

**NEWFORGE TAGGERS**  
**Tag Rugby Football Club**

**Charity No. 106333**

**Executive Committee Annual Report**  
**For the year ended 31 August 2024**

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### **EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE**

N Gregg – Chair

U Robinson – Honorary Treasurer

R Melville – Honorary Secretary

E Rainey

J Cartlidge

B Maltman

C Reid

E Tavares

C Campbell

D Frew

L Robinson

B Murphy

T Craig

A Smyth

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### **ANNUAL REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE**

Newforge Taggers Tag Rugby Football Club is governed by a Constitution and an Executive Committee that is elected by the Club membership at the Annual General Meeting. The Executive Committee will ensure that the Club members and volunteers adhere to the objectives and rules described in the constitution.

#### ***The purposes and beneficiaries of the Newforge Taggers Tag Rugby Football Club (“the Charity”)***

The Charity is established to promote healthy recreation through the provision of facilities to play the amateur sport of Tag Rugby and other recreational or leisure-time occupations in the interests of social welfare for the benefit of people with learning disabilities (hereinafter called “the beneficiaries”) within Northern Ireland (hereinafter called “the area of benefit”) without regard to age, gender, sexual orientation, ability, disability, ethnic identity, nationality, religion or political opinion so that their conditions of life may be improved, and in particular to develop the amateur sport of Tag Rugby by providing and arranging tag rugby training, tournaments and competitions for the benefit of the beneficiaries.

The Charity's beneficiaries are people with learning disabilities, male and female aged from six years with no upper age limit.

#### ***What the Charity has done during the year to carry out its purposes***

(Breakdown of club membership/activities):

The facilities that the Charity provided enabled beneficiaries with learning disabilities from across the community to participate in recreational and sporting activities which assisted with the development and advancement of the sport.

Participation during the year in social events, physical activities and tag rugby promoted the overall health and well-being of the beneficiaries. The Charity also provided beneficiaries with the opportunity to develop social and communication skills, increase confidence and self-esteem. Many of these skills do not come easily to people with learning disabilities and the Charity provides a forum to encourage and develop their physical ability and self-confidence. Through training and coaching the Charity continues to help with the education of beneficiaries around the benefits of participation in sport. Such as, increased personal fitness levels and the realisation of personal responsibilities for health and well-being. Players’ individual skills levels and understanding of the sport continue to improve.

- 42 players have attended training this season - Over 15s:33 (31 male, 2 female), Under 15s: 9 (7 male, 2 female)
- Season one 3<sup>rd</sup> September – 3<sup>rd</sup> December and season two 24<sup>th</sup> March – 16<sup>th</sup> June, a total of 24 sessions with 2 sessions cancelled due to weather conditions
- Average attendance on a Sunday morning was 32 players
- The club attended festivals at Barnhall Buffaloes and Portadown Panthers whilst also hosting one of our own at Newforge Sports Complex
- The club continued its affiliation to Mencap
- The club committee have had 4 meetings all held at Newforge Sports Complex

***How has the Charity ensured any private benefit has been incidental to the public benefit?***

The Charity is volunteer led and over the years there has been a constant and positive contribution by young volunteers (16 – 23) from schools in coaching the members. This involvement in many cases is the young volunteers first experience of people with a learning disability. This exposure allowed them to see and appreciate the person and their ability rather than the disability. Many of these volunteers have no rugby background so the Charity provided them with the skills and support to deliver coaching which in turn has led to increased participation and the advancement of the sport. Any private benefit received by volunteers is purely incidental to the purposes of the Charity's work.

***Statement of compliance with the duty to have regard to the Commission's guidance***

In setting objectives and planning activities for the year the Chairperson and Committee have given careful consideration to the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland's guidance on public benefit to ensure that the activities have helped achieve the Charity's purposes and provide a benefit to the beneficiaries.

Approved and adopted by the Executive Committee at a meeting on 19<sup>th</sup> November 2024.

N Gregg

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**Nikki Gregg**  
Chairperson