RASHARKIN WOMENS GROUP
TRUSTEES REPORT - YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2017
NIC: 103526

Objectives and Activities
Rasharkin Womens Group was established in May 1968 to relieve isolation and poverty, to advance education and to promote social health and mutual support among women in the Rasharkin area. Our activities include educational and recreational courses and classes, an Afterschools Club for up to 16 children throughout the year. During holiday time we provide up to 32 places. To enhance the health and well-being of women and their families we run a community health initiative in partnership with our local pharmacist. We also run a weekly Luncheon Club for the senior members of our community. This Club has a large focus on health and social well-being.

Achievements and Performance
Weekly Luncheon Club held every Wednesday in our local community centre, where senior citizens have access to a three course home cooked meal followed by physical activities, health awareness talks and finishing with a game of bingo. Between 35-42 people attend each week.

16 children attend the Afterschools Club where they are looked after from 2pm to 6pm each day. The children participate in fun activities eg learning about other cultures and the language they speak, important festivals and the food they eat. They also learn about the changing seasons and collect leaves, play in the snow and have games in the local park during summer. During holiday time the Time Out Club is open from 8am to 6 pm. There are 2 sessions daily having up to 16 children at each session.

Financial Review
From a financial point of view it is becoming more and more difficult to access funding to run the Afterschools Club and in particular the Luncheon Club. Grants towards children and older peoples projects are virtually non-existent at this time. We again received funding from AIVC, HSCB, and CNFI which we are, as always, very thankful for as it enables us to proactively work to increase our volunteer capacity. We also received a donation from Rasharkin Community Association which enabled us to pay heat, light and office expenses as well as securing donations/fees
Overall income for year ended 31 March 2017 amounted to £32,055.58 (this does not include repayment of loan) and payments totalled £29,747.29.

Approved by the Trustees on 24/10/17 and signed on their behalf by

Anne Hardy
Chairperson