



Coventry



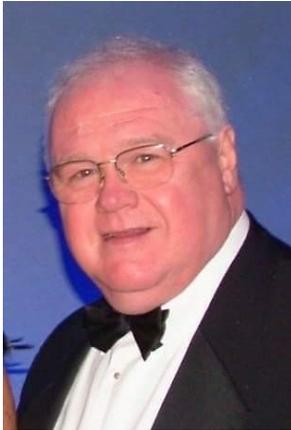
Irish

Society





Kevin Heffernan Chair Person



Dear Friends and Members

I am delighted to have had the privilege to serve the Irish community as Chair Person of the Coventry Irish Society in the previous 12 months. Its always a great pleasure to meet the Society's friends and members. Most importantly of course is the Society's commitment to helping the most vulnerable Irish and we will continue to extend our efforts to achieve this objective.

The Society has made significant progress in the previous 2 years after facing huge challenges to maintain the project. We are delighted to have received a further years support from our main funder the 'Emigrant Support Programme' funded through the Irish Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade.

Further great news for the Society was the recent award of £60,000 from the Heritage Lottery Fund. Match funding for the Heritage project was received from Coventry City Council, Cork City Council and the 'Deeley Group' taking the total funding for the Heritage Project to £65,000. The project is a massive boost for the Irish community in Coventry and we aim to make the Irish proud of it's contribution to the City.

Our first Annual 'Summer Ball' is being organised for the 24th June at the Village Hotel. The event seeks backing from all the Irish community organisations and the Irish Business community so please do get behind the event.

The Society is focusing on obtaining further grant aid to focus on the health needs of the Irish community. In addition we are applying for grants to make the St. Patrick's Festival 2018 our biggest yet and will include a high profile Exhibition at the Herbert celebrating the Irish contribution to the City.

I would like to thank our main funders the Emigrant Support Programme for their continued support. Also all our members, volunteers and friends that have kindly donated and supported the Society in the previous 12 months.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the Trustee Group for their support and hard work and David Cairns, our Honorary President for his continued support. Finally I must thank the staff team for their commitment to the project and excellent work.

Kevin Heffernan

How Irish Are you?

Celebrate St. Patrick's Day by Exercising Your Right to Irish Citizenship

If either of your parents or one of your grand parents are Irish you are entitled to an Irish Passport

Irish Passport Forms and advice available from the Coventry Irish Society, 3rd Floor, Coventry Point, Market Way. Open 9.30am –1.0pm and 2pm–4.30pm Monday –Friday

For further info please call in or telephone 02476256629

Managers Report 2016



The Society maintains a high level of services to the Irish community. Our focus as always is to prioritise the vulnerable Irish however we provide a wide range of general advice and befriending support as well as cultural events such as the Saint Patrick's Festival.

Our mental health campaign saw the introduction of a Counselling Service in July 2016 and we are delighted to be working with a new initiative by Mike Mansfield QC and Yvette Greenway 'Silence of Suicide' as part of our Suicide prevention strategy.

Our new Dementia Support Service is held one half day per-week helping those people with memory loss. Please do make people aware of this important culturally sensitive project for our community.

Post Brexit saw a huge increase in enquiries for Irish Passport applications particularly from Second and Third Generation Irish. The Society has received in the region of 800 requests for applications and advice since 23rd June 2016.

Our befriending and social support groups and networks continue to be popular and we receive regular attendances of anywhere between 70 –130 to our lunch clubs, 50 people to the Claddagh Group that meets at Flannellys every Tuesday, 14 Carer's meet once per-month and the Monday Group has around 10 members.

We are delighted to have received the news of the Heritage Project Funding. It has given the Society a huge lift and look forward to hearing your stories.

The Society still supports Irish Survivors and holds 3 lunch clubs per-year in Birmingham and fortnightly outreach sessions that are conducted on a voluntary basis.

We continue to receive excellent and much needed support from Coventry University. Special thanks to Dexter du Boulay, Simon Horsman and Mark Holmes for their fantastic contributions this year. Also thanks to our 2 students on placement Zoe and Stef for their excellent work.

I would like to thank all our friends, members and volunteers for their support. Also the Trustee group and staff team for their hard work and commitment to the project. A special mention to our Honorary President David Cairns who continues to help the Society.

Simon McCarthy



Zaneta Juszczak Administrator

Dear Members

My name is Zaneta and I am the new Administrator at the Coventry Irish Society. My Job is based on managing the finance and database systems, paying invoices and bills. I manage the incoming and outgoing post and answer passport enquiries that have greatly increased since Brexit. I also deal with email, Facebook and telephone enquiries. I look after the technical side of the office for example, managing the office equipment and procuring office supplies. I design event posters and I enjoy taking photos at the events. All the photos taken at the events are available at the office and on our Facebook page. I support staff with any reports required and generally support the Manger as his PA to try to ensure the smooth running of the office.

Zaneta Juszczak

Oral History Project Ciaran Davis



Dear Members

My name is Ciaran Davis and I am delighted to introduce myself as the Project Officer for the Oral History project. I have previously worked at the Irish Society as Volunteer Co-Ordinator and I have studied History at the Universities of Sheffield and Oxford.

This project will last for fifteen months and it is being produced in partnership with the Herbert Museum. The aim is to produce fifty interviews with Irish men and women who came to the city in the 1940s, 1950s and 1960s. Their testimony will be edited into a twenty minute film which will shown at the Herbert. I am eager for members of the community to come forward to be interviewed. These interviews will be conducted in an informal conversation-style; I am looking

for all sorts of people because we want the project to reflect the rich variety that exists within the Irish community.

Furthermore, as part of the exhibition, it is vital that we have old memorabilia, such as photos, letters or old trinkets which illustrate the journey of Irish people to the city.

Please get in touch if you would like to be involved or if you know anyone else who would be interested.

My email is ciaran.davis@covirishsoc.org.uk and my phone number is 07933308109

Kind regards Ciaran

Win McGlynn Welfare Project



The Welfare project covers an large amount of ground with regard to helping Irish people. We provide advice, support and guidance with the whole range of welfare benefits, pensions, housing applications and related issues, debt, utilities bills, U.K. and Irish state pensions. In addition people request help with returning to Ireland and applications for birth certificates.

Since 'Brexit' We have also been inundated with requests for help and advice for completing Irish passport applications. CIS has been particularly busy with requests for support from people affected by the recent welfare reforms.

The Society continues to enable many Irish people and importantly many vulnerable Irish to access entitlements and services that they may not otherwise avail of. By providing a culturally sensitive and aware service our clients our comfortable enough to approach us for help and support. The Society often liaises with other services such as health, housing and social services to ensure the needs of our people are being met.

Appointments are available Monday and Tuesdays.

Thanks to all our kind supporters, members and volunteers.

Health Workers Report



Ann Sullivan



Dawn Lucas

The CIS Health worker role is shared by Dawn and Ann. We continue to offer support and advice on a wide variety of Health and Welfare issues. These include various benefit claims e.g. Housing council tax, (We have had more clients coming in for support mainly due to the changes and how they need to apply for these on line, this being very difficult for clients with literacy and technology fears) Disability Living Allowance(DLA) Attendance Allowance, Carers Allowance, Community Support grants. Due to recent changes in the benefit system we have had a large number of claims/enquiries/appeals to deal with mainly Personal Independence Payment (PIP) and Employment Support Allowance (ESA) as the boundaries have changed considerably and clients with literacy and technology problems finding it very difficult to access forms to apply for the benefit they are entitled to.

Then came “BREXIT” and this was like a tornado hitting with at least 8-10 people queuing outside every day to collect application forms for Irish passports. In the first 3 months we must have given out approximately 500 passport applications along with information about Foreign Birth Registration for other members of their extended families.

2016 saw the start of our Dementia Care Group. We began with a training session for workers and potential volunteers with Mary Tilki and Charlotte Curran from ‘Irish in Britain. Mary and Charlotte have vast experience of Dementia care within the Irish community and the training was very helpful in starting our group. We circulated information and posters to local GPs other voluntary groups and churches to get referrals. We visited and assessed potential clients and eventually started our group on 10th October 2016. Our group is growing but still have spaces for more referrals please contact Ann or Dawn if you know anyone who will benefit from this group.

Our Carers group meet every second Thursday of the month at our office in Coventry Point. We have 14 members who meet to talk about their experiences and support each other whilst having a couple of hours away from their caring role.

Claddagh Group continues to provide social interaction for between 40-50 people each week. We have had a very busy year with several meals and entertainment days, visits to the seaside and other groups in Leicester and Corby.

Although we are still working with a reduced budget, we are still able to offer services as stated to an increasing number of clients both face to face and via the telephone.

Anyone who may have any Welfare/Health/Pension or any other queries is welcome to come into our office or phone 024 76256629 for an appointment and we will endeavour to work with them to get a satisfactory outcome. Thanks to all our members, volunteers and supporters.

Appointments can be made with:

Ann Wednesday and Thursday

Dawn Wednesday Thursday and Friday

Confidentiality is maintained at all times



Statement of Financial Activities



Coventry Irish Society
STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
(Incorporating Income and Expenditure Account)
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st DECEMBER 2015

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Total 2015	Total 2014
	£	£	£	£
Incoming resources				
Grants & Donations				
Dept. of Foreign Affairs:				
<i>Emigrant Support Programme</i>	-	45,000	45,000	82,500
Less: Clawback	-	-	-	(16,817)
Awards for All	-	-	-	9,388
Ireland fund of Great Britain	-	-	-	10,000
MAIR Dept. Of Education	-	-	-	-
Coventry City Council	-	-	-	-
Other Donations	1,842	-	1,842	4,609
Lunch Club	-	-	-	3,879
Trips and Events Contributions	-	-	-	16,732
Member's Subscriptions	1,799	-	1,799	1,642
Fundraising and Other income	13,188	-	13,188	11,966
Bank Interest	27	-	27	90
Total incoming resources	<u>16,856</u>	<u>45,000</u>	<u>61,856</u>	<u>123,989</u>
Resources expended				
Staff costs (including NI)	7,351	42,083	49,434	94,867
Event costs and Venue Hire	5,140	2,738	7,879	28,584
Rent	3,450	-	3,450	13,800
Other expenses and support costs	18,491	179	18,670	25,516
Total resources expended	<u>34,433</u>	<u>45,000</u>	<u>79,433</u>	<u>162,767</u>
Net outgoing resources	(17,577)	0	(17,577)	(38,778)
Fund balances brought forward	(16,827)	53,508	(16,827)	75,459
Fund balances carried forward	<u>(34,404)</u>	<u>53,508</u>	<u>19,104</u>	<u>36,681</u>



Balance Sheet 2015



Coventry Irish Society
BALANCE SHEET
AS AT 31st DECEMBER 2015

	Note	2015	2014
Fixed Assets	1	534	800
Current assets			
Bank and cash	20,001	44,033	44,033
Prepayments	242	20,243	44,033
Current Liabilities			
Creditors		(1,673)	(8,152)
Net Current assets		18,570	35,881
Net Assets		19,104	36,681
Funds			
Unrestricted funds	2	(34,404)	(16,827)
Restricted funds	3	53,508	53,508
		19,104	36,681

For the financial year in question the company was entitled to exemption under section 477 of the Companies Act 2006 relating to small companies. No members have required the company to obtain an audit of its accounts for the year in question in accordance with section 476 of the Companies Act 2006. The Directors acknowledge their responsibility for complying with the requirements of the Act with respect to accounting records and for the preparation of accounts. These accounts have been prepared in accordance with the provisions applicable to companies' subject to the small companies' regime."

on behalf of the board

The financial statements were approved by the board of trustees on 29th September 2016

The annexed notes form part of these financial statements



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DEPARTMENT OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS AND TRADE



Comhairle Cathrach Chorcaí
Cork City Council



COVENTRY IRISH SOCIETY
(A company limited by guarantee)
INDEPENDENT ACCOUNTANT'S REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2016
Charity No: 1150290
Company No: 08235510

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COVENTRY IRISH SOCIETY
REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2016

COMPANY INFORMATION

TRUSTEES:

Kevin Heffernan
Kathleen Forrest
Josephine Addleton
Elizabeth Flannelly
Rory Ryan
Kathleen McCarthy

REGISTERED OFFICE:

3rd Floor, Coventry Point
Market Way, Coventry,
CV1 1EA

REGISTERED NUMBER:

08235510 (England and Wales)

REGISTERED CHARITY NUMBER:

1150290

INDEPENDENT ACCOUNTANTS:

Simon Horsman
Mark Holmes

COVENTRY IRISH SOCIETY

REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2016

The Trustees who are also Directors of the Charity for the purposes of the Companies Act submit their Report together with the Audited Financial Statements of the Charity for the year ended 31st December 2016. The Trustees have adopted the provisions of the Statement of Recommended Practice (SORP) "Accounting and Reporting by Charities" issued in March 2005 in preparing the Annual Report and Financial Statements.

The Charity is a Charitable Company Limited by Guarantee and was set up on 1st October 2012 and commenced to trade on 1st January 2013. It is governed by a Memorandum and Articles of Association.

Objectives

The Charity's objectives are:

- to promote the benefit of the inhabitants of Coventry and surrounding areas with particular reference to those who are Irish or of Irish descent;
- to relieve sickness and old age, preserve and protect good health and advance education and training;
- to address issues of deprivation, social exclusion and isolation related to poor health and old age, preserve and protect good mental and physical health and spiritual well-being;
- to promote culturally appropriate housing, health and social welfare services and recreational and other leisure time occupations with the object of improving the quality for the said inhabitants.

Organisation

The Trustees who have served during the year and since the year end are set out on page 1. The Trustees have ultimate control over all the affairs of the Charity. Staff, waged or unwaged, report to the Manager who in turn reports to the Trustees. The Trustees appointed meet on a regular basis and manage the Charity on behalf of the Members.

The Trustees may appoint one or more Sub-Committee consisting of one or more of the Trustees for the purpose of making an enquiry, supervising, performing any function or duty which in the opinion of the Trustees would be more conveniently undertaken or carried out by a Sub-Committee. All acts and proceedings of any Sub-Committee shall be fully and promptly reported to the full Committee Meeting.

Achievements and Performance

In 2016 Coventry Irish Society has continued to deliver an excellent service, from welfare and housing advice and support through to specialist Irish benefits, pensions information and a volunteering and befriending programme, including several successful social and cultural groups. Our main aim is to assist the most vulnerable members of the community and promote Irish identity and culture. The lunch club continues to prove very popular with the older members of our community. We now have 158 names on this list and this is very positive. We hosted another very successful St. Patrick's Festival celebrating Irish culture and heritage and helping to promote a vibrant Irish community presence within the city. Our Irish citizenship campaign was massively boosted by the 'Brexit' vote and with around 500 additional Irish Citizenship enquiries received since June 23rd, 2016. A variety of other initiatives included a Dementia Support Group for those people living with short to medium term memory loss and the news of a funding award of £60,000 from the Heritage Lottery Fund for our Oral History Project that will begin in 2017.

Plans for the future

The Society is profoundly grateful to the Irish government's Emigrant Support Programme (ESP) for its magnificent support of the Society. The Charity recognises the urgent need to become less reliant on ESP funding and is working hard to address this. Therefore, the Society is targeting a broad range of grant aid applications for projects on health, mental health, the alleviation of poverty and Arts and Culture. We are determined to secure the financial sustainability of the Charity to enable us to meet the needs of the Irish community in the long term. Our current rent-free premises at Coventry Point enables us to operate at a low level of running costs and is helping us to rebuild.

Our Heritage Project that will begin in 2017 will document the incredible contribution of the Irish community to the city. This project will bring in new interest from the community and business and we aim to secure significant corporate sponsorship in the next 18 months. The aim is to build on this with additional funding applications submitted to the HLF in late 2017.

We will continue to focus on ensuring the vulnerable Irish are receiving necessary entitlements and services and that they are being properly cared for. A further development of our Dementia support and mental health support services is planned as well as engaging with health of the Second - Generation Irish. Our befriending services and projects are of increasing importance to an ageing Irish community and further projects are planned. We will continue to provide our general and specialist advice services that allow us to offer a unique service and develop relationships with our local Irish community.

The organisation is committed to ensuring that CIS continues to develop and meet the evolving needs within the Irish Community.

Risks management

The Trustees conduct their own review of major risks to which the Charity is exposed, these procedures are periodically reviewed to ensure that they still meet the needs of the Charity and are as follows:

- an annual review of the risks which the Charity may face;
- the establishment of systems and procedures to mitigate those risks identified;
- the implementation of procedures designed to minimise any potential impact on the Charity should any of the risks materialise.

Financial Review and Reserves Policy

The company "results" and position at 31st December 2016 are set out in the accounts on pages 7 to 10. There were negative Unrestricted reserves at 31st December 2016, and the trustees are seeking to address this and establish an appropriate reserves policy.

Trustees' Responsibilities Statement

The Trustees (who are also Directors of Coventry Irish Society for the purposes of company law) are responsible for preparing the Trustees' Annual Report and the Financial Statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

Company law requires Trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the Charitable Company and of the incoming resources and application of resources, including the income and expenditure, of the Charitable Company for that period. In preparing these financial statements, the Trustees are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles in the Charities SORP;
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable UK Accounting Standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements;
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the Charity will continue in operation.

The Trustees are responsible for keeping adequate accounting records that disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the Charitable Company and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Companies Act 2006. The Trustees are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the Charitable Company and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

In so far as the Trustees are aware:

- there is no relevant Audit information of which the Charitable Company's Auditor is unaware; and
- the Trustees have taken all the steps that they ought to have taken to make themselves aware of any relevant Audit information and to establish that the Auditor is aware of that information.

Approved and signed on behalf of the Trustees by:

Treasurer: 

Print name: Josephine Addleton

Date: 3rd August 2017

Independent Accountant's Report to the Members of Coventry Irish Society

We have both prepared and, there being two accountants involved, reviewed the financial statements of the Coventry Irish Society (CIS). The circumstances whereby this has come about are discussed in Section 4 of this report. The financial reporting framework that has been applied in their preparation is applicable law and Financial Reporting Standard for Smaller Entities (effective April 2008) (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice applicable to Smaller Entities).

This report is made wholly to the CIS members, as a body, in accordance with Chapter 3 of Part 16 of the Companies Act 2006. To the fullest extent permitted by law, we do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the charitable company and its members as a body for this report or the opinions we have formed.

Respective responsibilities of trustees and reporting accountants.

As explained more fully in the Trustees' Responsibility Statement, the trustees (who, for the purposes of company law, are also the directors of the charitable company) are responsible for the records from which these accounts have been prepared. Normally, they would also be responsible for preparing the accounts, leaving the independent accountants merely the task of reviewing the accounts, but this year that was not possible and the independent accountants have prepared the accounts and take responsibility for them showing a true and fair view, subject to the note below.

Scope of the accounts

The accounts concerned are in accordance with the underlying books and records of the organisation and have been verified with reference to external documents (e.g. bank statements) where this is feasible. Being acceptable to us, we have not changed any accounting policies from past years. We have not received a Trustees report for the year and so have no comment to make.

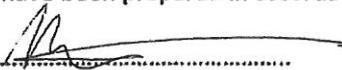
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Qualified Opinion on the financial statements.

In our opinion, except for the possible effects of the matters described in the Reservations regarding "a true and fair view" paragraph, the financial statements:

- give a true and fair view of the charitable company's affairs at 31st December 2016
- have been properly prepared in accordance with UK generally accepted accounting Practice (applicable to smaller entities), and
- have been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006.

Signed: 

Print name: MARK HOLMES CA

Date: 11/08/2017

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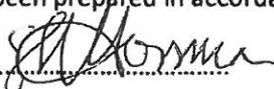
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Signed: 

Print name: SIMON JOHN LLEWELYN HORSMAN

Date: 2/8/2017

Coventry Irish Society
STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
(Incorporating Income and Expenditure Account)
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st DECEMBER 2016

	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Total 2016 £	Total 2015 £
Incoming resources				
Grants & Donations				
Dept. of Foreign Affairs:				
<i>Emigrant Support Programme</i>	-	36,770	36,770	45,000
Less: Clawback	-	-	-	-
Awards for All	-	-	-	-
Ireland fund of Great Britain	-	-	-	-
MAIR Dept. Of Education	-	-	-	-
Coventry City Council	-	-	-	-
Other Donations	1,000	-	1,000	1,842
Lunch Club	3,536	-	3,536	-
Trips and Events Contributions	-	-	-	-
Member's Subscriptions	-	-	-	1,799
Fundraising and Other income	7,231	-	7,231	13,188
Bank Interest	7	-	7	27
Total incoming resources	11,774	36,770	48,544	61,586
Resources expended				
Staff costs (including NI)	14,694	35,770	50,464	49,434
Event costs and Venue Hire	6,659	1,000	7,659	7,879
Rent	-	-	-	3,450
Other expenses and support costs	10,861	-	10,861	18,670
Total resources expended	32,214	36,770	68,984	79,433
Net outgoing resources	(20,440)	0	(20,440)	(17,577)
Fund balances brought forward	(34,404)	53,508	19,104	36,681
Fund balances carried forward	<u>(54,844)</u>	<u>53,508</u>	<u>(1,336)</u>	<u>19,104</u>

DEPARTMENT OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS AND TRADE: EMIGRANT SUPPORT PROGRAMME

*Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade: The Emigrant Support Programme received a grant of £60,500 for the year from 1st July 2016 to 30th June 2017. The funds were restricted for the following projects: **Outreach Project.** £27958 of the Six months grant income was utilised in the period to 31st December 2016. Six months grant income amounting to £28,750 has been deferred to the 2017 financial year and will be utilised by 30th June 2017.*

*St. Patrick's Day Project £1000 has been deferred to the 2017 Financial year and will be utilised by 30th June 2017. **Lunch Club Project** £1000 of the Six months grant income was utilised in the period to 31st December 2016, Six months grant income amounting to £1000 has been deferred to the 2016-17 financial year and will be utilised by 30th June 2017.*

Coventry Irish Society
BALANCE SHEET
AS AT 31st DECEMBER 2016

		2016		2015	
	Note	£	£	£	£
Fixed Assets	1		353		534
Current assets					
Bank and cash		61,947		20,001	
Prepayments		-	61,947	242	20,243
Current Liabilities					
Deferred income (ESP Grant)		(30,750)			
Deferred income (Oral History Project)		(30,000)			
Creditors		(2,885)	(63,636)		(1,673)
Net Current assets			(1,689)		18,570
Net Assets			(1,336)		19,104
Funds					
Unrestricted funds	2		(54,844)		(34,404)
Restricted funds	3		53,508		53,508
			(1,336)		36,681

For the Financial year in question the company was entitled to exemption under section 477 of the Companies Act 2006 relating to small companies.

No members have required the company to obtain an audit of its accounts for the year in question in accordance with section 476 of the Companies Act 2006.

The Directors acknowledge their responsibility for complying with the requirements of the Act with respect to accounting records and for the preparation of accounts.

These accounts have been prepared in accordance with the provisions applicable to companies subject to the small companies' regime.

On behalf of the board

The financial statements were approved by the board of trustees on 2nd August 2017

The annexed notes form part of these financial statements

Charity number 08235510

Company number 1150290

COVENTRY IRISH SOCIETY
NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2016

1. Accounting policies

- (a) The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention, in accordance with the Statement of Recommended Practice (SORP) "Accounting and Reporting by Charities" published in the Charities Act in March 2005 and in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standards for Smaller Entities (effective April 2008).
- (b) The financial statements have been prepared on a going concern basis notwithstanding an overdrawn Unrestricted Funds position at 31st December 2016. A reduction in funding from the principal funder reduced the Society's income significantly from mid-2014. The trustees have taken widespread and substantial remedial to rectify the situation, and are confident that a positive position has been restored. The 2016-17 grant awards from the principal funder, albeit at a lower level than pre-2014, have been confirmed at the date of approval of the financial statements. The trustees, being mindful of all relevant factors, consider the Going Concern basis to be appropriate.
- (c) Voluntary income is received by way of donations and gifts and is included in the full in the Statement of Financial Activities when receivable. The value of the services provided by volunteers has been included.
- (d) Grants, including grants for the purchase of fixed assets, are recognised in full in the Statement of Financial Activities for the year in which they are receivable.
- (e) Incoming resources from investments is included when receivable.
- (f) Resources expended are recognised in the period in which they are incurred. Resources expended include attributable VAT which cannot be recovered.
- (g) Resources expended are allocated to the particular activity where the cost relates directly to the activity.
- (h) Depreciation is provided at rates calculated to write off the cost of each asset over its expected useful life, which is estimated at five years for furniture, four years for office equipment and three years for computers.
- (i) Unrestricted funds are donations and other incoming resources receivable or generated for the objects of the charity without further specified purpose and are available as general funds.
- (j) Designated funds are unrestricted funds earmarked by the management committee for particular purposes.
- (k) Restricted funds are to be used for specific purposes as laid down by the donor. Expenditure which meets these criteria is charged to the fund, together with a fair allocation of management and support costs.
- (l) Rentals paid under operating leases are charged to the income and expenditure account on a straight line basis over the period of the lease.

2. Taxation

No liability to UK corporation tax arises for the year ended 31st December 2016 nor for the year to the 31st December 2015.

3. Tangible fixed assets

	Computer £	Furniture £	Equipment £	Total £
Cost				
At 1st January 2016	5,490	5,196	1,978	12,664
Additions	-	-	-	-
Disposals	-	-	-	-
At 31st December 2016	<u>5,490</u>	<u>5,196</u>	<u>1,978</u>	<u>12,664</u>
Depreciation				
At 1st January 2016	5,087	5,196	1,847	11,864
Charge for the year	201	-	65	266
At 31st December 2016	<u>5,087</u>	<u>5,196</u>	<u>1,847</u>	<u>12,130</u>
Net Book Value				
At 31st December 2015	403	-	131	534
At 31st December 2016	<u>403</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>131</u>	<u>534</u>

4. Unrestricted funds

	Balance at 1st January 2016 £	Movement in resources		Balance at 31st December 2016 £
		Incoming £	Outgoing £	
Unrestricted funds	<u>(34,404)</u>	<u>11,774</u>	<u>32,214</u>	<u>(54,844)</u>

5. Restricted funds

	Balance at 1st January 2016 £	Movement in resources		Balance at 31st December 2016 £
		Incoming £	Outgoing £	
Emigrant Support Programme	<u>53,508</u>	<u>36,770</u>	<u>36,770</u>	<u>53,508</u>