

Granaghan & District Women's Group
Annual Report & Financial Statements
Year Ended 31 March 2024

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Charity Information
Year Ended 31 March 2024

Trustees

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

Pauline McFall
Margaret McCusker
Trea Duggan
Janette O'Kane
Alice Quinn
Siobhan Friel
Shauna McShane

Chairperson

Deirdre Bradley

Secretary

Ann McNicholl

Treasurer

Roisin Turner

Registered Charity No.

105800

Principal Address

25 Macknagh Lane
Upperlands
Maghera
BT46 5SL

Independent Examiner

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Bankers

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Granaghan & District Women's Group
Report of the Trustees
Year Ended 31 March 2024

The trustees present their Trustees' Report and the unaudited financial statements for the year ended 31 March 2024.

The Trustees present their 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 2024.

TRUSTEES

Deirdre Bradley	Pauline McFall
Martha Mullan	Margaret McCusker
Ann McNicholl	Trea Duggan
Brigid O'Doherty	Janette O'Kane
Roisin Turner	Alice Quinn
Mary Mullin	Siobhan Friel
Diana McClean	Shauna McShane
Noelle Smyth	

Trustee appointments are reviewed annually.

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 advance education, preserve and safeguard health, relieve poverty and social isolation, increase heritage and cultural awareness, and, in particular, 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, (without distinction of gender, ethnic identity, nationality, religion, political or other opinion) who, because of social or economic circumstances need such activities.

Granaghan & District Women's Group is a cross-community group which over the past 30 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, First Aid, Mental Health First Aid, Crocheting and crafts etc.

For 23 consecutive 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 N I Housing Executive, Cookstown

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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 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 vary annually, in response to need. We also are involved in linking with other community organisations, attending appropriate conferences such as NI Rural Women's Day in Stormont Parliament Buildings Belfast, twinning up with The Men's Shed Upperlands in May 2021, NI 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. We have renamed it this year and it is now called The Happy Gardeners which reflects the group's positivity!

Over the past 4 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, unfortunately on the rise again. We facilitate approximately 150 + discrete activities yearly, something of which we are very proud.

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. 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.

Granaghan & District Women's Group is currently in its 31st year, which confirms that we are a very successful community group as our classes and activities are generally oversubscribed with waiting lists.

Finally, at our 30th birthday celebration on June 11th this year, the newly appointed deputy chair of Mid- Ulster Council, Wesley Browne said: "Making 30 years is an incredible achievement and testament to the amazing work the group does, in, with and for the local community! You don't experience longevity like this without becoming an invaluable resource in the community and that is certainly the case for the esteemed Granaghan and District Women's group...This group is the embodiment of the good that the Council grants and funding programmes can contribute to, and the positive outputs they can have in the local community...The work the group has carried out over the last three decades cannot be underestimated, working with many funders to deliver successful outcomes, all for the betterment of the community..." The Deputy Chair also commented on the "years of selfless dedication and commitment which have led the group to become the successful organisation it is today" and then presented the Chair of the women's group Deirdre Bradley with a beautiful, bespoke, Galway crystal bowl to commemorate the occasion.

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FINANCIAL REVIEW

Total receipts for the year have increased from £19,467 in the year ended 31 March 2023 to £20,696 for the year ending 31 March 2024. Payments have also decreased from £24,083 in the year ended 31 March 2023 to £17,404 for the year ending 31 March 2024. The charity had a bank and cash balance of £30,645.

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 £30,645 (2023 - £27,353) and liabilities of £0.00 (2023 - £0.00). The net assets of the company have increased by £3,292.

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.

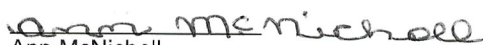
Benefits are demonstrated by the number of people attending each activity. Beneficiaries are routinely asked to complete an evaluation of the activities at the end of the courses. The management committee also measures the success and the benefits of their activities through face-to-face interviews with 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 trustees on 2 September 2024 and signed on behalf by:


Deirdre Bradley
Chairperson


Ann McNicholl
Secretary

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TRUSTEES' RESPONSIBILITIES STATEMENT

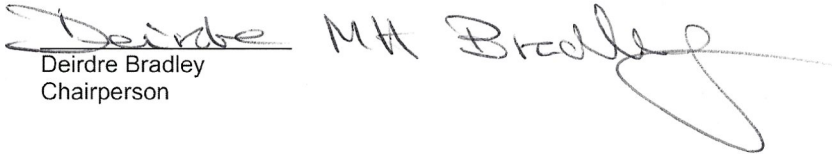
The Trustees are responsible for preparing the Trustee's report and the financial statements in accordance with Generally Accepted Accounting Practice in the UK & Ireland including the accounting standards issued by the Accounting Standards Board and published by Chartered Accountants Ireland.

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 Trustees


Deirdre Bradley
Chairperson

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Independent Examiner's Report to the Members
Year Ended 31 March 2024

I report on the accounts of the charity for the year ended 31 March 2024 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 2024 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.

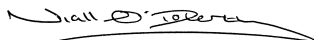
The examination included a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts and seeking explanations from you as charity trustees concerning any such matters.

My role is to state whether any whether any material matters have come to my attention that give 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
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Date: 2 September 2024

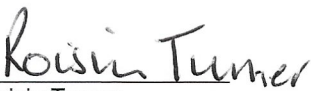
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Statement of Financial Activities (incorporating Receipts and Payments Account)
Year Ended 31 March 2024

		Unrestricted £	Restricted £	Total Funds 2024 £	Total Funds 2023 £
RECEIPTS					
Generated Funds:					
Grant Income	2	198	11,330	11,528	11,714
Charitable Activities:					
Enrolment Fees & Classes		8,817	-	8,817	7,752
Investment Income	3	50	-	50	1
Other Income & Donations		301	-	301	-
Total Receipts		9,366	11,330	20,696	19,467
PAYMENTS					
Cost of generating funds	5	(2,363)	(6,490)	(8,853)	(13,514)
Charitable activities	4	(2,780)	(5,481)	(8,261)	(10,289)
Other payments		(290)	-	(290)	(280)
Total payments		(5,433)	(11,971)	(17,404)	(24,083)
Net receipts / (payments) for the year		3,933	(641)	3,292	(4,616)
Reconciliation of funds:					
Total funds brought forward at 1 April 2023		23,621	3,732	27,353	31,969
Total funds carried forward at 31 March 2024		27,554	3,091	30,645	27,353

Statement of Assets and Liabilities

	Unrestricted £	Restricted £	Total 2024 £	Total 2023 £
CASH FUNDS				
Bank and cash	27,554	3,091	30,645	27,353

Approved by the board and authorised for issue on 2 September 2024 and signed on its behalf by:


 Roisin Turner
 Treasurer

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

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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 2024 £	Total Funds 2023 £
Mid Ulster District Council	-	1,770	1,770	1,480
Cookstown Western Shores Area Network	66	-	66	100
Brockaghboy Wind Farm Community Fund	-	3,000	3,000	5,000
NI Housing Executive	68	-	68	1,054
John Moore Foundation	-	2,495	2,495	2,495
RYW Health & Social Care	130	-	130	-
Clear Project DHC	-	3,998	3,998	-
Power NI	-	-	-	300
SOLACE Women's Aid London	-	-	-	1,285
	264	11,263	11,527	11,714

3 INVESTMENT INCOME

	Unrestricted £	Restricted £	Total Funds 2024 £	Total Funds 2023 £
Bank Interest Receivable	50	-	50	1
	50	-	50	1

4 ANALYSIS OF PAYMENTS FOR CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES

	Unrestricted £	Restricted £	Total Funds 2024 £	Total Funds 2023 £
Direct costs and other payments	2,780	5,481	8,261	10,829
	2,780	5,481	8,261	10,829

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5 SUPPORT PAYMENTS

	Events/ Communication & Development £	Running Costs £	Total Funds 2024 £	Total Funds 2023 £
Costs of Generating Funds	2,363	6,490	8,853	13,514
	2,363	6,490	8,853	13,514

6 ANALYSIS OF NET ASSETS BETWEEN FUNDS

	Tangible Fixed Assets £	Net Current Assets £	Total £
Unrestricted Income Funds:	-	27,554	23,621
Restricted Income Funds:	-	3,091	3,732
Total	-	30,645	27,353

7 ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

On September 13th 2022, The Open Doors Club became 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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Supplementary Information to the Financial Statements
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The supplementary information does not form part of the financial statements

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Detailed Receipts and Payments Account
Year Ended 31 March 2024

	2024	2023
	£	£
RECEIPTS		
Mid Ulster District Council	1,770	1,480
CWSAN	66	100
Class Enrolment Fees	8,817	7,753
Brockaghboy Wind Farm Community Benefit Fund	3,000	5,000
NI Housing Executive	68	1,054
John Moore Foundation	2,495	2,495
Clear Project DHC	3,998	-
RYW Health & Social Care	130	-
Other Income & Donations	301	-
Power NI	-	300
SOLACE Women's Aid London	-	1,285
	20,645	19,467
 PAYMENTS		
Communication and Development	2,363	4,560
Tuition Fees and Materials	8,261	10,289
Rent	1,290	3,800
Stationery & Equipment	1,516	1,871
Telephone	376	257
Other General Administration	324	-
Insurances	478	450
Travel, Sustenance, and Hospitality	1,921	1,424
Repairs, Maintenance and Community Garden	9	571
Professional Fees	495	490
Charitable Donations	290	280
Bank Fee	-	10
Sundry	80	82
	17,403	24,084
 MISCELLANEOUS INCOME		
Bank interest	50	1
	50	1
 NET RECEIPTS / (PAYMENTS)	3,292	(4,616)