TRUSTEES ANNUAL REPORT
FOR THE FINANCIAL PERIOD 1st April 2016 to 31st March 2017

NAME OF CHARITY:
Age Concern East Belfast and Castlereagh (Independent)

NI CHARITY COMMISSION NUMBER:
NIC101351

CHARITY PURPOSE:
To relieve poverty, to advance education and promote the preservation and protection of health among people aged 55 and over in East Belfast and Castlereagh and in particular to combat social isolation by providing facilities for the education, recreation and leisure-time occupation of the beneficiaries who by reason of social or economic circumstances have need of such facilities.

CHARITY TRUSTEES:
Syd Cook (Chair)
Eleanor McCartney (Vice Chair)
Annie Cook (Secretary)
Pauline Lyttle (Treasurer)
Muriel Giddings
Maurice Bingham
Agnes Francey
Sandra Maltman
Elizabeth Gibb
Morris Coates

The above were re-elected to the committee at the AGM on 2nd May 2017.

Two trustees who served during the financial period this report relates to stood down on that date:

Myrtle Bleeks
Myrna Coates
MAIN ACTIVITIES

Classes provided include Line dancing, computer classes and a Crochet class. The Line Dancing class expanded during the year to include some chair aerobics and a sharing session enabling members to share stories with each other. This class celebrated its 10th anniversary in 2016 and is very popular. The members gave something back to the community by supporting Thorndale Family Centre by designing Easter Baskets for this centre.

Three computer classes ran throughout the year with the third class having been introduced due to increased demand for tuition in the use of Ipads. Ten new members were added to these classes. Thanks to a grant from Awards for All we were able to replace our outdated equipment with laptops to help us keep pace with new technology.

The Crochet Class is a great group of ladies who again gave something back to the community by providing a variety of baby and toddler clothing and blankets to Tiny Life and Thorndale Family Centre. Numbers in this group have fallen a little and flyers have been put in the local shops to encourage new members.

In an attempt to unite members from the different classes a full day outing was organised in May 2016 along the North Coast including morning coffee and afternoon tea. This was extremely successful and 53 members attended. With the same aim in mind a holiday was organised to Athlone in September 2016. Forty one members benefited from this and again it was very much enjoyed by all.

We fundraised during the financial period of this report by organising two Tea Dances, a Table Quiz and regular Table Sales.

SYNOPSIS OF FINANCIAL POSITION AS AT 31ST MARCH 2017

1. Unrestricted income amounted to £2,938.35 - this was raised through our various activities eg line dancing, computer classes, crochet class, 2 Tea Dances, a Table Quiz and regular Table Sales.

2. Restricted income amounted to £14,338.50 which included members’ own contributions towards holidays and an outing. Also included were monies received from George Best Belfast City Airport towards an outing and an Awards for All grant to allow the update of equipment for the Computer Classes. These monies were used for the purposes for which they were intended.
3. Outgoings totalled £21,944.52 for the year – the biggest outlay being for a holiday to Athlone which was paid from members’ own funds. Other expenses included: Rent of premises, Internet fees, Insurance, Tutor costs for line dancing and computer classes, an outing.

We started the year on 1st April 2016 with a bank balance of £10,346.11 and when all income and expenses were taken into account we were left with a balance carried forward of £5,678.44. This gave us sufficient funds to take us into the new financial year. Some costs cannot be avoided eg running costs and we will only undertake outings, holidays etc as long as we are sure that we can raise the funds for such ventures either through grant aid or our own fundraising efforts.

TRUSTEE STATEMENT:
We, the Trustees (otherwise known as The Committee) of Age Concern East Belfast and Castlereagh (Independent) confirm that we have had regard to the Commission’s Public Benefit Requirement.

SIGNED: DATE:

[Signatures and dates]