

Granaghan & District Women's Group
Annual Report & Financial Statements
Year Ended 31 March 2025

NI Charity No: 105800

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Charity Information
Year Ended 31 March 2025

Trustees

Deirdre Bradley
Annie Burke
Ann McNicholl
Roisin Turner
Mary Mullin
Diana McClean
Noelle Smyth

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

Co-Chairs

Deirdre Bradley
Annie Burke

Secretary

Ann McNicholl

Treasurer

Roisin Turner

Registered Charity No.

105800

Principal Address

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Upperlands
Maghera
BT46 5SL

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Granaghan & District Women's Group
Report of the Trustees
Year Ended 31 March 2025

The trustees present their Trustees' Report and the unaudited financial statements for the year ended 31 March 2025.

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 2025.

TRUSTEES

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

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:

c/o 25 Macknagh Lane
Upperlands
Maghera
BT46 5SL

The charity is a registered charity in Northern Ireland and these financial statements have been prepared on a receipts and payments basis in accordance with the Charities Act (Northern Ireland) 2008 and the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2015.

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 31 years, has been very 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, Scriptwriting, 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 Wind Farm, The N I Housing Executive, Cookstown and Western Shores Area Network (CWSAN), Mid Ulster District Council, National Lottery

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Community Fund, Awards for All, Solace Women's Aid LONDON, The Honourable The Irish Society and The Rural Micro Capital Grant Scheme, The Public Health Agency 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 N I Rural Women's Day in Stormont Parliament Buildings, Belfast, twinning up with The Men's Shed Upperlands, 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, Lissadell 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" now rebranded as "The Happy Gardeners!" where we plant organic vegetables in our evolving wee community garden. In these sessions, we also build our own wooden veggie beds under the tutelage of Jenny McGetrick from The Conservation Volunteers. "The Happy Gardeners!" reflects the group's positivity!

Over the past 5 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. We facilitate approximately 180+ 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 32nd year, which confirms that we are a very successful community group as our classes and activities are without exception oversubscribed with waiting lists.

Finally, at our 30th birthday celebration, 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 £20,696 in the year ended 31 March 2024 to £27,942 for the year ending 31 March 2025. Payments have also increased from £17,404 in the year ended 31 March 2024 to £27,626 for the year ending 31 March 2025. The charity had a bank and cash balance of £19,820.

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

At the end of the year, the charity has assets of £19,820 (2024 - £19,504) and liabilities of £0.00 (2024 - £0.00). The net assets of the charity have increased by £316.

The charity engages proactively with legislation, standards, and codes that are developed for the sector.

Direct Funding

In addition to the income and expenditure shown in the receipts and payments accounts, the charity also benefited from support provided directly by funders. During the year, CWSAN contributed £800 towards tutor costs by paying some tutors directly. As these funds were not received into, or paid out from, the charity's bank account, they are not included in the financial statements. The trustees nevertheless wish to acknowledge this support as it contributed directly to the charity's activities.

Public Benefit

In shaping our objectives for the year and planning our activities, the trustees have considered the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland's public benefit guidance.

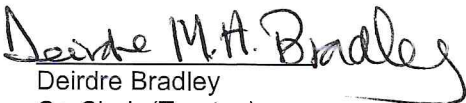
The chief benefits of Granaghan & District Women's Group are that people, (not just women) in a deprived rural area have a neutral venue where they can meet and socialise. A further benefit is that people can access all sorts of classes and courses of both educational and recreational content.

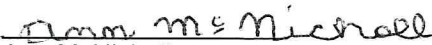
Benefits are demonstrated by the number of people attending each activity. Beneficiaries are routinely asked to complete an evaluation of the activities at the end of the courses. The management committee also measures the success and the benefits of their activities through face-to-face interviews with 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 15 September 2025 and signed on behalf by:


Deirdre Bradley
Co-Chair (Trustee)


Ann McNicholl
Secretary (Trustee)

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TRUSTEES' RESPONSIBILITIES STATEMENT

The trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records and for preparing a Receipts and Payments Account and a Statement of Assets and Liabilities in accordance with the Charities Act (Northern Ireland) 2008 and the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2015.

The trustees must ensure that the accounting records disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity, enable the preparation of the above statements, and ensure compliance with the charity's governing document and applicable law.

The trustees are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

By Order of the Trustees


Deirdre Bradley
Co-Chair (Trustee)

Date: 15 September 2025

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Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees
Year Ended 31 March 2025

I report on the accounts of the charity for the year ended 31 March 2025 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 2025 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.

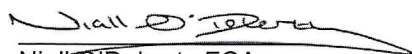
The examination included a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts and seeking explanations from you as charity trustees concerning any such matters.

My role is to state whether any material matters have come to my attention 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
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Date: 15 September 2025


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Receipts and Payments Account
Year Ended 31 March 2025

		Unrestricted £	Restricted £	Total Funds 2025 £	Total Funds 2024 £
RECEIPTS					
Generated Funds:					
Grant Income	2	-	16,155	16,155	11,528
Charitable Activities:					
Enrolment Fees & Classes		10,733	-	10,733	8,817
Investment Income	3	54	-	54	50
Other Income & Donations		1,000	-	1,000	301
Total Receipts		11,787	16,155	27,942	20,696
PAYMENTS					
Cost of generating funds	5	(7,114)	(9,302)	(16,416)	(8,853)
Charitable activities	4	(3,216)	(7,694)	(10,910)	(8,261)
Other payments		(300)	-	(300)	(290)
Total payments		(10,630)	(16,996)	(27,626)	(17,404)
Net receipts / (payments) for the year		1,157	(841)	316	3,292
Reconciliation of funds:					
Total funds brought forward at 1 April 2024		16,413	3,091	19,504	27,353
Prior period adjustment		(2,172)	2,172	-	(11,141)
Total funds carried forward at 31 March 2025		15,398	4,422	19,820	19,504

Statement of Assets and Liabilities

	Unrestricted £	Restricted £	Total 2025 £	Total 2024 £
CASH FUNDS				
Bank and cash	15,398	4,422	19,820	19,504

Approved by the trustees and authorised for issue on 15 September 2025 and signed on behalf of the trustees by:


 Roisin Turner
 Treasurer (Trustee)

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

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Notes to the Financial Statements
Year Ended 31 March 2025

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 2025 £	Total Funds 2024 £
Mid Ulster District Council	-	2,350	2,350	1,770
Brockaghboy Wind Farm Community Fund	-	3,000	3,000	3,000
NI Housing Executive	-	1,694	1,694	68
Clear Project	-	4,997	4,997	3,999
DAERA	-	1,864	1,864	-
Community Foundation for NI	-	1,500	1,500	-
Carnglen Credit Union	-	250	250	-
Co-op	-	500	500	-
Cookstown Western Shores Area Network	-	-	-	66
John Moore Foundation	-	-	-	2,495
RYW Health & Social Care	-	-	-	130
	-	16,155	16,155	11,528

3 INVESTMENT INCOME

	Unrestricted £	Restricted £	Total Funds 2025 £	Total Funds 2024 £
Bank Interest Receivable	54	-	54	50
	54	-	54	50

4 ANALYSIS OF PAYMENTS FOR CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES

	Unrestricted £	Restricted £	Total Funds 2025 £	Total Funds 2024 £
Direct costs and other payments	3,216	7,694	10,910	8,261
	3,216	7,694	10,910	8,261

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5 SUPPORT PAYMENTS

	Events/ Communication & Development £	Running Costs £	Total Funds 2025 £	Total Funds 2024 £
Costs of Generating Funds	4,497	11,919	16,416	8,853
	4,497	11,919	16,416	8,853

6 ANALYSIS OF NET ASSETS BETWEEN FUNDS

	Tangible Fixed Assets £	Net Current Assets £	Total Assets 2025 £	Total Assets 2024 £
Unrestricted Income Funds:	-	15,398	15,398	14,241
Restricted Income Funds:	-	4,422	4,422	5,263
Total	-	19,820	19,820	19,504

7 POST-BALANCE SHEET EVENTS

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

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Supplementary Information

Year Ended 31 March 2025

The supplementary information does not form part of the financial statements

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Detailed Receipts and Payments Account
Year Ended 31 March 2025

	2025	2024
	£	£
RECEIPTS		
Mid Ulster District Council	2,350	1,770
Class Enrolment Fees	10,733	8,817
Brockaghboy Wind Farm Community Fund	3,000	3,000
NI Housing Executive	1,694	68
Clear Project	4,997	3,999
DAERA	1,864	-
Community Foundation for NI	1,500	-
Co-op	500	-
Carnglen Credit Union	250	-
Cookstown Western Shores Area Network	-	66
John Moore Foundation	-	2,495
RYW Health & Social Care	-	130
Other Income & Donations	1,000	301
	27,888	20,646
PAYMENTS		
Communication and Development	4,497	2,363
Tuition Fees and Materials	10,910	8,261
Rent	2,882	1,290
Stationery & Equipment	4,699	1,516
Telephone	461	376
Other General Administration	494	324
Insurances	516	478
Travel, Sustenance, and Hospitality	2,034	1,921
Repairs, Maintenance and Community Garden	239	9
Professional Fees	495	495
Charitable Donations	300	290
Sundry	99	80
	27,626	17,404
MISCELLANEOUS INCOME		
Bank interest	54	50
	316	3,292
NET RECEIPTS / (PAYMENTS)	316	3,292