TRUSTEES ANNUAL REPORT
FOR THE FINANCIAL PERIOD 1st April 2018 to 31st March 2019

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
Pat Duff

The above were re-elected to the committee at the AGM on 9th May 2018.

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Peter Babb
Linda Kinnier
MAIN ACTIVITIES

Classes provided include a new Line dancing class every Friday, computer classes and a Crochet class. The Wednesday 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. It has been rebranded as an Exercise and Fun class.

There are now just two computer classes each week on Wednesdays and Thursdays. Both are very well supported and four new members were added to these classes.

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.

A holiday to Loch Lomond was organised in September 2018 and this was attended by 29 members. Next year we hope to go to Westport in September 2019.

We fundraised during the financial period of this report by organising regular Table Sales. We also received a Grant of £3,500 from the Halifax. This is to be split between rent and tutor costs for Line Dancing and the Wednesday computer class. This grant enabled us to add a dedicated Line Dancing class every Friday.

SYNOPSIS OF FINANCIAL POSITION AS AT 31ST MARCH 2019

1. Unrestricted income amounted to £3585.82 - this was raised through our various activities eg line dancing, computer classes, crochet class and regular Table Sales.
2. Restricted income amounted to £14,210 which included members' own contributions towards holidays and a grant from Halifax to be used as stated above. These monies were used for the purposes for which they were intended.
3. Outgoings totalled £15,699.07 for the year - the biggest outlay being for a holiday to Loch Lomond 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, Professional fees, Advertising, Computer software and Petty Cash.
4. We started the year on 1st April 2018 with a bank balance of £3,977.77 and when all income and expenses were taken into account we were left with a balance carried forward of £6,074.52. This gave us sufficient funds to take us into the new financial year. Some costs cannot be avoided e.g. 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 Charity Commission’s Public Benefit Requirement.

SIGNED: DATED:
M. Gidley 07/05/19
Bet Duff
Linda Murray
Anne Duff
EM McCartney
Pauline Gatty
Anne J. Cook