
Heart of Down Rural Society Ltd

Report of the Trustees

For the Year Ended 31 July 2023

The Trustees present their report and financial statements for the year end 31st July 2023.

The Trustees who served during the year and up to the date of this report are listed as:-

TAW Crawford

B Douglas

DW Ross

PJ Tate

Objectives & Activities

Heart of Down Rural Society Ltd aims to provide for community development work within the local neighbourhood.

The Committee are providing, maintaining and managing a rural Hall facility to ensure local community organisations have adequate, modern and sufficient facilities to meet the respective needs of each organisation to help ensure active community participation.

The Committee also hope to organise lectures, classes, meetings and community fundraising events and other forms of leisure-time and recreational and educational development.

The objectives are specifically restricted to the advancement of community development, the advancement of education, the relief of poverty, sickness and the aged and the promotion of the benefit of the inhabitants of the Spa area and its environs in County Down, without distinction of age, gender, disability, sexual orientation, nationality, ethnic identity, political or religious opinion, by associating the statutory authorities, community and voluntary organisations and the inhabitants in a common effort to provide facilities in the interests of social welfare for recreation or other leisure-time occupation, with the object of fostering a community spirit and improving the conditions of life for the benefit of the inhabitants and in particular to:

a) The Provision, maintenance and management of a community educational resource hall facility for the use of the inhabitants for activities promoted or facilitated by the Company including use for meetings, lectures, classes and other forms of recreational and leisure-time occupation with the object of improving the conditions of life for the said inhabitants:

b) to support community development, social inclusion and well-being activities and to work with partners to support and improve the conditions of the inhabitants in rural life;

c) to promote or assist in the promotion, facilitation and organisation of community capacity building programme and projects for the benefit of the inhabitants within the area of benefit who have need of such assistance as a result of their youth, age, disability or infirmity, or social and economic circumstances, in an effort to increase the abilities, skills and self-confidence of such inhabitants;

d) to advance any other exclusively charitable purpose as the Directors, may from time to time, decide in accordance with the law of charity.

Review of Finances

The income for the year to 31st July 2023 was £9,212.

Government grants were obtained from:

Co-Operation Ireland
DAERA
Newry, Mourne & Down District Council

To all these funders, Heart of Down Rural Society Ltd are most grateful.

Public Benefit Statements

The Trustees consider they have complied with their respective duties to have due regard to the guidance on public benefit as published by the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland.

Statement of Trustee's responsibilities

The Trustees are responsible for preparing the annual report and the financial statements in accordance with the applicable law and United Kingdom accounting standards.

Company Law requires the Trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial period to provide a true and fair view of the affairs of the company for that period.

In preparing the financial statements, the trustees are required to:

- Make estimates that are reasonable and prudent
- Select most appropriate accounting policies and apply in a consistent format
- Clarify that applicable accounting standards have been followed and further explained in the financial statements and have prepared the financial statements.

The Trustees confirm that they have complied with the above requirements in preparing the financial statements.

The trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time, the financial position of the company and to enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Companies Act 2006.

The Trustees are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the Company and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud or other irregularities. Policies are also in place for such issues.

Approved by the Trustees

Chairperson *Ruth Brown*

3rd May 2024
