

# **Drumgath Ladies Group**

**Charity number NIC 107575**

**Annual Report For the year ending June 2023 presented at the Annual  
General Meeting on Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> August 2023**

**The group meet in The Parish Centre**

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**Summary of the year's activities of the charity to further its purposes for the public benefit.**

**This year we had a specific emphasis on Older People and also Carer Support.**

Mindfulness, relaxation and Healthy eating

Participation in the continued development of a Community Garden

Chair based yoga and lunch/Strength and balance and lunch/ Health and well-being programme/laughter yoga/crochet/soap making/flower arranging/pottery/card making/legal aspects/

Fashion show/ Afternoon tea/

Pensioners/Carers Christmas lunch/Christmas treats/grocery vouchers for older people

Leather work/Painting on canvas/ yoga/Menopause sessions/Aromatherapy/Faux flower wreath making/

Theatre trip to Dublin

Supporting the Samaritans Shoe Box Appeal

Supporting the local food bank

Monthly Lunch and Learn for the over 50s with speaker

ABC Council floral donation

BBQ

### **Record of the year's achievements**

- Ongoing participation in the development of a Community Garden, official opening and Christmas in the garden.
- Re-establishment of the Lunch and Learn club for the over 50s
- Christmas Shoe box appeal for the Samaritans Purse

- Shoe box, food and clothing appeal for Newry Help the Homeless.
- Cross Community Pensioner/Carer Christmas Lunch.
- Cross Community Pensioners/Carer's day trip to Dublin with a meal and theatre visit.

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**The beneficiaries** of the charity's activities and events were the general public in the greater Drumgath/Rathfriland areas.

None of the activities/events undertaken were harmful in any way.

- **Objects of the charity are:**
- -Advance learning opportunities
- -Preserve and protect health
- -Provide facilities in the interests of social welfare for recreation or other leisure time occupation, with the object of improving the conditions of life for said women, youth and aged of the community.
- - Reducing social isolation and loneliness by offering opportunities to meet, socialise, learn and have fun.
- **List of current trustees**
- Christine Hynes (Chairperson)
- Mary McDonald (Vice Chairperson)
- Mary Brannigan (Treasurer)
- Tania Bailie (Asst Treasurer)
- Mary Lennon (Secretary)
- Barbara Dickson (PRO & Asst Secretary)
- Clare Ohare (Asst Secretary)
- Shelene Rooney (Facebook)
- Sinead Rooney
- Elizabeth Burns
- Geraldine Magill
- Ursula Sloan
- Majella Keenan
- Jennifer Downey
- Marie McComish
- Vera Rooney
- Caroline McDonald
- Lynette Magee
- Barbara Killen

### Contribution of volunteers

All events and activities are organised and managed by volunteers and its beneficiaries who give up their time and energy for the benefit of the general public. The charity itself is run by volunteers and has no paid staff. Their contribution is very much appreciated.

### Achievements and performance

During this period the charity was successful in obtaining the following grant aid.

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| John Moore Foundation                                       | £4490.00 |
| The Community Foundation N.I. (Older Persons Fund).         | £5000    |
| The Community Foundation N.I. (Dept of Health Carers Fund). | £10,000  |
| The National Lottery, Awards For All                        | £10,000  |
| DAERA/TADA Micro grants                                     | £1224    |
| Halifax Foundation  | £4,500   |
| TNL Living places and spaces                                | £5645    |

The performance of Drumgath Ladies Group has made a significant difference to the lives of the beneficiaries in many ways during the year in terms of, creating opportunities to socialise, learn new skills and have fun in a post covid safe and accessible manner.

Signature *Christine Hynes*  
Position *Chairperson,*  
Date *23/9/23*

Signature *Mary Mannigan*  
Position *TREASURER.*  
Date *20/9/23*