumstances need such activities.

Granaghan & District Women's Group, over the past 29 years, has been successful in securing funding from a wide variety of Funders to run an impressive array of activities for men, women and children. For example- Yoga, Pilates, Demo Cookery, Digital training, Self-Care, Mindfulness, Karate for kids, Self-defence, Drama, Script writing, Relaxation & Meditation, Jumping Clay, Crocheting and crafts etc. For 23 years we also facilitated a weekly class called The Open Doors Club for people with complex or additional needs. In recent years, Granaghan & District Women's Group received funding from the following sources: Brockaghboy Windfarm, The NI Housing Executive, Cookstown and Western Shores Area Network (CWSAN), Mid Ulster District Council, National Lottery Community Fund, Awards for All, Solace Women's Aid LONDON, The Honourable The Irish Society and The

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Rural Micro Capital Grant Scheme, etc. These grants funded numerous diverse projects and will continue to bring and keep people together, continue to improve community relations and community spirit, help people avail of opportunities, services and premises, and reduce loneliness and isolation.

### **Achievements and Performance**

Granaghan & District Women's Group organises courses and classes in health and well-being and most significantly, these courses change annually, in response to need. We also are involved in linking with other community organisations, attending appropriate conferences such as N I Rural Women's Day in Stormont Parliament Buildings Belfast, Twinning up with The Men's Shed Upperlands in May 2021, N I Housing Executive, The Loup's Women's Group, Northern Ireland Rural Women's Network, (NIRWN), Cookstown Western Shores Area Network (CWSAN), the Community Foundation for Northern Ireland, and Mid Ulster District Council. The group, in conjunction with Upperlands Community Development Group, has run very successful cross-community/cross-border bus trips to places of interest such as the Ulster Museum, Crumlin Road Jail, Lisadell House Sligo, the GPO in Dublin and The Boyne Valley Centre.

We also organise environmental activities such as litter picks and our very popular "Sow and Grow in the Swa" in our evolving wee community garden. In these sessions, we grow vegetables and build our own wooden veggie beds under the tutelage of Jenny McGetrick from The Conservation Volunteers.

Over the past 3 years, since Covid-19 struck in March 2020, our women's group has successfully navigated its way through the repercussions of Covid, initially suspending all activities, as demanded by law, then quickly up-skilling our committee (and members) in Zoom, Facebook Live and Youtube. Subsequently, we provided our full tranche of pre-Covid activities online, (completely free to beneficiaries) from September 2020 until the Summer of 2021 and then since September 2021 resuming face-to-face activities in the village Resource Centre and also continuing to provide activities online such as Self-Care Hour and we will continue this hybrid approach as Covid numbers are on the rise again.

Our work is guided and informed by a series of bespoke policies which we have meticulously developed and which we review and update at regular intervals.

Granaghan & District Women's Group is currently in its 29th year, which confirms that we are a very successful community group as our classes and activities are generally oversubscribed with waiting lists.

We are proud of our Facebook Page and Instagram Account. Both these platforms capture the impact our group has and the impressive tranche of activities which we facilitate.

### **FINANCIAL REVIEW**

Total receipts for the year have decreased from £32,762 in the year ended 31 March 2022 to £19,467 for the year ending 31 March 2023. Payments have also decreased from £30,735 in the year ended 31 March 2022 to £26,984 for the year ending 31 March 2023. The charity had a bank and cash balance of £27,353.

### **Reserves Policy**

The reserves are held for the benefit of Granaghan & District Women's Group. The policy is reviewed on an annual basis by the Trustees.

### **Results and Dividends**

At the end of the year, the company has assets of £27,353 (2022 - £31,969) and liabilities of £0.00 (2022 - £0.00). The net assets of the company have decreased by £4,616.

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The charity engages proactively with legislation, standards, and codes that are developed for the sector. Granaghan & District Women's Group subscribes to and is compliant with the following:

**Public Benefit**

In shaping our objectives for the year and planning our activities, the trustees have considered the Charity Commission's guidance "Public benefit: running a charity (PB2)".

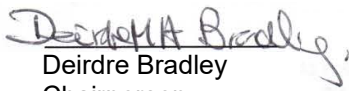
The chief benefits of Granaghan & District Women's Group are that people, (not just women) in a deprived rural area have a neutral venue where they can meet and socialise. A further benefit is that people can access all sorts of classes and courses of both educational and recreational content.

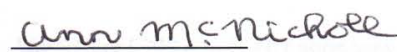
Benefits are demonstrated by the number of people attending each activity. Beneficiaries are routinely asked to complete an evaluation of the activities at the end of the courses. The management committee also measures the success and the benefits of their activities through face-to-face interviews with participants and tutors.

The beneficiaries are a large number of local families and the women's group provides equality of opportunity to all Section 75 persons to meet, connect and socialise in a secure cross-community venue thus ensuring they are not socially isolated but that they have the chance to become more fulfilled both as individuals and as members of the Granaghan community.

There is no private benefit except for fees paid to tutors which are necessary for the successful work of the group.

This report was approved by the Board of Trustees on 21 August 2023 and signed on behalf by:

  
Deirdre Bradley  
Chairperson

  
Ann McNicholl  
Secretary

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**TRUSTEES' RESPONSIBILITIES STATEMENT**

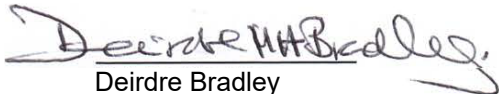
The Trustees are responsible for preparing the Trustee's report and the financial statements in accordance with Generally Accepted Accounting Practice in the UK & Ireland including the accounting standards issued by the Accounting Standards Board and published by Chartered Accountants Ireland.

The law applicable to charities in Northern Ireland 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 of the charity for that period. In preparing these financial statements, the trustees are required to:

1. select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
2. observe the methods and principles in the Charities SORP 2015 (FRS 102);
3. make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
4. state whether applicable accounting standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements;
5. prepare the financial statements on a going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in operation.

The trustees are responsible for keeping proper 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 Charities Act (Northern Ireland) 2008, the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2015, and the provisions of the trust deed. 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.

**By Order of the Board**



Deirdre Bradley  
Chairperson

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**Independent Examiner's Report to the Members**  
**Year Ended 31 March 2023**

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I report on the accounts of the Trust for the year ended 31 March 2023 which are set out on pages 9 to 11.

**RESPECTIVE RESPONSIBILITIES OF TRUSTEES AND EXAMINER**

The trustees are responsible for the preparation of the charity's financial statements. They consider under applicable law that they are entitled to adopt the receipts and payments basis for the year ended 31 March 2023 and that no audit requirement applies but there is a requirement of independent examination, it is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under section 65 of the Charities Act (Northern Ireland) 2008;
- follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 65(9)(b) of the Charities Act; and
- to 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.

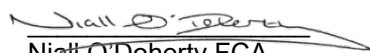
The examination included a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts and seeking explanations from you as charity trustees concerning any such matters.

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 following the Directions of the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland, I have found no matters that require drawing to your attention.

  
Niall O'Doherty FCA  
Chartered Accountant  
87 Killygullib Road  
Swatragh  
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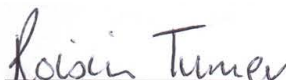
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**Statement of Financial Activities (incorporating Receipts and Payments Account)**  
**Year Ended 31 March 2023**

		Unrestricted £	Restricted £	Total Funds 2023 £	Total Funds 2022 £
<b>RECEIPTS</b>					
<b>Generated Funds:</b>					
Communication & Development		-	-	-	4,940
Grant Income	2	-	11,714	11,714	24,805
<b>Charitable Activities:</b>					
Enrolment Fees & Classes		7,752	-	7,752	3,017
Investment Income	3	1	-	1	1
<b>Total Receipts</b>		<b>7,753</b>	<b>11,714</b>	<b>19,467</b>	<b>32,763</b>
<b>PAYMENTS</b>					
Cost of generating funds	5	(6,581)	(6,933)	(13,514)	(14,052)
Charitable activities	4	(3,555)	(6,734)	(10,289)	(16,413)
Other payments		(280)	-	(280)	(270)
<b>Total payments</b>		<b>(10,416)</b>	<b>(13,667)</b>	<b>(24,083)</b>	<b>(30,735)</b>
<b>Net receipts / (payments) for the year</b>		<b>(2,663)</b>	<b>(1,953)</b>	<b>(4,616)</b>	<b>2,028</b>
<b>Reconciliation of funds:</b>					
Total funds brought forward at 1 April 2022		26,284	5,685	31,969	29,941
<b>Total funds carried forward at 31 March 2023</b>		<b>23,621</b>	<b>3,732</b>	<b>27,353</b>	<b>31,969</b>

**Statement of Assets and Liabilities**

	Unrestricted £	Restricted £	Total 2023 £	Total 2022 £
<b>CASH FUNDS</b>				
Bank and cash	<b>23,621</b>	<b>3,732</b>	<b>27,353</b>	<b>31,969</b>

Approved by the board and authorised for issue on 21 August 2023 and signed on its behalf by:

  
 Roisin Turner  
 Treasurer

The notes on pages 10 to 11 form part of these financial statements.

**Granaghan & District Women's Group**  
**Notes to the Financial Statements**  
**Year Ended 31 March 2023**

**1 GENERAL INFORMATION**

Granaghan & District Women's Group is a charity registered in Northern Ireland. The registered office of the charity is 25 Macknagh Lane, Upperlands, Maghera, BT46 5SL. The financial statements have been presented in Pound Sterling (£) which is also the functional currency of the charity.

**2 INCOME FROM GRANTS**

	Unrestricted £	Restricted £	Total Funds 2023 £	Total Funds 2022 £
Mid Ulster District Council	-	1,480	<b>1,480</b>	3,520
Cookstown Western Shores Area Network	-	100	<b>100</b>	400
SOLACE Women's Aid London	-	1,285	<b>1,285</b>	7,283
Brockaghboy Wind Farm Community Fund	-	5,000	<b>5,000</b>	5,000
NI Housing Executive Community Fund	-	1,054	<b>1,054</b>	-
Power NI	-	300	<b>300</b>	-
John Moore Foundation	-	2,495	<b>2,495</b>	-
Awards For All Festive Food Christmas	-	-	-	6,310
Micro Capital Grant	-	-	-	1,492
The Honourable Irish Society	-	-	-	800
	-	<b>11,714</b>	<b>11,714</b>	24,805

**3 INVESTMENT INCOME**

	Unrestricted £	Restricted £	Total Funds 2023 £	Total Funds 2022 £
Bank Interest Receivable	1	-	<b>1</b>	1
	<b>1</b>	-	<b>1</b>	1

**4 ANALYSIS OF PAYMENTS FOR CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES**

	Unrestricted £	Restricted £	Total Funds 2023 £	Total Funds 2022 £
Direct costs and other payments	3,555	6,734	<b>10,829</b>	16,413
	<b>3,555</b>	<b>6,734</b>	<b>10,829</b>	16,413

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**5 SUPPORT PAYMENTS**

	<b>Events/ Communication &amp; Development £</b>	<b>Running Costs £</b>	<b>Total Funds 2023 £</b>	<b>Total Funds 2022 £</b>
Costs of Generating Funds	4,560	8,954	<b>13,514</b>	14,052
	<b>4,560</b>	<b>8,954</b>	<b>13,514</b>	<b>14,052</b>

**6 ANALYSIS OF NET ASSETS BETWEEN FUNDS**

	<b>Tangible Fixed Assets £</b>	<b>Net Current Assets £</b>	<b>Total £</b>
<b>Unrestricted Income Funds:</b>	-	23,621	<b>23,621</b>
<b>Restricted Income Funds:</b>	-	3,732	<b>3,732</b>
<b>Total</b>	-	<b>27,353</b>	<b>27,353</b>

**7 ADDITIONAL INFORMATION**

In September 2022, the Trustees of Granaghan & District Women's Group voted in favour that The Open Doors Club should operate as a separate charitable organisation.

**8 POST-BALANCE SHEET EVENTS**

There have been no significant events affecting the Charity since the year-end.

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The supplementary information does not form part of the financial statements

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**Detailed Receipts and Payments Account**  
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	<b>2023</b>	<b>2022</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
<b>RECEIPTS</b>		
Mid Ulster District Council	1,480	3,520
CWSAN	100	400
Class Enrolment Fees	7,753	3,017
Brockaghboy Wind Farm Community Benefit Fund	5,000	5,000
SOLACE Women's Aid London	1,285	7,283
NI Housing Executive Community Fund	1,054	-
Power NI	300	-
John Moore Foundation	2,495	-
Micro Capital Grant	-	1,492
Events and Fund Raisers	-	4,940
Awards For All Festive Food Christmas	-	6,310
The Honourable Irish Society	-	800
	19,467	32,762
<b>PAYMENTS</b>		
Communication and Development	4,560	10,565
Tuition Fees and Materials	10,289	11,115
Rent	3,800	1,650
Stationery & Equipment	1,871	4,202
Telephone	257	230
Insurances	450	473
Travel, Sustenance, and Hospitality	1,424	1,068
Repairs, Maintenance and Community Garden	571	518
Professional Fees	490	490
Charitable Donations	280	270
Bank Fee	10	-
Sundry	82	154
	24,084	30,735
<b>MISCELLANEOUS INCOME</b>		
Bank interest	1	1
	(4,616)	2,028
<b>NET RECEIPTS / (PAYMENTS)</b>	<b>(4,616)</b>	<b>2,028</b>