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**A REPORT BY THE DEPARTMENT FOR COMMUNITIES  
OF PROCEEDINGS BY THE DEPARTMENT FOR SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT UNDER  
THE CHARITIES ACT (NORTHERN IRELAND) 1964 FOR THE YEAR 2014**

**Prepared pursuant to section 34 of the Charities Act  
(Northern Ireland) 1964**



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## INTRODUCTION

1. As required by section 34 of the Charities Act (Northern Ireland) 1964, this report gives an account of the proceedings of the Department for Social Development where it has exercised its statutory powers under the Charities Act (NI) 1964 in respect of any charity in Northern Ireland in 2014. It has been prepared by Charities Team, Voluntary and Community Division, Department for Communities.
2. In this report "the Department" means the Department for Social Development, and "the Act" means the Charities Act (Northern Ireland) 1964.

## ADMINISTRATION OF THE CHARITIES ACT (NORTHERN IRELAND) 1964

3. As provided for under section 12 of the Act, where it appears to the Department that the appointment of new trustees of a charity is necessary in the interest of the proper administration of a charity, and that the appointment cannot conveniently be made otherwise than by an order made under section 12 or of the Court, the Department may (with the consent of the Attorney General), make an order appointing new trustees of a charity. No such order was made in 2014.

## CY - PRES SCHEMES

3. Under section 13 of the Act, the Department may in the circumstances set out in sections 22 and 23 of the Act make a cy-pres scheme for the application to charitable purposes of property, provided the aggregate net value of the property does not exceed £50,000.00. Under Article 90 of the Education and Libraries (Northern Ireland) Order 1986, the Department may make such a Scheme for the proceeds of sale of a teacher's residence, irrespective of the amount involved. 10 schemes were made, details are shown below:

<b>VALUE OF PROPERTY</b>	<b>CIRCUMSTANCES GIVING RISE TO SCHEME</b>	<b>NEW OBJECTS AUTHORISED BY SCHEME</b>
Capital value of £6,289.00	The Lyttle Memorial School Trust, Moneyrea	Wound up and the balance distributed: 50% Moneyrea Primary School 25% Moneyrea Young Farmers Club 25% Moneyrea Non-Subscribing Presbyterian Church

£225.19, in 3 ½% War Stock	Lambeg (otherwise Tullynacross) Public Elementary School	Income from Fund to be applied towards providing or maintaining a library in Harmony Hill and St. Colman's Primary Schools, Lisburn.
Capital value of £7,689.60, along with £4,337.21 of accrued income	James Smyth Coal Fund	Wound up and the balance paid to Joseph Brown's Endowments, County Down.
Capital value of £1,984.21	The Royal Air Force Prizes (Ballykelly Royal Air Force Station Trust)	Wound up and distributed for prizes; 50% Ballykelly Primary School 25% Limavady Grammar School 25% North West Regional College
£272.95, in 3 ½% War Stock.	Blaris Primary School, Lisburn	Wound up and distributed to Downshire Primary School for prizes, equipment etc.
Capital value of £48,087.17	The Rock Ministries Trust: failed fundraising appeal 2009	Balance plus interest minus expenses to be applied equally to Compassion Driven Ministries and Hope and Dignity Uganda.
441 shares in the Northern Ireland Central Investment Fund (NICIF)	Anne J. Stevenson Charity	Fund to be wound up and proceeds applied equally to Seymour Hill Primary School and Dunmurry Primary School for library resources.
Capital value of £19,031.97	The Alexander Anderson Trust	Fund to be wound up and proceeds to be distributed equally to Glendermott Parish Church, St. Columbs Cathedral and Clooney Parish Church, Londonderry.
357 shares in the Northern Ireland Central Investment Fund (NICIF)	Anne McPherson Charity	Fund to be wound up and proceeds paid for the benefit of the Shankill Road Mission Fund.
200 shares in the Northern Ireland Central Investment Fund (NICIF)	The Burke Memorial Prize Fund	The capital and any accrued income to provide final prizes under the Burke General Certificate of Secondary Education Prize 2014.

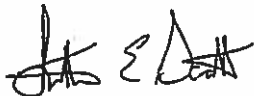
## TRANSACTIONS AFFECTING CHARITY PROPERTY

5. Sections 17 – 21 of the Act confer power on the Department to authorise dealings in charity lands where it is satisfied that the proposed transactions will be for the benefit of the charity concerned. The following transactions were authorised in 2014:

Number	Details of transaction
3	Sales, producing gross proceeds of £192,000
3	Surrenders, the total value of which amounted to £1,130,824.78
1	Lease at £25,000 per annum over 25 years

## OTHER FUNCTIONS OF THE DEPARTMENT UNDER THE ACT

6. Although the Department was not required to exercise all of its powers under other sections of the Act, the Act continued to be widely used. This entailed a considerable amount of work for the Department such as interviews with Trustees or their advisers or giving assistance in relation to problems which arose in the administration of charities. Many of these problems were not, strictly speaking, the concern of the Department, but guidance was nevertheless given whenever possible.



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