Ballykeel Together Development Association

Annual Report 2017 - 2018
C/O Ballykeel Business Centre, Ballymena BT42 2DN
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The Board of Ballykeel Together Development Association present their Annual Report for the year 2017 to 2018 and Accounts for the year April 2017 to March 2018 and confirmed that they comply with requirements of the Charities Commission for Northern Ireland.

This report has been prepared in line with the Objectives and Constitution of the Association by the Board with the assistance of Supporting Communities.

Registered Association Address:

Ballykeel Business Centre
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2017 - 2018 Board

Mr David Davidson
Mrs Sandra Kilpatrick
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Board Office Bearers

Chairperson ________________ Sandra Kilpatrick
Secretary ________________ Mrs C Alexander
Treasurer ________________ Laura Dewar
Vice Treasurer ____________ Tina Heron
## Professional Advisors

**Bankers:**
First Trust Bank  
Wellington Street  
Ballymena

**Insurance Brokers:**
Autoline Insurance  
38 Railway Road  
Coleraine

**Support Services:**
Supporting Communities  
34 – 36 Henry Street  
Ballymena

Ballymena South Cluster  
Ballee Community Centre  
Ballymena
Our Objectives

Ballykeel Together Development Association is an Unincorporated Association governed by an adopted Constitution.

Registered with the Charity Commission. The objects of the Association as set out in the current Constitution are as follows:

- relieve poverty, sickness and the aged and to promote the benefit of the inhabitants of the Ballykeel and District area of Co. Antrim and its environs (hereinafter described as ‘the area of benefit’) without distinction of age, gender, race, political, religious or other opinion, by associating the statutory authorities, voluntary organisations and inhabitants in a common effort to advance education, and to provide facilities in the interests of social welfare for recreation or other leisure-time occupation, with the object of improving the conditions of life for the said inhabitants.
Message from the Chair

The past year has been a really productive and rewarding year for Ballykeel Together Development Association, with a range of activities organised and delivered. A great deal of effort and time has been invested by the committee to improve the area.

Over the course of the year through the BTDA have delivered a range of Community Programmes for the estate including Illusion Dance Crew, horse riding, Older Peoples Luncheon Club, Senior Citizens Christmas Lunch, family trips, various environmental works, weekly Brightstars (Special Needs) Youth Club and a range of Community Education classes.

I am pleased to say that the Luncheon Club was again well attended this year with over 80 people attending monthly and over 100 Senior Citizens attending the Christmas Lunch. We have also secured funding until March 2018 from Dept of Communities and are hopeful that we will secure another year.

We have completed our History Project, out of which a book was created and a memorial garden developed. Furthermore, our Environmental works have been ongoing within the estate.

I would like to thank Chrissy Havelin from Ballymena South Cluster for his continued support and advice throughout the year and Gillian Forrest for her assistance as required.

Finally it has been my privilege to serve as the Chairperson of the Board. I would also like to thank all of the Board for their work in the various aspects of the Association and in particular the Office Bearers who have been an invaluable help and constant source of encouragement.

Regards

Sandra Kilpatrick
Report on Activities

LUNCHEON CLUB

The Ballykeel Luncheon Club proved to be a success in 2017-2018. Funded through DfC Neighbourhood Renewal and located in Ballykeel Presbyterian Church Hall catering for 80 local older people per month.

The club has completed various trips throughout the year including the Belfast Market, Newcastle, Ballycastle, Carrickfergus and Glengormley funded by Department for Communities.

BALLYKEEL TOGETHER SOCIAL PROGRAMME

The Social Programme was identified by the committee as a way of involving all demographics within the estate in various activities. From the funding we have been able to deliver the Illusion Dance Crew, Family Day Trips, a Christmas Trail, Horse Riding, the History Project and the Bright Stars Special Needs Youth Club. The PCSP kindly donated of £500 for the Youth Club.

DANCE CLASSES

The Illusion Dance Crew are now into year 5. It has been a real success with young people from the estate attending the weekly programme. Funding has been secured for Illusion Dance from Children in Need to continue for the next 2 years.

ENVIRONMENTAL PROJECTS

We have also completed two environmental clean ups, with community litter picking ongoing. The Annual Estate Inspection took place in June 2018 which gave us the opportunity to engage with Statutory Agencies to identify issues.
Ongoing Projects

- Illusion Dance Class
- Computer Classes
- Sign Language
- Flower Arranging
- Luncheon Club
- Brightstars Special Needs Youth Club
- Environmental Projects

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