

Mason Glen Charitable Trust

Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From 25 November 2022 to 31 December 2023

Charity registration number: 109242

Structure, Governance and Management

The Mason Glen Charitable Trust is an unincorporated charity that was established by a Declaration of Trust on 5 August 2022.

The Trustees shall manage the business of the Charity and may exercise all the powers of the Charity unless they are subject to any restriction as imposed by the Applicable Charities Legislation.

New trustees are appointed by the existing trustees. The Trust deed provides for a minimum of two Trustees, to a maximum of six Trustees. The Trustees shall appoint from their number a Chairman, at the first meeting and such Chairman shall hold office for a period of three years. On retirement the Chairman shall be eligible for re-election from year to year and any vacancy occurring during the year for whatever reason shall be filled by the Trustees as the occasion arises by a majority vote.

Reference and Administrative details

Charity name	Mason Glen Charitable Trust
Registered charity number	109242
Charity's principal address	103 Belfast Road Newtownards BT23 4TS

Names of the charity trustees who manage the charity

- Mr John Glen
- Ms Victoria Louise Gibson
- Mr Jordan Noel Lowry

Objectives and Activities

The charity is established for exclusively charitable purposes, namely the prevention and relief of poverty, the relief of those in need by reason of youth age, ill health, disability, financial hardship, or other disadvantage in any part of the world, and such other charitable purposes as the Trustees see fit from time to time.

Among the direct benefits that the Charity aims to provide are –

- To focus on the needs of deprived children where lack of parental support has impacted their education and development;
- To assist young people with life-threatening disabilities to avail of treatment where treatment is not readily available;
- To support the homeless on the street with assistance and basic needs;
- To assist amateur sports projects allowing children to benefit from normal physical activities not readily available to them;
- To assist those suffering from a lack of human rights to address those problems.

The beneficiaries of the Charity are men, women and children in need by reason of youth age, ill health, disability, financial hardship, or other disadvantage.

The Charity supports these aims through making grants to appropriate institutions and individuals. The Trustees confirm that they have referred to the guidance contained in the Charity Commission's general guidance on public benefit when reviewing the charity's aims and objectives and in planning future activities and setting the grant making policy for the year.

The charity provides grants/funding to bona fide organisations or individuals to alleviate need caused by reason of youth age, ill health, disability, financial hardship, or other disadvantage.

Achievements and Performance

During the year the charity was able to support a range of projects –

Equipping for Life (EFL) - partnering with 24 schools in the Shankill area of Belfast and about 135 volunteer tutors every week providing 270 children with 30 minutes of one-to-one time with a mature adult. These sessions will involve prayer, reading (Christian and other books) and interaction (games, chat, etc). This benefited children aged between 6 and 11 whose reading ability, background and/or circumstances would suggest that one-to-one mentoring/reading with an adult once per week would benefit their emotional, cognitive, and spiritual development. The schools involved also benefit due to improved pupil engagement (attendance, more focus) and individual reading help for pupils. The EFL volunteers benefit due to social interaction, relationship building within the teams and with the children and a sense of 'giving back'.

EFL also allows children to experience the joy of playing tennis in a safe and fun environment whilst learning about teamwork, target setting and planning for improvement. The physical and mental benefits of engagement with an energetic sport will improve the children's wellbeing.

Church Planting Programme - church planting has a very long history dating back to New Testament times when Paul planted churches in the largest cities of the different regions he visited. As the worshipping community grows in size and spiritual maturity, the support that it needs from external sources gradually reduces over a 7-10 year-period. During these early years, the Church Planting Fund underwrites the shortfall between a church plant's income and expenses. During 2023, the income across the 5 existing church plants and missional initiatives that the Church Planting Fund underwrites has been estimated as £255k and the predicted expenses are £278k – leaving a shortfall of £23k.

Creation Worldview Ministries – funding was provided for a mission trip to Brazil and Bolivia in August 2023, visiting churches & schools. Funding also was granted to assist Worldview Ministries to maintain their broadcast work with Revelation TV located in London, UK.

Divine Healing Ministries – helping young people in Belfast with the effects of Covid and loss of secondary schooling/ tertiary education time; seeing parents under extreme pressure to meet basic living costs; increasing pressures from social media.

Teenchallenge – helping homeless people in Belfast by the purchase of sleeping bags, tents and a defibrillator, donating towards overheads of the car and drug bus, providing a fund for emergency transport air fares to a drug rehabilitation centre in Scotland. The charity also provided funding towards the purchase of electrical equipment.

Donibristle Trust – provided funding to help migrant workers in India impacted by the Covid pandemic by providing food & other supplies.

Financial Review

During the period the Charity received donations totalling £150,000 and paid out grants of £71,440. The surplus of income over grants and other expenditure was £78,344.

The closing unrestricted reserves of the Charity were £78,344. The Trustee consider this an appropriate level of reserves to support the activities of the Charity, and these funds will be used to finance the provision of grants in future periods.

Declarations

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report above.

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees –



John Glen

Trustee

21/2/24
Date