

Black Mountain Shared Space

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 30 April 2024.

Objectives and activities

Objects and aims

The objectives of the charity are as follows:

- To increase intra-community capacity and cohesion.
- Build positive cross-community relationships at all levels across the Upper Springfield Road/Upper Shankill interface area.
- Create initiatives that improve the health and well-being of residents in both communities.
- Develop and manage initiatives to address education, training and employability deficits in the area.
- Act as the main forum for cross-community dialogue and peace-building in the Upper Springfield/Upper Shankill Road area.
- Soften, remove or re-image ten interface barriers between the two communities.
- Develop a social enterprise initiative to create local employment opportunities.
- Develop a shared space for both communities to potentially include community, retail, training and leisure spaces.

Public benefit

The charity works to promote intra-community capacity building and cross-community good relations in the Upper Springfield/Upper Shankill area.

Trustees and officers

The trustees and officers serving during the year and since the year end were as follows:

Trustees:	Paul Millar
	Sharon Beattie
	Steven Corr

Structure, governance and management

Recruitment and appointment of trustees

In accordance with the Constitution, the trustees retire by rotation and, being eligible, offer themselves for re-election.

Statement of trustees' responsibilities

The trustees (who are also the directors of Black Mountain Shared Space for the purposes of company law) are responsible for preparing the trustees' report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice), including FRS 102 "The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland".

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 the incoming resources and application of resources, including its income and expenditure, of the charitable company for that period. In preparing these financial statements, the trustees are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and apply them consistently;

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- observe the methods and principles in the Charities SORP;
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable accounting standards, comprising FRS 102 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 proper accounting records that can 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.

The trustees are responsible for the maintenance and integrity of the corporate and financial information included on the charitable company's website. Legislation governing the preparation and dissemination of financial statements may differ from legislation in other jurisdictions.

The annual report was approved by the trustees of the charity on^{29 Jan 2025} and signed on its behalf by:



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Paul Millar
Trustee



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Steven Corr
Trustee