

South and East Tyrone Welfare Support

Trustee' Report

The trustee, 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 31 March 2024.

Objectives and activities

Our activities are of public benefit as we provide welfare support and financial support to individuals who are suffering loss and who are suffering psychologically and financially. We strive to work with an under-represented group and have developed a range of initiatives which support such affected individuals which leads to increased social inclusion and increased involvement in the community. We promote and hold activities such as counselling, stress management etc to encourage individuals to improve their general health and wellbeing which facilitates victims or survivors to become happier, healthier and more fulfilled citizens.

We also operate a befriending service which will encourage individuals who are house-bound, ill and who are isolated to still be active within the community and to remain an integral part of the community. We actively seek to improve the lives of individuals who have been injured or bereaved through no fault of their own. We help to rebuild self worth and self esteem among victims and survivors. Further benefits are that financial and economic deprivation is reduced for the beneficiaries through access to advice services and other interventions.

Victims can be empowered through increased education and increased awareness of the active role they can play within mainstream society. This in turn leads to a strong community spirit and the empowerment of the victims/survivors to lead active and healthy lives. A core aspect of the work of the organisation is the furtherance of human rights of the innocent victims and survivors of terrorism and other 'Trouble related violence'. The organisation pursues opportunities to have issues raised through various strata ensuring that policy is developed in accordance with the needs of those to which it primarily effects promoting more equality and reconciliation and ensuring that a historically marginalised group of victims/survivors are supported in having their rights represented and furthered, thus reducing social inequalities. This also has benefits to the wider community in furtherance of a more peaceful and more cohesive society.

These benefits are demonstrated through obtaining evaluation forms for all activities and also asking some participants to feedback to committee meetings orally on both the positive and negative aspects of any activity so that we can use the feedback to plan future events and ensure they meet the needs of the beneficiaries.

There is no harm flowing from our purposes and we mitigate the possibility of harm by ensuring that appropriate signposting takes place to professionally trained counsellors and advisors on specific areas such as welfare to ensure that the advice and guidance received is appropriate and beneficial. The charity's beneficiaries are primarily ex-servicemen, who were affected as a result of terrorism and troubles in Northern Ireland, and member organisations representing the interests of these individuals but are also the wider public by creating more public awareness of the issues facing such individuals. The only potential private benefit flowing from this purpose is that the trustees can benefit as a beneficiary but would benefit in the same way as any other beneficiary would not get any preferential treatment. This is incidental in furthering the overall purpose and only applicable if they fall within the class of beneficiaries.

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Objectives, strategies and activities

Significant activities

SETWS Ltd promotes and empowers victims affected as a result of terrorism. SETWS provides help in order to build capacity, support and friendship in meeting their individuals and organisation's aims. SETWS Ltd are voluntary and promote the passage of important information throughout the member groups on issues such as opportunities, benefits, training and will look to provide events and activities in the interests of the member groups. We further seek to identify the needs of the local area and where possible respond with positive action to address these needs. We provide social welfare services and the provision of welfare rights advice and information and refer to those in need of professional assistance to the relevant agencies.

SETWS promote and carry out, or assist in promoting and carrying out research, surveys and investigations and publish the useful results thereof: Organise or assist in organising meetings, lectures, classes and exhibitions, and publish or assist in publishing reports periodicals, recordings, book or other documents or information; Facilitate the recruitment and training of volunteers for member organisations with relevant skills to carry out the objectives of SETWS; Employ, and pay any person or persons, not being a member of the Committee, to supervise, organise and carry out the work of SETWS Ltd and make all reasonable and necessary provision for the payment of remuneration to employees.

We promote and organise cooperation in the achievements of the above objects and to that end. To work in association with local authorities and voluntary organisations engaged in the furtherance of the above objects in the area of benefit. We establish or support any charitable trusts, associations or institutions formed for all or any of the above objects.

The relief of those in need by reason of youth, age, ill-health, disability, financial hardship or other disadvantage

How:

Advice/advocacy/information

Arts

Community development

Counselling/support

Cultural

General charitable purposes

Grant making

Human rights/equality

Medical/health/sickness

Relief of poverty

Volunteer development

Welfare/benevolent

Who:-

Carers

Men

Mental health

Older people

Physical disabilities

Victim support

Volunteers

Women

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Public benefit

The objects for which the Charity is established ("the objects) are

- a) to provide support, assistance and information directly or indirectly to ex service persons and member organisations in South and East Tyrone affected by terrorism
- b) to further and build awareness to the needs of ex service persons and associated member organisations in South and East Tyrone, in relation to education and research
- c) to promote and influence effective care, social support, welfare involvement and support for ex service persons and member organisations in South and East Tyrone affected by terrorism.

In these Article. "people affected by terrorism" include individuals who have served in the Security Forces, their cares, families, and any associated organisations directly or indirectly affected by terrorism

Trustees and officers

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

Trustee:

- Moira McLain
- Eileen Roleston Webb (appointed 22 October 2024)
- Mr Norman Thom (appointed 22 October 2024)
- Mr Samuel Moore (appointed 22 October 2024)
- Mr Archibald Roleston

Secretary: Moira McLain

Structure, governance and management

Financial instruments

Objectives and policies

The charity's activities expose it to a number of financial risks including credit risk, cash flow risk and liquidity risk. The use of financial derivatives is governed by the charity's policies approved by the board of trustee, which provide written principles on the use of financial derivatives to manage these risks. The charity does not use derivative financial instruments for speculative purposes.

Cash flow risk

The charity's activities expose it primarily to the financial risks of changes in foreign currency exchange rates and interest rates. The charity uses foreign exchange forward contracts and interest rate swap contracts to hedge these exposures.

Interest bearing assets and liabilities are held at fixed rate to ensure certainty of cash flows.

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Credit risk

The charity's principal financial assets are bank balances and cash, trade and other receivables, and investments. The charity's credit risk is primarily attributable to its trade receivables. The amounts presented in the balance sheet are net of allowances for doubtful receivables. An allowance for impairment is made where there is an identified loss event which, based on previous experience, is evidence of a reduction in the recoverability of the cash flows. The credit risk on liquid funds and derivative financial instruments is limited because the counterparties are banks with high credit-ratings assigned by international credit-rating agencies. The charity has no significant concentration of credit risk, with exposure spread over a large number of counterparties and customers.

Liquidity risk

In order to maintain liquidity to ensure that sufficient funds are available for ongoing operations and future developments, the charity uses a mixture of long-term and short-term debt finance. Further details regarding liquidity risk can be found in the Statement of accounting policies in the financial statements.

Statement of trustee' responsibilities

The trustee (who are also the directors of South and East Tyrone Welfare Support for the purposes of company law) are responsible for preparing the trustee' 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 trustee to prepare financial statements for each financial year. Under company law the trustee 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 trustee are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and apply them consistently;
- 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 trustee 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 and Charities Act (Northern Ireland) 2008. 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.

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The trustee 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 trustee of the charity on 21 January 2025 and signed on its behalf by:



Moira McLain
Company secretary and trustee



Mr Archibald Roleston
Trustee