TRUSTEES ANNUAL REPORT
FOR THE FINANCIAL PERIOD 1st April 2017 to 31st March 2018

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 Lytle (Treasurer)
Muriel Giddings
Maurice Bingham
Agnes Francey
Sandra Maltman
Elizabeth Gibb

The above were re-elected to the committee at the AGM on 8th May 2018.
One trustee who served during the financial period this report relates to stood down on that date:

Morris Coates

Two new trustees were elected as follows:

Linda Kinnier
Pat Duff
MAIN ACTIVITIES
Classes provided include Line dancing, computer classes and a Crochet class. The Line Dancing members continue to give something back to the community by supporting Thorndale Family Centre by designing Easter Baskets for this centre.

The Friday computer class was cancelled this year as members moved on to other activities. There has been a recent demand from new users to restart this class and it is proposed to restart the class on Friday 1st February 2019. Demand is still high for the other computer classes and 5 new members enrolled during the 2017-2018 period.

The Crochet Class (now called the 'Knitter Natters' continues to do great work providing blankets for Africa and baby clothing and blankets for Tiny Life. The group has become self-funding by selling the items they produce.

In September 2017 approximately 40 members went on a 5 day holiday to Sligo. This was very successful and enabled even members who were not very mobile to participate in this event.

No grants were received during the 2017-18 period but we fundraised during the financial period of this report by organising regular Table Sales.

SYNOPSIS OF FINANCIAL POSITION AS AT 31ST MARCH 2018

1. Unrestricted income amounted to £3,908.74 - this was raised through our various activities eg line dancing, computer classes, crochet class, membership fees and regular Table Sales.

2. Restricted income amounted to £11,793.02 which included members' own contributions towards holidays.

3. Outgoings totalled £17,402.43 for the year - the biggest outlay being for a holiday to Sligo which was paid from members' own funds. Other expenses included: Rent of premises, Internet fees, Insurance, Tutor costs for line dancing and computer classes, bank charges and petty cash.

We started the year on 1st April 2017 with a bank balance of £5,678.44 and when all income and expenses were taken into account we were left with a balance carried forward of £3,977.77. 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. We have plans for several fundraising events during the next financial period to boost our funds.

SIGNED:  
PAULINE LYTTLE 8/5/2018

MAURICE BINGHAM 8/5/18