

Rostrevor Men's Shed

TRUSTEES' REPORT

for the financial year ended 31 December 2022

The trustees present their Trustees' Report and the unaudited financial statements for the financial year ended 31 December 2022.

Mission, Objectives and Strategy

Mission Statement

Compliance with Public Benefit

The Charity Trustees have had regard to the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland's statutory public benefit guidance to ensure that activities entered into during the year have helped to achieve the charity's aims and objectives as well as providing public benefit.

Objectives

The purposes of the charity are:

- To provide a welcoming venue for men to talk and connect with others while participating in group and / or individual projects.
- To reduce isolation and increase social networks of men in Rostrevor and the surrounding local areas.
- To provide opportunity for skills development, capacity building and learning of men in the area.
- To advance the health and well being of men in Rostrevor and the surrounding local areas.

The main activities undertaken by the charity are:

- Gardening
- Woodwork and Joinery Workshops
- Community Projects
- Program events with guest speakers
- Day trips for members.

Structure, Governance and Management

Governance

The principal document regarding governance of the charity is the constitution. The committee members are the Charity Trustees. The charity is an unincorporated organisation.

Organisational Structure

The committee is responsible for the day to day running of the charity. The committee is made up of at least ten volunteers elected each year at an Annual General Meeting. The committee stands down at the Annual General Meeting each year and a new committee is appointed in line with the constitution.

All committee members and trustees are volunteers. No-one receives payment for services.

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Review of Activities, Achievements and Performance

The trustees, via the committee, normally organise a number of events during the year. The programme of events for 2022 was regrettably curtailed by the continuing global Covid-19 pandemic and the closure of the main building due to extensive renovation works. Following some relaxation of lockdown restrictions, a few events did take place and trips away resumed.

As the building remained closed for major renovations, weekly meetings took place in the temporary portacabin located at the rear of the main premises.

A number of projects were undertaken in 2022. Refurbishment of the external seating of St Bronagh's GAA club was carried out in recognition of their loan of their rooms for meetings. A sign was made for the Happiness Cafés and a bookcase made for Kilbroney Community Association.

Members took part in a river clean in January and again in July and a new initiative was introduced in the form of a beach clean which took place in July. Members took part in health and safety and fire marshals' course organised by NMDDC. Members attended orienteering events in Bessbrook and a men's health event organised by NMDDC in the Whistledown Hotel. A stand was taken at Kilbroney Show and another at Warrenpoint Christmas fair. A number of table quizzes were attended. A round the island of Ireland sailing trip involved many members completing the individual legs in shifts. Rostrevor Men's Shed assisted marshalling the Darkness into Light event in Kilbroney Park and the Halloween Spooktacular in October.

Talks were given as follows; Wayne Denner on internet security; RNID on hearing loss; WRDA on bowel cancer; PSNI on home security; Community Advice on household expenditure; and a member of the Cognizant Aston Martin Formula 1 team outlined her activities in motor racing.

Trips

Three trips took place during the year; the Hinch Distillery; Collins Barracks and Johnny Foxes Pub; and the Seamus Heaney Centre. All were over-subscribed.

Building

Works on No 16, The Square continued, but were continually delayed meaning the re-opening date was constantly put back. As part of the ongoing support package with NMDDC, trustees completed first aid courses, fire marshals' course and a legionella course.

Financial Review

During the financial year the charity continued to raise funds via grant assistance, sale of goods, donations received and via the facilities management agreement with NMDDC.

The receipts and payments accounts set out on page 7 reflect the activities undertaken by the charity in 2022. The charity had income of £11,459 and expenditure of £9,735 resulting in a surplus of £1,724. The charity had restricted reserves at 31 December 2022 of £368 and unrestricted reserves of £2,820.


Going Concern

The trustees are satisfied that there are adequate funds in place to ensure that the charity can continue its activities and as a result the financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2022 are prepared on the going concern basis.

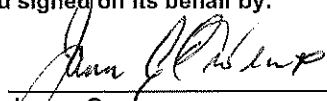
Results and Dividends

At the end of the financial year the charity has assets of £3,188 (2021 - £1,464) and liabilities of £0.00 (2021 - £0.00). The net assets of the charity have increased by £1,724.

Approved by the Board of Trustees on 15 June 2023 and signed on its behalf by:



Eamonn O'Connor
Trustee



James Owens
Trustee