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# Causeway Women's Aid

(A company limited by guarantee)

Annual Report and Financial Statements

for the Year Ended 31 March 2024

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## **Causeway Women's Aid**

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## **Causeway Women's Aid**

### **Reference and Administrative Details**

<b>Chief Executive Officer</b>	Mrs Sharon Burnett
<b>Trustees</b>	Mrs Sharon Kirk Miss Briege Martin Mrs Alice Quinn Miss Gillian Clifford
<b>Principal Office</b>	23 Abbey Street Coleraine Co Londonderry BT52 1DU
<b>Registered Office</b>	23 Abbey Street Coleraine Co Londonderry BT52 1DU  The charity is incorporated in Northern Ireland.
<b>Company Registration Number</b>	NI056721
<b>Charity Registration Number</b>	NIC106208
<b>Solicitors</b>	McAuley Wray 35 New Row Coleraine BT52 1AB
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## **Causeway Women's Aid**

### **Strategic Report for the Year Ended 31 March 2024**

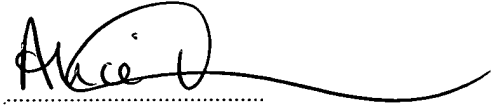
The trustees, who are directors for the purposes of company law, present their strategic report for the year ended 31 March 2024, in compliance with s414C of the Companies Act 2006.

#### **Achievements and performance**

While the day to day activities of the organisation were transferred to the new entity, Causeway and Mid-Ulster Womens Aid during the 20-21 year, the title of the property, at Abbey Street in Coleraine, remains within this company. The organisation is taking steps to transfer the title of the property to Causeway and Mid-Ulster Womens Aid.

#### **Financial review**

The strategic report was approved by the trustees of the charity on 2 December 2024 and signed on its behalf by:

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Alice Q', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

.....  
Mrs Alice Quinn  
Trustee

## **Causeway Women's Aid**

### **Trustees' Report**

The trustees, who are directors for the purposes of company law, present the annual report together with the financial statements of the charitable company for the year ended 31 March 2024.

#### **Going concern**

The charity merged with with Mid Ulster Womens Aid on 1st August 2020 and the new merged entity, now known as Causeway & Mid Ulster Womens Aid, took over all of the charitable activities of Causeway Womens Aid. All funders agreed to the merger and ongoing projects and project funding was transferred to the new merged entity.

The property remains in Causeway Womens Aid's possession for now, but will be transferred to the merged entity in the near future.

#### **Structure, governance and management**

##### ***Nature of governing document***

Causeway Women's Aid is a Company Limited by Guarantee, governed by a Memorandum and Articles of Association. It is controlled by a voluntary Management Board who are responsible for strategic planning and decision making, financial governance and probity and have employment responsibility for all staff.

##### ***Recruitment and appointment of trustees***

The directors of the company are also charity trustees for the purposes of charity law and under the company's Articles are known as members of the Management Committee. Members of Management Board are recruited through professional or personal recommendation and by advertisement. Volunteers who are to be appointed receive induction to assist them to fulfil their roles in relation to governance of the organisation. Members to the Board are proposed at the annual general meeting.

Office bearers are elected at the first Management Committee meeting following the annual general meeting.

Following completion of merger on 1st August 2020 the Management board the existing board remain until final transfer of remaining asset to Causeway & Mid-Ulster Women's Aid.

## Causeway Women's Aid

### Trustees' Report

#### Financial instruments

##### *Objectives and policies*

The organisation has a risk management policy and operates a risk assessment framework which includes carrying out risk assessment on all activities. Internal control risks are minimised by the implementation of procedures. Procedures are in place to ensure compliance with health and safety of staff, volunteers, clients and visitors to our premises. Supporting People QMT (Quality Management Tool) is fully implemented and externally validated. Individual project evaluations are completed to ensure that the services we provide clearly benefit our service users. Risk management is a standing agenda item at all management committee meetings to mitigate the risks that the charity faces.

##### *Cash flow risk*

The charity's activities expose it primarily to the financial risks in the area of income generation. The charity relies heavily on government agencies whose budgets are reduced year on year, leaving the charity increasingly reliant on other agencies and the public.

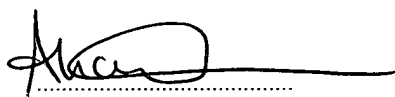
##### *Credit risk*

The charity's principal financial assets are bank balances and cash, trade and other receivables, and investments. The charity's credit risk is primarily attributable to its trade receivables. The amounts presented in the balance sheet are net of allowances for doubtful receivables. An allowance for impairment is made where there is an identified loss event which, based on previous experience, is evidence of a reduction in the recoverability of the cash flows.

##### *Liquidity risk*

In order to maintain liquidity to ensure that sufficient funds are available for ongoing operations and future developments, the charity has a reserves policy of maintaining reserves at 6 months running costs and that all restricted reserves are available in the form of cash at the bank.

The annual report was approved by the trustees of the charity on 2 December 2024 and signed on its behalf by:



Mrs Alice Quinn  
Trustee

## Causeway Women's Aid

### Statement of Trustees' Responsibilities

The trustees (who are also the directors of Causeway Women's Aid for the purposes of company law) are responsible for preparing the trustees' report and the financial statements in accordance with the United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice) and applicable law and regulations.

Company law requires the trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year. Under company law the trustees must not approve the financial statements unless they are satisfied that they give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charitable company and of its incoming resources and application of resources, including its income and expenditure, for that period. In preparing these financial statements, the trustees are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles in the Charities SORP;
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable UK Accounting Standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements; and
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charitable company will continue in business.

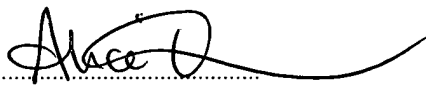
The trustees are responsible for keeping adequate accounting records that are sufficient to show and explain the charitable company's transactions and disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charitable company and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Companies Act 2006. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charitable company and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

#### Statement as to disclosure to our auditors

Each of the persons who is a trustee at the date of approval of this report confirms that:

- So far as each trustee is aware, there is no relevant audit information of which the charity's auditor is unaware; and
- Each trustee has taken steps that they ought to have taken as a trustee to make themselves aware of any relevant audit information and to establish that the charity's auditor is aware of that information.

Approved by the trustees of the charity on 2 December 2024 and signed on its behalf by:



Mrs Alice Quinn  
Trustee

## Causeway Women's Aid

### Independent Examiner's Report to the trustees of Causeway Women's Aid

I report on the accounts of the charity for the year ended 31 March 2024 which are set out on pages 7 to 14 .

#### Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

The trustees (who are also the directors of the company for the purposes of company law) are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 65(2) of the Charities Act (Northern Ireland) 2008 (the 2008 Act) and that an independent examination is needed. The charity's gross income exceeded £250,000 and I am qualified to undertake the examination by being a qualified member of Chartered Institute of Management Accountants.

Having satisfied myself that the charity is not subject to audit under company law and is eligible for independent examination, it is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under section 65 of the 2008 Act;
- to follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 65(9)(b) of the 2008 Act; and
- to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

#### Basis of independent examiner's report

My examination was carried out in accordance with the general Directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes 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 trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a 'true and fair view' and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

#### Independent examiner's statement

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention:

(1) which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements:

- to keep accounting records in accordance with section 386 of the Companies Act 2006; and
- to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records, comply with the accounting requirements of section 396 of the Companies Act 2006 and with the methods and principles of the Statement of Recommended Practice: Accounting and Reporting by Charities

have not been met; or

(2) to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.



Catherine McRory  
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2 December 2024

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**Statement of Financial Activities for the Year Ended 31 March 2024**  
**(Including Income and Expenditure Account and Statement of Total Recognised Gains and Losses)**

	Note	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Total 2024 £	Total 2023 £
<b>Income and Endowments from:</b>					
<b>Expenditure on:</b>					
Charitable activities	3	(3,000)	-	(3,000)	(3,000)
Total Expenditure		(3,000)	-	(3,000)	(3,000)
Net expenditure		(3,000)	-	(3,000)	(3,000)
Transfers between funds		3,000	(3,000)	-	-
Net movement in funds		-	(3,000)	(3,000)	(3,000)
<b>Reconciliation of funds</b>					
Total funds brought forward		28,816	103,184	132,000	135,000
Total funds carried forward	8	28,816	100,184	129,000	132,000

All of the charity's activities derive from discontinuing operations during 2021.  
The funds breakdown for 2024 & 2023 is shown in note 8.

## Causeway Women's Aid

(Registration number: NI056721)  
Balance Sheet as at 31 March 2024

	Note	2024 £	2023 £
<b>Fixed assets</b>			
Tangible assets	6	<u>129,000</u>	<u>132,000</u>
<b>Funds of the charity:</b>			
<b>Restricted funds</b>		100,184	103,184
<b>Unrestricted income funds</b>			
Revaluation reserve		<u>28,816</u>	<u>28,816</u>
<b>Total funds</b>	8	<u>129,000</u>	<u>132,000</u>

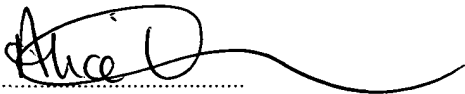
For the financial year ending 31 March 2024 the charity was entitled to exemption from audit under section 477 of the Companies Act 2006 relating to small companies.

### Directors' responsibilities:

- The members have not required the charity to obtain an audit of its accounts for the year in question in accordance with section 476; and
- The directors acknowledge their responsibilities for complying with the requirements of the Act with respect to accounting records and the preparation of accounts.

These accounts have been prepared in accordance with the provisions applicable to companies subject to the small companies regime.

The financial statements on pages 7 to 14 were approved by the trustees, and authorised for issue on 2 December 2024 and signed on their behalf by:



.....  
Mrs Alice Quinn  
Trustee

## **Causeway Women's Aid**

### **Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 March 2024**

#### **1 Charity status**

The charity is a charity limited by guarantee and consequently does not have share capital. Each of the trustees is liable to contribute an amount not exceeding £1 towards the assets of the charity in the event of liquidation.

#### **2 Accounting policies**

##### **Summary of significant accounting policies and key accounting estimates**

The principal accounting policies applied in the preparation of these financial statements are set out below. These policies have been consistently applied to all the years presented, unless otherwise stated.

##### **Statement of compliance**

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2015) - (Charities SORP (FRS 102)), the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) and the Companies Act 2006.

##### **Basis of preparation**

Causeway Women's Aid meets the definition of a public benefit entity under FRS 102. Assets and liabilities are initially recognised at historical cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant accounting policy notes.

##### **Going concern**

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##### **Income and endowments**

##### **Expenditure**

All expenditure is recognised once there is a legal or constructive obligation to that expenditure, it is probable settlement is required and the amount can be measured reliably. All costs are allocated to the applicable expenditure heading that aggregate similar costs to that category. Where costs cannot be directly attributed to particular headings they have been allocated on a basis consistent with the use of resources, with central staff costs allocated on the basis of time spent, and depreciation charges allocated on the portion of the asset's use. Other support costs are allocated based on the spread of staff costs.

##### **Charitable activities**

Charitable expenditure comprises those costs incurred by the charity in the delivery of its activities and services for its beneficiaries. It includes both costs that can be allocated directly to such activities and those costs of an indirect nature necessary to support them.

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### Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 March 2024

#### Support costs

Support costs include central functions and have been allocated to activity cost categories on a basis consistent with the use of resources, for example, allocating property costs by floor areas, or per capita, staff costs by the time spent and other costs by their usage.

#### Taxation

The charity is considered to pass the tests set out in Paragraph 1 Schedule 6 of the Finance Act 2010 and therefore it meets the definition of a charitable company for UK corporation tax purposes. Accordingly, the charity is potentially exempt from taxation in respect of income or capital gains received within categories covered by Chapter 3 Part 11 of the Corporation Tax Act 2010 or Section 256 of the Taxation of Chargeable Gains Act 1992, to the extent that such income or gains are applied exclusively to charitable purposes.

#### Tangible fixed assets

Individual fixed assets costing £0.00 or more are initially recorded at cost, less any subsequent accumulated depreciation and subsequent accumulated impairment losses.

#### Depreciation and amortisation

Depreciation is provided on tangible fixed assets so as to write off the cost or valuation, less any estimated residual value, over their expected useful economic life as follows:

Asset class	Depreciation method and rate
Equipment	25% Straight Line
Fixtures & Fittings	25% Straight Line
Land & Buildings	2% Straight Line

## Causeway Women's Aid

### Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 March 2024

#### Financial instruments

##### *Classification*

Financial assets and financial liabilities are recognised when the charity becomes a party to the contractual provisions of the instrument.

Financial liabilities and equity instruments are classified according to the substance of the contractual arrangements entered into. An equity instrument is any contract that evidences a residual interest in the assets of the charity after deducting all of its liabilities.

##### *Recognition and measurement*

All financial assets and liabilities are initially measured at transaction price (including transaction costs), except for those financial assets classified as at fair value through profit or loss, which are initially measured at fair value (which is normally the transaction price excluding transaction costs), unless the arrangement constitutes a financing transaction. If an arrangement constitutes a financing transaction, the financial asset or financial liability is measured at the present value of the future payments discounted at a market rate of interest for a similar debt instrument.

Financial assets and liabilities are only offset in the statement of financial position when, and only when there exists a legally enforceable right to set off the recognised amounts and the charity intends either to settle on a net basis, or to realise the asset and settle the liability simultaneously.

Financial assets are derecognised when and only when a) the contractual rights to the cash flows from the financial asset expire or are settled, b) the charity transfers to another party substantially all of the risks and rewards of ownership of the financial asset, or c) the charity, despite having retained some, but not all, significant risks and rewards of ownership, has transferred control of the asset to another party.

Financial liabilities are derecognised only when the obligation specified in the contract is discharged, cancelled or expires.

##### *Fair value measurement*

The best evidence of fair value is a quoted price for an identical asset in an active market. When quoted prices are unavailable, the price of a recent transaction for an identical asset provides evidence of fair value as long as there has not been a significant change in economic circumstances or a significant lapse of time since the transaction took place. If the market is not active and recent transactions of an identical asset on their own are not a good estimate of fair value, the fair value is estimated by using a valuation technique.

## Causeway Women's Aid

### Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 March 2024

#### 3 Expenditure on charitable activities

	Unrestricted funds	Total 2024	Total 2023
	General £	£	£
Allocated support costs	3,000	3,000	3,000
			<b>Total 2024 £</b>

£3,000 (2023 - £3,000) of the above expenditure was attributable to unrestricted funds and £Nil (2023 - £Nil) to restricted funds.

#### 4 Trustees remuneration and expenses

No trustees, nor any persons connected with them, have received any remuneration from the charity during the year.

No trustees have received any reimbursed expenses or any other benefits from the charity during the year.

#### 5 Taxation

The charity is a registered charity and is therefore exempt from taxation.

#### 6 Tangible fixed assets

	Land and buildings £	Total £
<b>Cost</b>		
At 1 April 2023	220,284	220,284
At 31 March 2024	220,284	220,284
<b>Depreciation</b>		
At 1 April 2023	88,284	88,284
Charge for the year	3,000	3,000
At 31 March 2024	91,284	91,284
<b>Net book value</b>		
At 31 March 2024	129,000	129,000
At 31 March 2023	132,000	132,000

The property contained within the Land and Buildings fixed asset classification was revalued as part of the transition to FRS102.

## Causeway Women's Aid

### Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 March 2024

#### 7 Analysis of net assets between funds

	<b>Unrestricted funds</b>	<b>Restricted funds</b>	<b>Total funds</b>
	<b>General £</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
Tangible fixed assets	<u>28,817</u>	<u>100,183</u>	<u>129,000</u>

## Causeway Women's Aid

### Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 March 2024

#### 8 Funds

	Balance at 1 April 2023 £	Resources expended £	Transfers £	Balance at 31 March 2024 £
<i>General</i>				
Unrestricted Income Fund	-	(3,000)	3,000	-
<b>Other funds</b>				
Revaluation Reserve	<u>28,816</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>28,816</u>
<b>Total Unrestricted funds</b>	28,816	(3,000)	3,000	28,816
<b>Restricted funds</b>				
Land & Buildings Cap grant	<u>103,184</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(3,000)</u>	<u>100,184</u>
<b>Total funds</b>	<u>132,000</u>	<u>(3,000)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>129,000</u>
	Balance at 1 April 2022 £	Resources expended £	Transfers £	Balance at 31 March 2023 £
<i>General</i>				
Unrestricted Income Fund	-	(3,000)	3,000	-
<b>Other funds</b>				
Revaluation Reserve	<u>28,816</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>28,816</u>
<b>Total unrestricted funds</b>	28,816	(3,000)	3,000	28,816
<b>Restricted funds</b>				
Land & Buildings Cap grant	<u>106,184</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(3,000)</u>	<u>103,184</u>
<b>Total funds</b>	<u>135,000</u>	<u>(3,000)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>132,000</u>