

## **Glendarragh Quilters (NIC 107816)**

Trustees Annual Report - Financial Year - 01/09/2022 – 31/08/2023

The Charity is an unincorporated association established under a Constitution. In fulfilling the public benefit requirement, the charity trustees have had regard to the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland public benefit guidance.

### **Purpose of this charity**

The purpose of Glendarragh Quilters' Guild is to provide an organisation that encourages its members to promote the craft of quilting for the public benefit of offering inspiration through regular meetings, workshops and demonstrations. The information below sets out the activities we have carried out to further our purposes and to fulfil the public benefit element during the past year – 1<sup>st</sup> September 2022 to 31<sup>st</sup> August 2023.

### **Activities**

Our activities do not lead to any harm. The only private benefit is that a trustee or family member may participate in the same manner as other beneficiaries. This is purely incidental and necessary so that the benefit is available to all inhabitants of the area.

Glendarragh Quilters moved to the more spacious Colaghty Church Hall, for meetings from the beginning of November. The group reconvened on the 20<sup>th</sup> September 2022 after the summer break. We met twice monthly.

Geraldine Daly facilitated a workshop in October – String Quilting using Scraps. All members participated.

In November the group commenced working on a table runner. This involved introducing many new skills and pushed the members to a new level. Due to the extent of difficulty and large number of new skills involved this project ran through to the end of March.

Group members worked on personal projects for the final term – May- June, with some preparing for the Connecting Threads Exhibition in November 2023, which was held at the Strule Arts Centre.

Throughout the year we had a 'show and tell' at each meeting; this continued to inspire and encourage others with the variety

of projects completed and on display.

We also made baby quilts for the Neo-natal units in the South West Acute and Altnagelvin Hospitals.

On the 18<sup>th</sup> May 2023 we travelled to Sligo on a joint Quilting Shop Stop with members of Omagh Quilters. It was a memorable day; not only did we get a chance to meet with the members of another group, but we were given a demonstration by Mary, the owner of Craft and Quilters' Basket in Sligo.

### **Finances**

In the financial year we collected fees of £1,155. Wadding sales gave us £95 and £181 cash in hand (awaiting deposit) gave us a total income of £1,431.

Expenses consisted of rent - £420 to Ederney Development Trust and £270 rent to Colaghty Parish Hall. Insurance with QGBI cost £80, sundries cost £122 leaving a total of £892 in expenses.

Credit Union balance (31/08/2023)      £220.25

Santander Bank balance (31/08/2023)      £1,038.02

The charity's finances are in surplus and Accounts have been prepared to comply with the requirements of The Charity Commission NI.

An application for Grant Aid (Community and Wellbeing) towards the cost of an outside tutor was successful. The Letter of Offer was received on 09/06/2023 and the project/event must be completed by 31/03/2024.

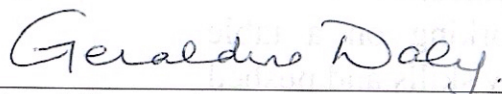
The following trustees served during this financial period:

Geraldine Daly                      Chairperson

Monica Monaghan                  Treasurer

Anne McGirr                        Secretary

Signed on behalf of the Trustees by ;



Geraldine Daly

18<sup>th</sup> October 2023