

**GOOD MORNING BALLYMENA**

**REPORT & ACCOUNTS**

**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025**

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### TRUSTEES REPORT

#### YEAR ENDED 31<sup>ST</sup> MARCH 2025

Good Morning Ballymena was set up in August 2013. It was developed as a charitable group in Partnership with Mid and East Antrim Agewell Partnership.

Good Morning Ballymena was registered with The Charity Commission N.I. on September 2020.

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#### 1.0 The Management Committee:

The GMB AGM was held in June 2025 with the re-election of Office Bearers.

The current Management Committee is made up as follows:

Brian Holmes	(Chairperson)
Colin Crawford	(Vice Chair)
Mary Thompson	(Secretary)
William McKean	(Treasurer)
Patricia McNeill	
Donna McCurdy	
Jackie Neill	
Elizabeth Peachey	
Ian McKay	
Sadie Peachey	
Rose Wylie	
Stuart Lloyd	
Lynda Bell	

**2.0 Banker:** AIB Wellington Street, Ballymena BT43 6AF

**3.0 Accountant:** D. T. Carson, 51 – 53 Thomas Street, Ballymena, BT43 6AZ  
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#### **4.0 GMB Objectives**

The objective of the project is to provide a friendly, befriending support telephone call to the registered GMB members (all whom are vulnerable and/or elderly people) at the agreed day and times of their choice. We aim to make them feel more socially included by reducing isolation and increase their mental health and to keep them in their homes longer.

#### **5.0 Policies**

We have a number of policies as detailed below:

- Health & Safety Policy
- Volunteer Policy
- Confidentiality Policy
- Vulnerable Adults Policy
- Befriending Visitation Policy
- Lone Worker
- Data Protection Policy
- Complaints Procedure
- Equal Opportunities Policy
- Volunteers Expense Policy
- Code of Conduct Policy
- Pay Policy

#### **6.0 Finance & Funding**

GMB is currently funded by Mid and East Antrim Council (2024-2025) for our core business. Funding was also received from Mid and East Antrim grants scheme PCSP, Other funding was made by Awards for All, Community Foundation, The Rotary Club of Ballymena, Radius Housing, North Antrim Community Network, Northern Ireland Housing Executive, Triangle and Northern Trust.

Voluntary donations were received from various members of the public.

## **7.0 Registration**

Referrals come from the following; please note this is not an exhaustive list:

- Northern Trust
- Social Services
- Self
- Friends & Family
- Community Groups
- NIHE
- IMPACT
- MEAAP
- Housing
- PSNI
- Fire Service
- Age NI
- Connect North
- GMB
- Home Carer
- Floating Support
- Women's Aid
- Occupational Therapy

## **8.0 Review of Year (2024-2025)**

Staff and Volunteers

- 1 Co-ordinator (20hr)
- Asst. co-ordinator (10)
- Telephone Volunteers
- Volunteer Drivers
- Visiting Befrienders
- Management Committee

## **9.0 History of Membership**

At the outset of the project in August 2012, 25 members were receiving phone calls from 5 volunteers. At the time of writing this report, we now support 295 members with 41 volunteers.

Staff and volunteers make 775 telephone calls to members between one and seven mornings each week depending on their individual needs. Monday – Sunday (9.30am – 12.30pm).

Over the course of the 13 years history of the project, 656 members have benefited from the services of Good Morning Ballymena.

See a detailed profile report of Members/Referrals/Areas in Appendix (1).

Good Morning Ballymena made 370,097 free befriending telephone calls from August 2012 until the time of writing this report.

In the first year 2012 – 2013, 2418 telephone calls were made

Year 2 2013 – 2014, 7405 telephone calls were made

Pre Covid 2019 – 2020, 21081 telephone calls were made

Post Covid 2021 – 2022, March 2021 – April 2022, 61929 calls were made

April 2022 – March 2023, 57960 calls were made

April 2023 – March 2024, 52034 calls were made

April 2024 – March 2025, 59068 calls were made

In addition to the calls Good Morning Ballymena also delivered 1140+ “Happy Bags” 300+ Food Parcels, Lunch Clubs, Trips to the Siege Museum, Free Derry Museum, Crumlin Road Gael, Portrush and had a “Big Breakfast” fundraiser.

The Happy Bags contained items like Word Search books, pens, plants, food items etc. as well as our quarterly newsletters.

## **10. Calendar of Events 2024 – 2025**

Our events are as follows:

April:	280 x Goodie Bags
May:	Talk with a local Historian
May:	Tea Dance
June:	Bus Trip to Free Derry Museum
June:	AGM Lunch Club
July:	Trip to Crumlin Road Gael
July:	Lunch Club
Aug:	280 x Goodie Bags
Aug:	Trip to Portrush
September:	“Big Breakfast”

September: Lunch Club  
October: Lunch Club with DJ  
October: Trip to Garden Centre  
November: Lunch Club with DJ  
December: Christmas Lunch for members  
December: Volunteers Lunch  
December: 280 x Goodie Bags with Christmas Lunch

### **11. Statement of Account**

Accounts for the year 2024 – 2025 were prepared by D. T. Carson.

### **12. Public Benefit Requirement**

The Trustees have had regard to the Public Benefit Requirement statutory guidance.

Approved by the Trustees on Good Morning Ballymena and signed on their behalf by



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Brian Holmes (Chairperson)

**GOOD MORNING BALLYMENA**  
**For the year ended 31 March 2025**

**Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of Good Morning Ballymena**

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of the Good Morning Ballymena for the year ended 31 March 2025 which are set out on page 7.

**Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner**

As the charity trustees you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act (Northern Ireland) 2008.

It is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under section 65 of the Charities Act (Northern Ireland) 2008;
- follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland under section 65(9)(b) of the Charities Act (Northern Ireland) 2008; and
- state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

**Basis of independent examiner's report**

I have examined your charity accounts as required under section 65 of the Charities Act (Northern Ireland) 2008 and my examination was carried out in accordance with the general Directions given by the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland under section 65(9)(b) of the Charities Act (Northern Ireland) 2008.

My examination included a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from you as charity trustees concerning any such matters.

My role is to state whether any material matters have come to my attention giving me cause to believe:

1. That accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 63 of the Charities Act (Northern Ireland) 2008
2. That the accounts do not accord with those accounting records
3. That the accounts do not comply with the accounting requirements of the Charities Act (Northern Ireland) 2008
4. That there is further information needed for a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

**Independent examiner's statement**

I have completed my examination and have no concerns in respect of the matters (1) to (4) listed above and, in connection with following the Directions of the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland, I have found no matters that require drawing to your attention.

  
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Mr James Wallace  
Institute of Chartered Accountants in Ireland  
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Date *6th August 2025*  
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**GOOD MORNING BALLYMENA**  
**Statement of Receipts and Payments**  
**For the year ended 31 March 2025**

	Restricted Funds £	2025 Unrestricted Funds £	Total Funds £	2024 Total Funds £
<b>RECEIPTS</b>				
Mid & East Antrim Agewell Partnership - Core Funding	22,604.40		22,604.40	20,720.70
Mid & East Antrim Agewell Partnership - Impact Funding		1,125.00	1,125.00	525.00
National Lottery - Awards for All	9,995.00		9,995.00	-
Electrical Safety First Grant	5,000.00		5,000.00	-
MEA - PCSP Grant	2,484.80		2,484.80	1,446.48
BioEnergy Grant		2,000.00	2,000.00	-
Black Santa		1,300.00	1,300.00	-
Choice Grant	1,000.00		1,000.00	-
MEA Council Grant	500.00		500.00	2,607.26
Barclays		200.00	200.00	-
Halifax Foundation			-	4,852.00
CFNI			-	1,967.00
Clear Development Grant			-	1,356.00
Michelin Grant			-	1,000.00
Triangle Grant			-	1,000.00
Easy Fundraising			-	106.13
Donations		24,820.29	24,820.29	16,776.51
	<u>41,584.20</u>	<u>29,445.29</u>	<u>71,029.49</u>	<u>52,357.08</u>
<b>PAYMENTS</b>				
Wages & Salaries/HMRC	20,587.70	3,990.20	24,577.90	17,914.25
Staff & volunteer travel expenses		3,413.70	3,413.70	3,277.25
Rent	3,000.00		3,000.00	1,300.00
Hire of Facilities		230.68	230.68	235.52
Insurance		1,415.12	1,415.12	678.37
Heat & Light			-	200.00
Stationery & Postage		452.50	452.50	233.82
Telephone, Internet & Security inc Zoom	4,150.42		4,150.42	3,065.28
Volunteer lunches & certificates		3,680.34	3,680.34	1,039.83
Professional Fees		448.00	448.00	830.76
Accountancy fees			-	960.00
Bank Fees		198.58	198.58	40.00
IT Equipment		567.62	567.62	303.99
Project costs including goody bags	11,180.99	13,806.61	24,987.60	16,084.03
Misc		213.75	213.75	1,169.05
	<u>38,919.11</u>	<u>28,417.10</u>	<u>67,336.21</u>	<u>47,332.15</u>
<b>NET RECEIPTS/(PAYMENTS)</b>	<u>2,665.09</u>	<u>1,028.19</u>	<u>3,693.28</u>	<u>5,024.93</u>
<b>Reconciliation at 31 March 2025</b>				
Surplus for the year	2,665.09	1,028.19	3,693.28	5,024.93
Transfer of funds			-	-
Bank balance at 31 March 2024			60,657.95	54,263.09
Visa card balance at 31 March 2024			(1,369.93)	-
Petty cash balance at 31 March 2024			3.69	3.69
2025/26 Deferred Income			9,995.00	-
<b>Cash balances at 31 March 2025</b>			<u>72,979.99</u>	<u>59,291.71</u>