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Neighbourhood Network Annual Report 2024

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12 staff, a four-fold increase in 6 years

Street Feast:

75,440

75,440 people participated across 820 Street Feasts, with 95% of hosts reporting that their neighbourhood felt friendlier as a result.

79%

79% felt safer in their area, and 83% of hosts expressed interest in organising future community events, demonstrating the long-term impact of Street Feast in strengthening neighbourhood bonds.

16

Street Feast partnered with 16 Local Authorities and the Department of Rural and Community Development.

Home Together:

3,600

Fostering connection among more than 3,600 residents in ten Cairn-built estates.

91%

91% of participants said their neighbourhood felt friendlier after engaging in Home Together

85%

85% experiencing an increased sense of belonging.

Our Shared Plate:

456

More than 456 participants attended Our Shared Plate's educational workshops

235

with 235 attending community evaluation sessions

9

Our Shared Plate empowered 9 Midlands communities to grow, cook, and eat together.

Chairperson's Message

It is with great pride that I reflect on the remarkable progress Neighbourhood Network has made over the past year. Our mission to foster strong, resilient, and connected communities has never been more relevant, and 2024 has been a testament to the impact of our work. Through initiatives like Street Feast, Home Together, and Our Shared Plate, we have continued to bring people together, strengthening the social fabric of neighbourhoods across Ireland.

This year, we saw the tangible results of our efforts: 75,440 participants gathered for Street Feast, thousands of residents took part in Home Together initiatives and the growing success of Our Shared Plate's sustainability-focused initiatives. Street Feast expanded its reach with new partnerships, including 16 Local Authorities and a range of community groups, enhancing its visibility and impact. Home Together fostered deep connections among residents, with survey results showing a significant increase in neighbourly trust and cooperation. Meanwhile, Our Shared Plate made remarkable strides in food sustainability, creating thriving community gardens and fostering environmental awareness.

Our recognition as a registered charity in 2024 marks a significant milestone for Neighbourhood Network, reinforcing our commitment to governance, transparency, and long-term sustainability. This achievement reflects the dedication of our board, staff, volunteers, and community partners, all of whom share our vision for a more connected Ireland. Additionally, our projects have continued to align with the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals, ensuring that our initiatives contribute to a more inclusive and environmentally conscious society.

While 2024 was a year of growth, we also encountered challenges that required strategic adaptation. Building community engagement in new neighbourhoods takes time, and we refined our outreach strategies to ensure that residents feel supported and motivated to participate.

Looking ahead, our ambition is to build on our strong foundations. We aim to deepen engagement, expand our reach, and refine our approach to ensure our programmes remain impactful and inclusive. We will continue to champion community-led solutions, fostering collaboration, trust, and resilience in every neighbourhood we serve. Home Together will expand into new estates, strengthening its role in fostering meaningful connections in newly built communities. Our Shared Plate will conclude its pilot phase with plans to scale nationally, equipping communities with the tools to grow their own food and build sustainable neighbourhoods. Street Feast will continue to bring neighbours together over delicious food for camaraderie and conversation.

I want to extend my heartfelt thanks to everyone who has contributed to Neighbourhood Network's success this year. The commitment of our dynamic staff under the leadership of CEO Sam Bishop, the support of our funders and partners who remain committed to our mission, and my fellow Board Members, who give freely of their time, dedication and expertise. Most of all, I'd like to thank our community of dedicated volunteers. Whether you hosted a Street Feast, participated in a Home Together event, supported a local growing initiative through Our Shared Plate, or contributed to our work in some other way, you are an essential part of this journey. Together, we are proving that small acts of connection can lead to profound and lasting change.

With gratitude and optimism,
Louise Callaghan
Chairperson

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> All of our public events gain from the widest community participation. We must all by now realise the importance of community, inclusion, creativity and togetherness - all values that require support and a conscious effort of care, protection and solidarity. Initiatives such as Street Feast provide exactly that type of opportunity.
>
> **– President of Ireland and Patron of Street Feast, Michael D. Higgins.**

We spark neighbourhood connections, through hands-on initiatives, empowering people to build happy, healthy and resilient communities.

Neighbourhood Network aims to promote social inclusion, tackle loneliness and build supportive and resilient neighbourhoods around Ireland. We believe that building connections between neighbours leads to more inclusive, healthier and happier communities.

We believe that a sense of safety and connection within your community is essential for overall health and well-being. We recognise the transformative potential of bringing people together, fostering solidarity, and promoting mutual support at the hyper-local level. We embrace the role of joy and shared experiences in enhancing mental health and contributing to a positive community atmosphere.

As Ireland continues to experience social and demographic changes we are committed to building the social scaffolding needed for strong, multicultural communities. Our work is designed to nurture connections, celebrate diversity, and create spaces where everyone feels a sense of belonging.

Through our diverse range of projects—such as Street Feasts, coffee socials, cooking classes, communal garden set ups and seasonal outdoor gatherings—we provide opportunities for neighbours to connect and get to know each other. These interactions strengthen the social fabric of both new and existing neighbourhoods, inspiring a culture of neighbourly action and support.

At its core, our work is driven by the belief that small moments of connection can lead to profound changes, making neighbourhoods not just places to live but true communities to thrive.

Strategic Context: Building Connected Communities in a Changing Ireland

Neighbourhood Network's work is deeply informed by Ireland's rapidly evolving social, demographic, and environmental landscape. As traditional forms of community erode under the pressures of urbanisation, migration, and social fragmentation, our work plays a vital role in fostering connection, resilience, and belonging at the local level.

Strategic factors:

Population Growth and Housing Expansion
Ireland is experiencing significant population growth, with the government targeting the delivery of 33,000 new homes annually until 2030 under the Housing for All strategy. This expansion brings not only infrastructural demands but also the urgent need for social cohesion in newly built or rapidly changing neighbourhoods.

Ireland's Changing Demographics
12% of Ireland's population comes from a migrant background. This growing diversity requires new frameworks for intercultural integration, and underscores the need for community initiatives that celebrate difference and our shared values.

Rising Loneliness and Mental Health Implications
Ireland has one of the highest rates of loneliness in Europe, with 20% of adults frequently feeling lonely. This is increasingly recognised as a public health issue, comparable in impact to smoking 15 cigarettes a day, according to U.S. Surgeon General Dr. Vivek Murthy.

Informed by this strategic context, our work aims to:

- Strengthen the social fabric by creating tangible opportunities for connection and reducing social isolation.
- Promote diversity and inclusion by designing initiatives that foster intercultural understanding and shared local identity.
- Address loneliness by supporting neighbours to build communities of trust, mutual support and belonging.
- Leverage local networks to promote sustainable, climate-conscious, community-led food initiatives
- Empower local leaders through grassroots participation and capacity-building to ensure long-term resilience and self-sufficiency.

Neighbourhood Network's integrated approach, which combines social, environmental, and inclusion-focused strategies, is designed to address Ireland's current needs. As our society navigates population pressures, demographic shifts, and social fragmentation, we are passionate about supporting communities to be more connected and compassionate.

Our Work

In 2024, Neighbourhood Network's projects continued to prioritise long-term sustainability, empowering teams of community leaders to host events that enhance their communities. These initiatives fostered neighbourly connections, built resilience, and addressed specific community needs. Each project was uniquely designed to engage residents in their own neighbourhoods, creating inclusive spaces for learning, collaboration, and shared growth.

Street Feast continues to serve as Ireland's largest day of neighbourly gatherings, fostering trust and friendliness across thousands of streets annually.

Home Together provides a structured approach to building social capital in new housing developments, with activities ranging from informal social gatherings to community-wide projects and skill-building workshops.

Our Shared Plate integrates sustainability into community life by turning unused green spaces into food-growing hubs, addressing both environmental challenges and social connection.

We are also passionate about supporting communities with particular needs. In 2024, we worked in several neighbourhoods classified as disadvantaged or very disadvantaged under the Pobal Deprivation Index.

Our commitment to the Sustainable Development Goals

We believe that strong, connected communities are the foundation of a sustainable and resilient society. Our work aligns with several United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), supporting communities to become more inclusive, safe, and environmentally conscious through neighbour-led initiatives.

Our projects contribute to the following SDGs:

SDG 2: Zero Hunger – Our Shared Plate promotes food security, sustainable growing practices, and community-led food initiatives.

SDG 3: Good Health & Well-being – Street Feast and Home Together reduce loneliness, foster social bonds, and improve mental well-being.

SDG 11: Sustainable Cities & Communities – All of our programmes strengthen social cohesion, empowering neighbourhoods to be more connected, inclusive, and resilient.

SDG 13: Climate Action -Our Shared Plate encourages climate-conscious living through urban greening, food sustainability, and environmental education.

SDG 15: Life on Land – Our Shared Plate promotes biodiversity by transforming underutilised spaces into thriving, nature-rich community gardens.

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An overview of our work

Objective	Description	Key Activities	How our work aligns with the UN's Sustainable Development Goals
Foster Community Connections	Strengthen relationships between neighbours to build inclusive, supportive communities.	Street Feasts Home Together Our Shared Plate	SDG 3: Good Health & Wellbeing; SDG 11: Sustainable Cities & Communities.
Scale our Positive Impact	Expand programme participation and reach new communities across Ireland.	Street Feasts Home Together Our Shared Plate	SDG 3: Good Health & Wellbeing; SDG 11: Sustainable Cities & Communities.
Enhance Sustainability Practices	Promote sustainable living and resilience through education and collaborative action.	Our Shared Plate (Food-growing hubs, educational workshops)	SDG 11: Sustainable Cities & Communities. SDG 13: Climate Action SDG 15: Life on Land
Empower Community Leaders	Identify and support local leaders to drive long-term community change.	Neighbourhood Connector Guide Home Together (Residents' Association workshops)	SDG 11: Sustainable Cities & Communities
Tackle Loneliness and Isolation	Reduce social isolation by creating opportunities for connection.	Street Feast Home Together Our Shared Plate	SDG 3: Good Health & Wellbeing
Celebrate Diversity and Inclusion	Foster understanding and collaboration across cultures.	Street Feast (especially Integration Feasts) Home Together Our Shared Plate	SDG 3: Good Health & Wellbeing SDG 11: Sustainable Cities & Communities
Strengthen Organisational Governance	Ensure strong financial and governance structures.	Charity status achieved Risk management policy Board development Impact measurement training	SDG 11: Sustainable Cities & Communities
Promote Community-Led Sustainability	Empower communities to lead local responses to environmental and social issues.	Street Feast Home Together Our Shared Plate	SDG 3: Good Health & Wellbeing SDG 11: Sustainable Cities & Communities SDG 13: Climate Action SDG 15: Life on Land
Engage in Strategic Partnerships	Collaborate to amplify resources and reach.	Partnerships with Cairn, Pobal, Maynooth University, Local Authorities and many others.	SDG 11: Sustainable Cities & Communities

Strategic Objectives

In 2024, Neighbourhood Network focused on strengthening its foundation for future growth, refining operations, and adapting to a changing environment. As an ambitious organisation, we remain on track to double our operations in the coming years. These strategic objectives reflect our commitment to long-term sustainability, community connection, and increased impact.

We continue to align our vision with stakeholder feedback and the evolving needs of the communities we serve. While growth posed challenges, it informed a more focused and scalable approach.

Operations Plans

Despite reduced numbers in some areas, programme delivery was refined to maintain quality and engagement. Our Shared Plate proved a key growth area, running more than 50 events across nine neighbourhoods in its first year. Home Together evolved into a more refined 18-month model tailored to smaller estates.

A 2025 Operations Plan outlines achievable quarterly targets and enhanced resource management.

Risk Management

Staff numbers remained stable and the team worked to streamline operations and manage organisational risks effectively.

The Risk Register was updated to address governance, operational, financial and compliance risks.

Sustainability and Capacity Building

In 2024, we prioritised sustainability by enhancing internal systems and investing in team development. Key initiatives included impact measurement training, professional development, and strengthened governance aligned with Charities Regulatory Authority guidance.

This was instrumental in improving alignment between programme outcomes and organisational goals. A culture of collaboration and innovation was fostered through Blue Sky Thinking Days and regular strategic reviews.

We intend to further strengthen our organisational infrastructure to support sustainable growth into 2025 and beyond.

Programme Growth and Innovation

Each of our three projects grew throughout 2024:

- We launched Home Together 2.0, a scalable national model shaped by pilot learnings.
- We began piloting Our Shared Plate, our flagship climate action programme which is building local food systems across nine communities.
- Street Feast's expanded national campaign reached new communities and fostered neighbourly connections across Ireland

Neighbourhood Network is committed to fostering resilient, connected communities. Lessons from 2024 underscored the importance of flexibility, programme quality, and community engagement. In a number of instances, we didn't reach the ambitious targets we set for ourselves but the groundwork laid in 2024 positions for meaningful, scalable expansion in the years ahead.

Our Learnings from 2024

Neighbourhood Network is an ambitious organisation. We are passionate about building stronger communities, fostering environmental sustainability, and driving innovation in neighbourhood engagement and development. We are always eager to refine our programmes, innovate and discover new ways to serve our communities.

Here are some of our key learnings from 2024:

Consistent Community Engagement Across Diverse Neighbourhoods

Our experience in 2024

Across all of our projects, communities engaged with Neighbourhood Network's programmes at varying levels. While some were eager to get involved, others were more hesitant or unfamiliar with our work. This made it difficult to apply a uniform model across all neighbourhoods.

Our learnings

Flexibility is key. We learned the importance of tailoring our approach—adjusting our facilitation style, language, and event formats based on each community's readiness. Creating more accessible and visual materials helped communicate our mission more effectively too.

Our revised approach

This adaptive approach has become a strength across all of our projects. For example, the Home Together team are building a toolkit of tested methods that work in a wide variety of contexts — from apartment blocks in Donnybrook Gardens to new developments in rural areas — and using these insights to inform national strategy.

Setting and Measuring Ambitious Goals

Our experience in 2024

We set ambitious targets for scaling Street Feast, Home Together, and Our Shared Plate in 2024. However, programme delivery varied due to external factors such as estate readiness, community responsiveness, and other factors outside of our control.

Our learnings

Not all goals can be measured purely by looking at the numbers. While KPIs are important, qualitative outcomes like trust-building, increased sharing among neighbours, and long-term community resilience are equally valuable.

Our revised approach

We now try to balance quantitative targets with qualitative insights. Our KPIs are more integrated across projects and teams, with greater Board oversight to ensure they align with long-term impact and transparency goals.

Programme Scalability and Impact

Our experience in 2024

Home Together 2.0 launched with a more refined model based on previous pilot results. While numeric growth was modest, these programmes demonstrated strong engagement and real-world impact, with Home Together residents five times more likely to share a key with a neighbour.

Our learnings

Scaling should not come at the cost of quality. Community change takes time, and deeper engagement often yields better long term results.

Our revised approach

We are now focusing on refining programme quality and improving evaluation methods, including external evaluations and resident feedback, before pursuing wide-scale replication.

Digital Infrastructure and Systems

Our experience in 2024

Our existing CRM and website infrastructure proved inadequate for the scale of our operations. Manual processes and outdated systems hampered data tracking, event coordination, and stakeholder engagement.

Our learnings

Robust digital systems are critical to managing growth and ensuring data accuracy. Weak infrastructure limits our ability to scale, report impact, and communicate effectively.

Our revised approach

We developed a business case and plan for a CRM upgrade, a website redesign to enhance usability and accessibility, and improved cybersecurity protocols, including staff training. These changes will support more efficient operations in 2025.

Governance and Risk Management

Our experience in 2024

Operational growth and the achievement of charity status in 2024 meant that Neighbourhood Network needed to develop and refine our governance structures.

Our learnings

As our programmes continue to expand, our governance systems must evolve to meet our new requirements, including compliance with the Charities Governance Code

Our revised approach

We updated our Risk Register, incorporated compliance with the Charities Governance Code into our Board and Governance Committee work plans, and created structured frameworks for programme monitoring and board engagement.

Partnerships and National Reach

Our experience in 2024

Street Feast expanded our collaboration with 16 Local Authorities and the Department of Rural and Community Development in 2024. We reached new audiences, and cultivated new relationships with local authorities across Ireland.

Our learnings

Strategic partnerships amplify impact but require dedicated coordination and communication strategies.

Our revised approach

We're developing new partnership guidelines and clearer engagement protocols to manage local and national collaborations more effectively. These will support the development of our National Network of Neighbourhood Connectors in 2025.

Looking Forward

In 2025, Neighbourhood Network will continue building on the lessons of 2024: improving systems, prioritising quality, deepening engagement, and embedding long-term strategic thinking into every level of our work. By balancing ambition with impact, we aim to grow sustainably and inclusively in every community across Ireland.

Street Feast

Overview

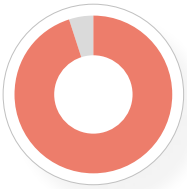
Street Feast, Neighbourhood Network's flagship national day of street gatherings, continues to be a cornerstone of community connection in Ireland. Celebrating its 14th year, Street Feast brought neighbours together across towns, cities, and villages to deepen connections and build a sense of belonging. This year, the event took place on the weekend of May 25th and 26th 2024, making it one of the largest coordinated community celebrations in the country.

Key Achievements

- 820 Street Feasts held
- 75,440 neighbours gathered to share food, fun, and conversation
- Our first ever Integration Feasts (rather than first even)
- We partnered with Newstalk and Ireland AM to reach a wide audience through broadcasts and roadshows across twenty five counties. Total mainstream media reach was almost 93 million views.
- We were supported by 16 Local Authorities and the Department of Rural and Community Development (DRCD) as well as two corporate sponsors.
- Five Roadshows took place throughout Ireland, activating close relationships with new and previous hosts as well as Local Authority staff in local communities.

Our Impact

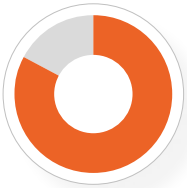
Street Feast continues to demonstrate its value in creating safer, friendlier, and more connected communities. A survey found that:



95%
feel their neighbourhood is friendlier since hosting their Street Feast.

96%
report an increased sense of belonging.

79%
feel their neighbourhood is friendlier since hosting their Street Feast.



83%
of hosts are planning additional community projects.

Community feedback:

> Street Feast was fantastic! It was the first time we held it on our street. Many people talked to each other properly for the first time, despite living here for years.
>
> **– Diarmuid, Cork City**

> Street Feast created a greater sense of togetherness among those who attended. Our theme was 'We Are One'. Invited local neighbours and nearby migrants. Brasil, Zimbabwe, South Africa, Mexico, Portugal, England, New Zealand were represented!
>
> **– Patrick, Wicklow**

Home Together

Overview

Home Together is a Cairn and Neighbourhood Network partnership that works to bring communities together. Moving to a new place, where you don't know your neighbours can be challenging. Home Together provides residents with the resources to foster a culture of connectedness. Our ambition is to shape happy places where people live in harmony and feel supported by one another.

Home Together is tailored to each estate's unique needs. It features a wide range of activities designed to build community connections through shared experiences, including:

Informal Social Gatherings: Signature events like coffee mornings create casual opportunities for neighbours to connect while enjoying shared food, games, and entertainment.

Community-Driven Projects: Initiatives like Residents' Association workshops, First Aid training, and neighbourhood photo exhibitions foster collaboration and empower residents to manage their communities independently.

Skill-Based Workshops: Activities such as community gardening, wreath-making, and outdoor furniture building bring neighbours together to learn, collaborate, and create.

Home-2-Home Seasonal Activities: Small-scale neighbourhood actions like Valentine's Hug Vouchers and Christmas window displays that promote street-level connections.

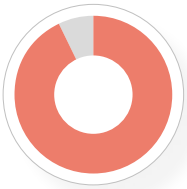
Key Achievements

This year marked significant milestones for Home Together, with impactful activities and growing resident engagement:

- In 2024, we worked in seven estates: two in Co. Kildare: Whitethorn (Naas) and Harpur Lane (Leixlip); two in Co. Wicklow: Sorrel Wood (Blessington) and Archer's Wood (Delgany) and three in Co. Dublin: Donnybrook Gardens, Parkleigh (Seven Mills) and Graydon (Newcastle).
- We expanded our reach with 1,500 households and more than 3,600 residents participating in more than 20 Home Together events.

Our Impact

Home Together positive impact in 2024 reinforces its value as a catalyst for building sustainable, thriving communities across Ireland. Over 44% of residents across participating estates were actively engaged in Home Together activities. After completing the Home Together programme:



93%

of residents reported that their neighbourhood feels friendlier.

96%

of residents reported an increased sense of belonging in their community.

5x Residents are 5 times more likely to share a house key with a neighbour after participating in Home Together.

Community feedback:

> Getting to know neighbours who are on the same road or just one or two houses down the lane is easy. But getting to know neighbours from the next lane/road is difficult because we don't see them often. Home Together helped us get to know the others in the community as well.
>
> **– Harini from Graydon**

> A real sense of community has been created. We were all strangers moving into the estate and now it's lovely to be able to stop when out walking and chat to neighbours and know them by name. I have trust in my neighbours . I do not have children yet but I can really see what a positive impact it has had on them and their families. The cinema screening was absolutely brilliant for everyone in the estate and I'm very thankful for all the work you have done!
>
> **– Heather from Mariavilla**

> The best aspects of my neighbourhood after participating in Home Together are the sense of community and collaboration it fostered. It gave neighbours an opportunity to connect on a deeper level, work together on common goals, and create a welcoming environment. Events like group activities, shared meals, and discussions brought everyone closer, making the neighbourhood feel like a supportive and inclusive space. The initiative highlighted the importance of teamwork, mutual respect, and the joy of building a stronger, more connected community.
>
> **– Shanmugam from Graydon**

Our Shared Plate

Overview

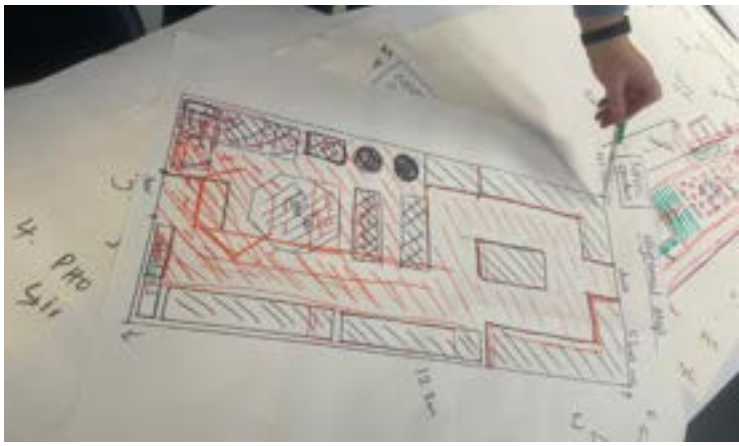
Our Shared Plate is a pilot Community Climate Action project funded by the Department of the Environment, Climate and Communications and facilitated by Pobal. Active across nine neighbourhoods in Kildare, Laois, and Longford, the initiative empowers communities through sustainable food practices, environmental education, and inclusive community engagement.

The project transforms underused green spaces into vibrant community gardens, aligning with national and international goals around sustainability, social inclusion, and resilience. Through hands-on workshops, food-growing initiatives, and collaborative planning, Our Shared Plate supports local action on climate change while addressing food insecurity and fostering stronger community ties.

Partnering with Maynooth University, local authorities, and community organisations, the project integrates research, shared decision-making, and a community advisory panel to guide its development.

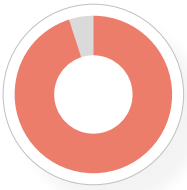
Key Achievements

- In 2024, we planted 82 vegetable patches, 6 edible hedges and 5 urban orchards.
- We hosted 51 workshops and events with 456 people participating in educational activities and 235 people attending community evaluation sessions. Our goal was to equip participants with the practical skills they need to grow their own food sustainably and we delivered workshops in food production, composting, and reducing food waste.
- We collaborated with 14 community partners and were supported by 3 local authorities.
- We developed a research partnership with Maynooth University to ensure that our work is informed by robust data and research.
- By celebrating food traditions from diverse backgrounds, the programme helped foster multicultural integration.
- Our Shared Plate is a community-led programme. Our activities are designed to empower local leaders and to address the needs identified by the community themselves.



Our Impact

Our Shared Plate is more than a food-growing project. It's a catalyst for community building, environmental awareness, and empowered local action. It demonstrates how community-led action can address environmental issues while strengthening local bonds. As a result of the project, participants reported increased community cohesion, enhanced understanding of food's impact on the environment, and a stronger sense of ownership over local green spaces. A survey found that:



95%

of attendees enjoyed the workshops

70%

reported buying and cooking more local food.

55%

have strengthened connections with neighbours through the programme.

Community feedback:

> Our Shared Plate has brought not only the sharing of knowledge but a vision of what could be, creating an atmosphere of wellbeing and greater community resilience.
>
> **— Climate Action Coordinator, Kildare County Council**

> These tomatoes taste like my childhood. There's no comparison—the ones in the supermarket have no flavour.
>
> **— Participant**

> We really need to get back to basics and be more self-sufficient.
>
> **— Participant**

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Louise Callaghan

Louise Callaghan is an award-winning accountant with experience in the private and not for profit sectors. In recent years, she has specialised in not-for-profit management and has also worked in developing advocacy awareness and skills with students across Ireland. Louise is a former Chairperson of Le Cheile Youth Mentoring, a community-based volunteer mentoring and family support service, which works with young people involved in or at risk of offending.

Dave Dunn

Dave Dunn is a freelance group facilitator and facilitation skills trainer. Previously he has been involved in various projects including: the Dublin Flea Market team; the creative events crew of Queens of Neon; the Inbetweeners and Carnival of the Impossible at the EarthSong Camps.

Martina Moran

Martina Moran is an accountant with over 20 years of financial and operational experience in media, technology and publishing, both locally and internationally. Martina is a fellow of Chartered Accountants Ireland and holds a bachelor of Commerce from University of Galway.

Laura Shehan

Laura Shehan is a service co-ordinator at Women's Aid. Originally from the USA, she has worked in the not-for-profit sector in Ireland for 15 years. Laura brings to the board a focus on social impact and an eye for measuring project efficacy. Laura holds an MSc in Equality Studies from the School of Social Justice, UCD.

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Róisín McGuigan Róisín McGuigan is the HR and Volunteer Manager at Belong To, the National LGBTQ+ Youth Service. Previously, Róisín was Services Manager at Carmichael, a training and support body for nonprofit organisations. She has been in the nonprofit sector for 8 years and has a particular interest in strengthening the governance structures of growing nonprofits. She holds diplomas in Corporate Governance, Digital Marketing, and Leadership & Management.

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Naomi Linehan, a Dublin-born author, journalist, and documentary-maker, has ghost-written acclaimed bestsellers including Belonging, Nowhere's Child, and Overcoming. Her work spans radio, print, and television, with a focus on impactful storytelling and social issues. She has also held key communications roles in social entrepreneurship and international development.

Jesse Kennedy

Jesse Kennedy has more than a decade's experience working in both multi-national and non-profit organisations across recruitment, project management and fundraising. He currently works as the Director of Development for Respect, a non-profit organisation supporting people with disabilities. He previously worked in Meta for 5 years managing teams across EMEA before moving into the non-profit sector consulting with 2into3 in Ireland. He sits on the board of Neighbourhood Network and is Chair of the HR and Communications Committees.

Frank Holt

Frank Holt lives in Cork and worked with Musgrave Group for twenty years both as a Financial Accountant and in Business Development. Frank co-founded Specialisterne CLG in 2012 – an innovative social enterprise which specialises in placing neurodivergent people in employment. Frank represents the Community and Voluntary Sector of Ireland on the national Cross Sectoral Group and the recently formed Civic Forum supported by the Dept of Rural and Community Development and An Pobal. He has a unique experience and perspective of the non-profit sector in Ireland.

Gráinne O'Dwyer

Gráinne O'Dwyer is Head of Growth and Partnerships at Neighbourly Lab London. Grainne leverages her background in behavioural science to help Neighbourly Lab shape behaviourally impactful innovation and research programmes that help to shape communities. Whilst she is adept at working with cross sector stakeholders and funders, her 10 years experience conducting research in communities (within Neighbourly Lab and elsewhere) means that she has a deep understanding of and passion to support those most marginalised in our communities. She is passionate about nurturing skills in deep listening and community collaboration amongst the team and partners, co-leading their training initiatives alongside the co-founder Marnie.

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- Jacksmill
- John Lambert
- Joleen Cronin
- Kate Egan
- Kate Strain
- Katelyn Mc Kenna
- Killoe Mens shed
- Kitty Scully
- Lucy Bell
- Mary Jennings
- Masterphoto
- Maynooth University
- Max Pallets Ltd
- Modular Event Hire
- Niall Sweeney
- Noel Tracey
- Quickcrop Ltd
- Remedy Storage
- Screenlink Printers
- Senija Topcic
- Snap Printing
- Steve O Connor
- St Stephens Sustainable Food Lab
- The Beanery
- The Fumbally
- Tico Mail Works
- Versify Limited

Neighbourhood network

Our Partners

We work in partnership with communities across Ireland. We also partner with Government Departments, NGOs, Local Authorities, corporates and other organisations to advance our mission.

An Roinn Comhshaoil, Aeráide agus Cumarsáide
Department of the Environment, Climate and Communications

Maynooth University
National University of Ireland Maynooth

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Bohemian Football Club Dublin

CAIRN

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Comhairle Contae an Chabháin
Cavan County Council

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Cork City Council
Comhairle Cathrach Chorcaí

Deloitte.

Dublin City Council
Comhairle Cathrach Bhaile Átha Cliath

hi Healthy Kerry

Kilkenny County Council
Comhairle Chontae Chill Chainnigh

Fingal County Council
Comhairle Contae Fhine Gall

Comhairle Chontae na Gaillimhe
Galway County Council

Meath County Council

Sligo Public Participation Network
Líonra Rannpháirtíochta Poiblí Sligeach

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Comhairle Chontae An Longfoirt
Longford County Council

Comhairle Cathrach na Gaillimhe
Galway City Council

Comhairle Contae Átha Cliath Theas
South Dublin County Council

UNHCR
The UN Refugee Agency

pobal
government supporting communities

Rosie & Jim
ALL ABOUT FOOD

Comhairle Cathrach & Contae Phort Láirge
Waterford City & County Council

Kerry County Council

An Roinn Leanaí, Comhionannais, Míchumais, Lánpháirtíochta agus Óige
Department of Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth

An Roinn Forbartha Tuaithe agus Pobail
Department of Rural and Community Development

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Governance

Legal Structure

Neighbourhood Network operates under the legal entity of Street Feast CLG (CRO 622 674). Our registered address is The Corner House, Newtownmountkennedy, Co Wicklow, A63 XP26. Neighbourhood Network is a not-for-profit organisation. In September 2022, we applied to register as a charity, and were officially awarded Charity Status in June 2024 by the Charities Regulator. (RCN: 20206679)

Our Board

Our Board sets the strategic direction of Neighbourhood Network in line with our Constitution. The Board met eight times in 2024 and has overall responsibility for accountability and ethical practice in the organisation.

Board members may serve a total of two, three-year terms. New members undergo a structured induction process and where necessary, undertake training on their new role.

Decision-Making and Committees

Neighbourhood Network has a schedule of matters reserved for the Board which includes approval of strategy, business acquisition and disposals, annual operating budgets, appointment of auditors, appointment or removal of members and officers of the company, contracts with a term exceeding one year or a financial liability on the organisation exceeding €10,000, changes in accounting or financial procedures, annual accounts as well as recruiting, supporting and supervising the CEO and overseeing the Company's performance.

There is a separate schedule of matters delegated to the CEO as well as Terms of Reference for each Board committee and role specifications for the Chair, Company Secretary, Treasurer and for every staff role. Neighbourhood Network's CEO, Sam Bishop, is not a Director of the Company but is invited to attend Board meetings.

Board Committees

Neighbourhood Network has 5 board sub-committees. These are:

01

Governance, Risk and Board Development Committee.

This committee works to ensure that there is a robust and effective process for evaluating the performance of the Board, Board Committees and individual directors and to ensure that the board fulfils its legal, ethical and functional responsibilities.

02

Impact & Strategy Committee.

This Committee is responsible for reviewing performance, evaluating new opportunities, supporting the Board to develop future strategies and monitor the impact management framework.

03

Finance & Audit Committee.

This Committee oversees the effective financial management of Neighbourhood Network, including the raising, collection, investment, borrowing and outlay of all monies required to fund its activities, and to report and make recommendations to the Board therein.

04

Communications Committee.

This Committee oversees the communications strategy, reviews the effectiveness of the communications strategy and plans for the future in the areas of community engagement & communications.

05

Income Generation Committee.

This Committee oversees the income generation strategy and ensures that it is aligned with the organisation's vision and values, and that supports the operational delivery of its programmatic activities.

Policies and Risk Management

In addition to an extensive governance handbook, Neighbourhood Network has the following policies in place:

- Health & Safety Statement
- Safeguarding Statement – Child & Vulnerable Adult
- Protection Policy – Child & Vulnerable Adult
- Privacy & Data Protection Policy
- Volunteering Policy
- Financial Control Policy
- Reserves Policy
- Complaints Policy
- Risk Management Policy
- Whistleblowing Policy
- Board Members Code of Conduct
- Beneficiaries, Partners & Fundraising Policy
- Employment Handbook

Improvements in Governance

Neighbourhood Network continues to evolve as an organisation, and we recognise that our governance framework must grow alongside our expanding activities, team, and impact. In 2024, we made significant strides toward ensuring robust governance that meets the standards of a mature, high-performing organisation.

In 2024, we achieved a pivotal milestone as Neighbourhood Network was granted charity status, solidifying our commitment to transparency, accountability, and public benefit. We have aligned with the principles of the Charities Governance Code.

At Neighbourhood Network, we are steadfast in our commitment to achieving the highest standards of governance, transparency, and accountability. In 2023, our Annual Report received a score of 52% following evaluation by the Carmichael Centre, providing valuable insights into areas for improvement. Guided by this feedback, we have worked to elevate our governance practices and reporting standards to align with the exemplary benchmarks set by winners of the Good Governance Awards.

In 2024, we continued to strengthen our governance practices. Each new Board member is required to sign our Code of Conduct, Conflict of Interest, and Confidentiality policies, with annual re-signing implemented for ongoing members. The Board governance handbook has been updated to reflect our new charity status, with enhanced procedures for recruiting and onboarding Board members. The Board has also carried out a comprehensive skills audit, resulting in the decision to recruit new members to address identified gaps, ensuring a well-rounded and capable leadership team.

Our Governance, Risk, and Board Development Committee has taken a more proactive role this year, overseeing the creation and implementation of a detailed risk register and an updated risk management policy. These tools are critical for ensuring that Neighbourhood Network can identify, assess, and mitigate potential risks as we continue to grow.

These governance improvements are part of our strategic focus on sustainable growth, aiming to position Neighbourhood Network as a trusted leader in community development across Ireland. As we move forward, we remain committed to continuous improvement, embedding strong governance practices to support our mission of creating more connected, inclusive neighbourhoods.

As a growing organisation, we acknowledge the administrative demands that regulatory and funder requirements place on charities in Ireland. However, we view these as opportunities to enhance our governance framework, strengthen internal controls, and evolve our operational model. Compliance with these standards not only bolsters trust with our stakeholders but also reinforces our organisational integrity and resilience.

We are fully committed to maintaining 100% compliance with all regulatory requirements and adhering to best-practice governance principles. This includes fostering a culture of continuous improvement, embracing constructive feedback, and transparently reporting on our activities. Regular updates on lobbying activities, compliments and complaints, and impact reports are provided to our funders, reflecting our dedication to openness and accountability.

Neighbourhood Network is determined to leverage these learnings to produce an Annual Report that reflects our progress, ambition, and commitment to our mission. Through this process, we aim to meet and exceed the standards of excellence in governance, ensuring that our work continues to deliver meaningful and lasting impact for the communities we serve.

Street Feast CLG
(A company not having a share capital and limited by guarantee)

Annual Report

Financial year ended 31st December 2024

Prepared by:
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Chartered Accountants and Statutory Audit Firm
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DIRECTORS' REPORT

Directors – non executive

David Dunn (Resigned 25/11/2024)
Laura Shehan
Louise Callaghan
Grainne O'Dwyer
Jesse Kennedy
Naomi Linehan
Frank Holt (Resigned 03/03/2025)
Roisin McGuigan
Martina Moran (Resigned 09/09/2025)

Company secretary

Roisin McGuigan

Registered office

The Cornerhouse
Newtownmountkennedy
Wicklow
A63 XP26

Charity Regulatory Authority number

20206679

Company number

622674

Auditors

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Bankers

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Dublin City
Dublin
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DIRECTORS' REPORT

The Directors present their annual report together with the audited financial statements for the financial year to 31 December 2024.

Street Feast CLG (t/a Neighbourhood Network) (The "Company") is a registered charity and hence the report and results are prepared in accordance with the Companies Act 2014 and FRS 102 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland' issued by the Financial Reporting Council as modified by the Statement of Recommended Practice 'Accounting and Reporting by Charities' (2nd edition, effective 1st January 2019), which has replaced previous general accounting practice ('GAAP') used in Ireland and the UK. Charities SORP (FRS 102) is not currently obligatory under the Irish Charities Act, 2009. The Charity Commission for England and Wales is recognised by the UK Accounting Standards Board (ASB) as the appropriate body to issue SORPs for the charity sector in the UK, and the Charities SORP (FRS 102) has therefore been recognised as best practice for financial reporting by charities in Ireland.

The content of the directors' report is set out in the following headings:

1. Principal activities and objectives
2. Main Activities in 2024
3. Achievements in 2024
4. Financial Review
5. Structure, Governance and Management
6. Reference and administrative details

1. Principal activities and objectives

The Company's prime objectives are to promote & catalyse neighbourliness in local communities across Ireland by encouraging neighbours to connect. We do this by promoting social inclusion, tackling loneliness and building supportive and resilient neighbourhoods around Ireland. We believe that building connections between neighbours leads to more inclusive, healthier and happier communities.

We believe that a sense of safety and connection within your community is essential for overall health and well-being. We recognise the transformative potential of bringing people together, fostering solidarity, and promoting mutual support at the hyper-local level. We embrace the role of joy and shared experiences in enhancing mental health and contributing to a positive community atmosphere.

As Ireland continues to experience social and demographic changes we are committed to building the social scaffolding needed for strong, multicultural communities. Our work is designed to nurture connections, celebrate diversity, and create spaces where everyone feels a sense of belonging.

Through our diverse range of projects—such as Street Feasts, coffee socials, cooking classes, communal garden set ups and seasonal outdoor gatherings—we provide opportunities for neighbours to connect and get to know each other. These interactions strengthen the social fabric of both new and existing neighbourhoods, inspiring a culture of neighbourly action and support.

At its core, our work is driven by the belief that small moments of connection can lead to profound changes, making neighbourhoods not just places to live but true communities to thrive.

The organisation's mission is to bring people together so that they can form the bonds needed to build resilient communities right across Ireland. Our approach is resident and participant led and we are continuously developing and expanding our projects and engagement to meet the needs of our beneficiaries.

Managing growth successfully and sustainably is a key priority, supported by a strong operational team & culture. The objective is to create a new National Network of Neighbourhood Connectors who are motivated and upskilled to create more connected, inclusive neighbourhoods.

With the rapid expansion of house and apartment building across the country, Neighbourhood Network recognises that people need support to settle down and form strong communities. Neighbourhood Network's range of community projects are targeted to support the development of neighbourhood connection and resilience in the following contexts; Newly established mixed-tenure estates and apartment developments, Large developments, City apartment schemes and rural & urban communities, at street and town level.

Neighbourhood Network's origins grew out of Street Feast, a national project founded in 2010 by a group of young people who wanted to create more connections between people and build resilient, sustainable communities to tackle loneliness and isolation in Ireland.

The objectives of the Company are charitable in nature. All income is applied solely towards the promotion of the charitable objectives of the Company.

Our Vision

Happy healthy and resilient communities nationwide where people feel connected, included and supported.

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Our Mission

We spark neighbourhood connections through hands-on initiatives, empowering people to build happy, healthy and resident communities.

Our Beliefs and Actions

Our purpose is to support neighbours to come together in order for them to develop deep community connections. Success for us looks like flourishing neighbourhoods with a strong sense of community spirit and identity.

With the increase in global tensions and arrivals to Ireland from those fleeing war and persecution, our work aims to build the social scaffolding needed for strong multicultural communities.

We believe that building connections between individual neighbours decreases loneliness and leads to healthy, happy people in the places where they live.

Our range of projects gives people the opportunity to get to know each other at the hyper-local level at Street Feasts, coffee gatherings, community workshops and seasonal outdoor events. We stimulate the formation of a strong social fabric and culture of neighbourly action in new and existing neighbourhoods.

Our Values

We are dynamic and innovative, keen collaborators and impact driven. We are passionate about the power of community, dedicated to inclusion and committed to sustainability.

2. Achievements in 2024

- Neighbourhood Network became a registered charity
- 75,440 people participated across 820 Street Feasts, with 95% of hosts reporting that their neighbourhood felt friendlier as a result. 79% felt safer in their area, and 83% of hosts expressed interest in organising future community events, demonstrating the long-term impact of Street Feast in strengthening neighbourhood bonds.
- With Home Together we fostered connection among more than 3,600 residents in ten Cairn-built estates. 91% of participants said their neighbourhood felt friendlier after engaging in Home Together. 85% experienced an increased sense of belonging.
- Our Shared Plate empowered nine Midlands communities to grow, cook, and eat together. More than 456 participants attended Our Shared Plate's educational workshops, with 235 attending community evaluation sessions.

3. Main Activities in 2024

Street Feast Project

The highlight of our annual calendar is Street Feast. This is Neighbourhood Network's flagship national day supporting the hosting of street gatherings in towns, cities and villages across the length and breadth of Ireland. Street Feast is a local celebration for and by communities. This national project of Neighbourhood Network has been running for over 14 years. It takes place on streets and in communities in early summer every year. It encourages individual streets or communities to come together and self-organise a street party where they live. It invites neighbours to gather around food on a single weekend. It is having a significant impact on deepening connections between people in the places where they live.

From small beginnings in 2010, Street Feast has grown to become the largest annual gathering of neighbourhoods in Ireland. Over the past 13 years, over 8995 Street Feasts have taken place, with on average 92 people attending per Feast. This year 16 Local Authorities and the Department of Rural and Community Development supported community integration street gatherings and over 820 individual groups hosted their own community-led Street Feasts. This represents a slight drop on the 960 Street Feasts from the previous year. In total 75,440 people came together on one single day to celebrate their neighbourhood in 2024.

Home Together Project

Home Together is a project devised by Neighbourhood Network in association with CAIRN (Home Builders) to ensure that once the physical fabric of new estates is in place, the social fabric is nurtured and developed right from the beginning.

Neighbourhood Network's role is to step in and engage with residents and help them knit their community together after they move into their new homes. By creating events, talking with residents and supporting individual leaders to become Neighbourhood Organisers, the social scaffolding necessary to support resilient communities gradually emerges.

Home Together is a programme designed to deliver a wide variety of catalysing events, three per estate, per year, with additional seasonal seed activations building social capital and connection between neighbours. In 2024 we created a new 18 month programme, in addition to the existing 3 year programme.

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Our Shared Plate Project

Our Shared Plate is a Community Climate Action project funded by the Department of the Environment, Climate and Communications, facilitated by Pobal. The project involves the provision of training and community workshops in food production, food waste and environmental sustainability, to small local groups in Kildare, Laois & Longford. The aim of the project is to enable groups to identify and establish small community gardens in the places where they live. Learnings from this pilot phase will then be adopted into a toolkit so that the project can be replicated and scaled in other neighbourhoods (and in Street Feast communities) in the future.

The Spark Project

This collaboration involves the development of a tutor's activity book and training programme about community cooperation that Neighbourhood Network produced. Targeted at members of the Bohemian Climate Cooperative, the training programme aims to equip them with the knowledge, skills and attitudes necessary to adopt cooperative practices, stimulate community collaboration, and catalyse local solutions to social and environmental challenges.

The Network of Neighbours

Role of Volunteers in the Organisation

The work of the Company would not be possible without the commitment and dedication of volunteers. Their contribution is greatly valued by Neighbourhood Network and the communities and makes a significant difference to the life in neighbourhoods across Ireland.

Future Plans

In 2025 Neighbourhood Network will scale up in key areas such as project delivery, team size, turnover, ambition and impact.

Successfully navigating this growth in a sustainable way is one of our top priorities. We're focused on diversifying our revenue streams, strengthening our operational team and culture, investing in the development and capacity-building of our team while working closely with our board committees on strategic planning. We will build on our 2024 Blue-Sky sessions to develop our new 5 year strategic plan in 2025.

All of these efforts are aimed at building a National Network of Neighbourhood Connectors - empowering individuals who are motivated, skilled, and equipped to foster more connected, inclusive communities.

4. Financial Review

Review of financial position

The Statement of Financial Activities, Balance Sheet and Statement of Cash Flows for the year ended 31 December 2024 are set out on pages 14, 15 & 16 and are considered to be satisfactory by the Board.

In summary, our income has increased to €426,097 in 2024 (2023: €322,447) mainly due to the establishment of the Our Shared Plate project and the development of the existing Home Together project. Our expenditure has also increased primarily due to increased services on new and updated projects €420,562 in 2024 (2023; €279,367). The surplus earned for the year amounts to €5,535 (2023: €43,080).

Overview of Statement of Financial Activities	**2024**	**2023**
	€	**€**
Income	**426,097**	322,447
Expenditure	**420,562**	279,367
Operating surplus	**5,535**	43,080

Our balance sheet tangible assets value decreased to €823 in 2024 (2023: €1,094) due to depreciation. Our cash at bank increased to €237,680 (2023: €127,947) at 31 December 2024 mainly due to increased project activity.

The total assets of the Company have increased by €89,557 and the total liabilities of the company have increased by €84,022, resulting in an overall increase in the net assets of €5,535. The net assets of the company at the 31st of December 2024 is €97,597 (2023: €92,062).

5. Structure, Governance and Management

Legal status

Street Feast CLG (t/a Neighbourhood Network) is a company limited by guarantee, not having a share capital, incorporated in Ireland on 13th March 2018, and operates under the Companies Act 2014 with registered number of 622674.

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The objectives of the Company are charitable in nature. All income is applied solely towards the promotion of the charitable objectives of the Company as stated in the Constitution. The company received charitable status on the 1st of July 2024 (Registered Charity Number: 20206679).

Corporate governance

The Directors are committed to maintaining the highest standard of Corporate Governance and they believe that this is a key element in ensuring the proper operation of the Company's activities. We have undertaken a review of our organisation's compliance with the principles in the Charities Governance Code. This review was based on an assessment of our organisational practice against the recommended actions for each principle. The review is monitored by the Directors. It sets out actions and completion dates for any issues that the assessment identifies, need to be addressed and will be reviewed annually.

The Board is responsible for providing leadership, setting strategy and ensuring control. It consists of 9 non-Executive Directors. The Board's non-Executive Directors are drawn from diverse backgrounds in business and professions, who bring to Board deliberations their significant business and decision-making skills achieved in their respective fields, together with a broad range of experience and views.

There were 10 formal board meetings in 2024, with attendance as follows:

	No. Attended	No. Eligible to attend
Louise Callaghan (Chair)	8	8
Dave Dunn	7	8
Frank Holt	8	8
Jesse Kennedy	8	8
Naomi Linehan	5	8
Róisín McGuigan (Company Secretary)	7	8
Martina Moran (Treasurer)	8	8
Gráínne O'Dwyer	7	8
Laura Shehan	8	8

There is clear division of responsibility at the Company, with the Board retaining control of major decisions under a formal schedule of matters reserved to the Board for decision. The Chief Executive is responsible for implementing strategy and policy, within the authorities delegated to him by the Board.

The Company has a comprehensive process for reporting management information to the Board. The Board is provided with regular information, which includes key performance and risk indicators for all aspects of the organisation. The Board meets regularly as required.

The Company has a clear succession plan enabling prospective Directors to be co-opted onto the Board for a number of months before official ratification at the AGM. New Directors meet with the Chair, Company Secretary and the Executive to familiarise themselves with the operations of the Company, the current issues and the strategic objectives planning and progress.

On appointment all Directors receive briefing sessions and comprehensive briefing documents designed to familiarise them with the Company's operations, management and governance structures.

The company has 5 working committees which contain board members and report back to the board and help support the governance and oversee the executive management of Neighbourhood Network.

These are:

1. Finance & Audit Committee
    a. Members: Martina Moran, Louise Callaghan
    b. Function: to oversee the effective financial management of Neighbourhood Network, including the raising, collection, investment, borrowing and outlay of all monies required to fund its activities, and to report and make recommendations to the Board thereon)

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2. Governance, Risk and Board Development Committee
    a. Members: Roisin McGuigan, Louise Callaghan, Dave Dunn
    b. Function: to ensure that there is a robust and effective process for evaluating the performance of the Board, Board Committees and individual directors and to ensure that the board fulfils its legal, ethical, and functional responsibilities
3. Impact & Strategy Committee
    a. Members: Laura Shehan, Grainne O'Dwyer, Frank Holt
    b. Function: to review performance against the current strategy, evaluate new opportunities in line with the strategy, support the Board to develop future strategies and to create and monitor an impact management framework.
4. Communications Committee
    a. Members: Jesse Kennedy, Naomi Linehan
    b. Function: to oversee the communications plans and activities of the organisation
5. Income Generation Committee
    a. Members: Dave Dunn
    b. Function: to oversee the income generation strategy of Neighbourhood Network that is aligned with the organisation's vision and values, and that supports the operational delivery of its programmatic activities.

Principal risks and uncertainties

Neighbourhood Network, like all organisations, faces a number of risks and uncertainties as we conduct our operations. The principal risk is the long-term funding of the company and potential loss of key staff.

The Risk Management process feeds into the Strategic Planning Process, which involved the opinions and findings of the Company itself and our stakeholders. This has been and will continue to be the main focus of the work of the Board and the Company for the next year, maximising opportunities and supports for our projects, developing the Neighbourhood Network community of Neighbourhood connectors, sourcing secure funding stream into the future and minimising / mitigating risks in the current environment.

Internal controls

The Directors acknowledge their overall responsibility for the Company's systems of internal control and for reviewing its effectiveness. They have delegated responsibility for the implementation of this system to the Executive Management. This system includes financial controls, which enable the Board to meet its responsibilities for the integrity and accuracy of the Company's accounting records.

The Board has also established a process of compliance which addresses the Board's wider responsibility to maintain, review and report on all internal controls, including financial, operational and risk management.

Detailed budgets are prepared annually, which are reviewed by the Finance & Audit Committee. Actual results and service outcomes are compared regularly against these Budgets to ensure tight budgetary control and value for money.

6. Reference and administrative details

Directors

In accordance with Section 329 of the Companies Act 2014, the Directors and Secretary who served the Company during the year were as follows:

Member	Date of Appointment	Date of Resignation
Grainne O'Dwyer	13 Dec 2023	
Jesse Kennedy	04 Dec 2023	
Naomi Linehan	18 Sep 2023	
Roisin McGuigan	19 May 2023	
Frank Holt	01 Jul 2023	03 Mar 2025
Martina Moran	20 Feb 2023	09 Sep 2025
Laura Shehan	15 Nov 2022	
Louise Callaghan	28 Feb 2022	
Dave Dunn	20 Dec 2018	25 Nov 2024

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Secretary
Roisin McGuigan

Name of CEO: Sam Bishop, to whom responsibility for the day to day management of the company is delegated.

Exemptions from disclosure
The company has not availed of any disclosure exemptions.

Funds held as custodian trustee on behalf of others
The company does not hold any funds or other assets by way of custodian arrangement.

Dividends and retention
The Company is precluded by its Constitution from paying dividends either as part of normal operations or on a distribution of its assets in the event of a winding-up.

Likely future developments
It is the intention of the Board of Neighbourhood Network CLG to continue its activities for the foreseeable future, subject to satisfactory funding arrangements.

Post balance sheet events
There have been no significant events affecting the Company since the financial year end.

Political donations
The company did not make any political donations during the financial year (2023: none).

Going concern
The Directors regularly review the financial position, cash flow projections and the business model of Neighbourhood Network. The Directors are satisfied that the Company has adequate financial resources to enable it to meet all liabilities as they fall due for the foreseeable future.

Accounting records
The measures taken by the Directors to secure compliance with the requirements of sections 281 to 285 of the Companies Act 2014, with regard to the keeping of accounting records, are the employment of appropriately qualified accounting personnel and the maintenance of computerised accounting systems. The company's accounting records are maintained at The Corner House, Newtownmountkennedy, Co Wicklow.

Statement on relevant audit information
In the case of the persons who are Directors at the time when this Directors' Report is approved in accordance with Section 330 of Companies Act 2014:

- so far as that director is aware, there is no relevant audit information of which the company's auditors are unaware, and
- that director has taken all the steps that ought to have been taken as a Director in order to be aware of any relevant audit information and to establish that the company's auditors are aware of that information.

Auditors
The auditors, Candor Chartered Accountants Limited, will continue in office in accordance with section 383(2) of the Companies Act 2014.

Approval of accounts
The accounts were approved by the board of directors on the 9th September 2025.

On behalf of the board

Laura Shehan

Louise Callaghan

STATEMENT OF DIRECTORS' RESPONSIBILITIES

The directors are responsible for preparing the Directors' Report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable Irish law and regulations.

Irish company law requires the directors to prepare financial statements for each financial year. Under the law, the directors have elected to prepare the financial statements in accordance with the Companies Act 2014 and FRS 102 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland' issued by the Financial Reporting Council as modified by the Statement of Recommended Practice 'Accounting and Reporting by Charities'. Under company law, the directors must not approve the financial statements unless they are satisfied that they give a true and fair view of the assets, liabilities and financial position of the company as at the financial year end date and of the surplus or deficit of the company for the financial year and otherwise comply with the Companies Act 2014.

In preparing these financial statements, the directors are required to:

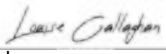
- select suitable accounting policies for the company financial statements and then apply them consistently;
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether the financial statements have been prepared in accordance with applicable accounting standards, identify those standards and note the effect and the reasons for any material departure from those standards; and
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the company will continue in business.

The directors are responsible for ensuring that the company keeps adequate accounting records which correctly explain and record the transactions of the company, enable at any time the assets, liabilities, financial position and surplus or deficit of the company to be determined with reasonable accuracy, enable them to ensure that the financial statements and Directors' Report comply with the Companies Act 2014 and enable the financial statements to be audited. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the company and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

The directors are responsible for the maintenance and integrity of the corporate and financial information included on the company's website.

Approved by the board on the 9th September 2025 and signed on its behalf by

Laura Shehan



Louise Callaghan

INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT

candor

Opinion

We have audited the financial statements of Street Feast CLG for the financial year ended 31st December 2024 which comprise the Statement of Financial Activities, the Balance Sheet, the Statement of Cashflows and notes to the financial statements, including a summary of significant accounting policies set out in Note 2. The financial reporting framework that has been applied in their preparation is applicable Irish law and Accounting Standards, including Financial Reporting Standard 102 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland' issued by the Financial Reporting Council as modified by the Statement of Recommended Practice 'Accounting and Reporting by Charities' (2nd edition, effective 1st January 2019).

In our opinion the financial statements:

- give a true and fair view of the assets, liabilities and financial position of the company as at 31st December 2024 and of its surplus for the year then ended; and
- have been properly prepared in accordance with Financial Reporting Standard 102 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland' as modified by the Statement of Recommended Practice 'Accounting and Reporting by Charities'; and
- have been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2014.

Basis for opinion

We conducted our audit in accordance with International Standards on Auditing (Ireland) (ISAs (Ireland)) and applicable law. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the "Auditors' responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements" section of our report. We are independent of the company in accordance with the ethical requirements that are relevant to our audit of the financial statements in Ireland, including the Ethical Standard as issued by the Irish Auditing and Accounting Service Authority ("IAASA") Ethical Standard and the provisions available for small entities, in the circumstances set out in Note 25 to the financial statements and we have fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with these requirements. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

Conclusions relating to going concern

We have nothing to report in respect of the following matters in relation to which the ISAs require us to report to you where:

- the directors' use of the going concern basis of accounting in the preparation of the financial statements is not appropriate; or
- the directors have not disclosed in the financial statements any identified material uncertainties that may cast significant doubt about the charity's ability to continue to adopt the going concern basis for a period of at least twelve months from the date when the financial statements are authorised for issue.

Other information

The directors are responsible for the other information. The other information comprises the information included in the annual report other than the financial statements and our Auditors' Report thereon. Our opinion on the financial statements does not cover the other information and, except to the extent otherwise explicitly stated in our report, we do not express any form of assurance conclusion thereon.

In connection with our audit of the financial statements, our responsibility is to read the other information and, in doing so, consider whether the other information is materially inconsistent with the financial statements or our knowledge obtained in the audit, or otherwise appears to be materially misstated. If we identify such material inconsistencies or apparent material misstatements, we are required to determine whether there is a material misstatement in the financial statements or a material misstatement of the other information. If, based on the work we have performed, we conclude that there is a material misstatement of this other information, we are required to report that fact.

We have nothing to report in this regard.

Opinions on other matters prescribed by the Companies Act 2014

Based solely on the work undertaken in the course of the audit, we report that:

- the information given in the Directors' Report for the financial year for which the financial statements are prepared is consistent with the financial statements; and
- in our opinion, the Directors' Report has been prepared in accordance with the Companies Act 2014.

Matters on which we are required to report by exception

Based on the knowledge and understanding of the company and its environment obtained in the course of the audit, we have not identified any material misstatements in the Directors' Report. The Companies Act 2014 requires us to report to you if, in our opinion, the disclosures of directors' remuneration and transactions required by sections 305 to 312 of the Act are not made. We have nothing to report in this regard.

INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT

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Respective responsibilities

Responsibilities of directors for the financial statements

As explained more fully in the Directors' Responsibilities Statement, the directors are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements and for being satisfied that they give a true and fair view and for such internal control as they determine is necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the financial statements, the directors are responsible for assessing the company's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to the going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless management either intends to liquidate the company or to cease operation, or has no realistic alternative but to do so.

Auditors' responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error and to issue an Auditors' Report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance, but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with ISAs (Ireland) will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of these financial statements.

A further description of our responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements is contained in the appendix to this report, located on page 133, which is to be read as an integral part of our report.

The purpose of our audit work and to whom we owe our responsibilities

Our report is made solely to the company's members, as a body, in accordance with section 391 of the Companies Act 2014. Our audit work has been undertaken so that we might state to the company's members those matters we are required to state to them in an Auditors' Report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, we do not accept or assume any responsibility to anyone other than the company and the company's members, as a body, for our audit work, for this report, or for the opinions we have formed.

George Taylor
for and on behalf of
CANDOR CHARTERED ACCOUNTANTS LIMITED
Chartered Accountants and Statutory Audit Firm
Harris House
IDA Business Park
Tuam Road
Galway

Date: 09th September 2025

APPENDIX TO THE INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT

Further information regarding the scope of our responsibilities as auditor

As part of an audit in accordance with ISAs (Ireland), we exercise professional judgement and maintain professional scepticism throughout the audit. We also:

- Identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error, design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks and obtain audit evidence that is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion. The risk of not detecting a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than for one resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control.
- Obtain an understanding of internal control relevant to the audit in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the company's internal control.
- Evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates and related disclosures made by the directors.
- Conclude on the appropriateness of the directors' use of the going concern basis of accounting and, based on the audit evidence obtained, whether a material uncertainty exists related to events or conditions that may cast significant doubt on the company's ability to continue as a going concern. If we conclude that a material uncertainty exists, we are required to draw attention in our Auditors' Report to the related disclosures in the financial statements or, if such disclosures are inadequate, to modify our opinion. Our conclusions are based on the audit evidence obtained up to the date of our Auditors' Report. However, future events or conditions may cause the company to cease to continue as a going concern.
- Evaluate the overall presentation, structure and content of the financial statements, including the disclosures and whether the financial statements represent the underlying transactions and events in a manner that achieves fair presentation.

We communicate with those charged with governance regarding, among other matters, the planned scope and timing of the audit and significant audit findings, including any significant deficiencies in internal control that we identify during our audit.

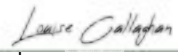
STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
For the financial year ended 31st December 2024

	Notes	Unrestricted funds €	Restricted funds €	Totals 2024 €	Totals 2023 €
Income from:					
Charitable activities	**5**	-	225,886	**225,886**	121,205
Other fundraising activities	**7**	200,211	-	**200,211**	201,242
Total income		200,211	225,886	**426,097**	322,447
Expenditure on:					
Project costs	**8**	104,853	190,658	**295,511**	191,091
Support costs	**8**	46,477	78,574	**125,051**	88,276
Total expenditure		151,330	269,232	**420,562**	279,367
Net income/(expenditure) before transfers		48,381	(43,346)	**5,535**	43,080
Transfers between funds					
Transfer to/(from) restricted fund deficit		(21,621)	21,621	-	-
Net movement in funds		**27,260**	**(21,725)**	**5,535**	**43,080**
Reconciliation of funds					
Total funds brought forward on 1st January 2024		70,337	21,725	92,062	48,982
Total funds carried forward at 31st December 2024		**97,597**	**-**	**97,597**	**92,062**

The Statement of Financial Activities includes all gains and losses recognised in the year. There are no other items to be included in the Statement of Comprehensive Income. Income and net income/(expenditure) arose solely from continuing activities. Movements in funds are set out in note 19 on page 28.

Approved by the board on the 9th September 2025 and signed on its behalf by

Laura Shehan



Louise Callaghan

BALANCE SHEET
As at 31st December 2024

	Notes	2024	2023
		€	€
Fixed assets			
Tangible assets	**14**	823	1,094
Current assets			
Debtors	**15**	-	19,905
Cash at bank and in hand	**16**	237,680	127,947
		238,503	147,852
Creditors – Amounts falling due within one year	**17**	(140,906)	(56,884)
Net current assets		**96,774**	90,968
Total assets less current liabilities		**97,597**	92,062
Creditors – Amounts falling due after more than one year		**-**	-
Net assets		**97,597**	92,062
Total funds of the charity			
Unrestricted funds		97,597	70,337
Restricted funds		-	21,275
Designated funds		-	-
Total charity funds	**19**	**97,597**	**92,062**

The notes on pages 17 to 29 form an integral part of these financial statements.

The financial statements on pages 14 to 29 were authorised for issue by the board of directors on the 9th September 2025 and signed on its behalf by:

Laura Shehan

Louise Callaghan

STATEMENT OF CASHFLOWS
For the year ended 31st December 2024

	Notes	2024	2023
		€	€
Net cash provided by charitable activities	**21**	**109,733**	54,728
Cash flows from investing activities			
Payments to acquire tangible fixed assets		-	(1,560)
Net cash (used in)/provided by investing activities		-	(1,560)
Change in cash and cash equivalents in the year		**109,733**	53,168
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of year		**127,947**	74,779
Cash and cash equivalents at end of year	**22**	**237,680**	127,947

Approved by the board on the 9th September 2025 and signed on its behalf by

Laura Shehan

Louise Callaghan

Notes to the financial statements - continued

1 General information

The company was formed in 2018 and aims to be provide community development services, in large part through inspiring and supporting local neighbourhood communities to host community get-togethers on theur streets.

Street Feast CLG is a company limited by guarantee in the Republic of Ireland and is a public benefit entity. The address of its registered office is The Corner House, Newtownmountkennedy, Wicklow, Ireland.

These financial statements are the company's financial statements for the financial year beginning the 1st January 2024 and ending the 31st December 2024.

The company's functional and presentation currency is the euro, denominated by the symbol "€".

2 Summary of significant accounting policies

The significant accounting policies used and consistently applied in the preparation of the entity's financial statements are set out below.

(a) Basis of preparation

The financial statements have been prepared with reference to the Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and the Republic of Ireland ((FRS 102) Charities SORP (FRS 102)), the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and the Republic of Ireland (FRS 102)) and the Companies Act, 2014.

Street Feast CLG meets the definition of a public benefit entity under FRS 102.

Assets and liabilities are initially recognised at historical cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant accounting policy note.

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with FRS 102 requires the use of certain key assumptions concerning the future and other key sources of estimation uncertainty at the end of the financial year. It also requires the directors to exercise their judgement in the process of applying the company's accounting policies. The areas involving a higher degree of judgement, or areas where assumptions and estimates have a significant risk of causing a material adjustment to the carrying amounts of assets and liabilities within the next financial year, are disclosed in note 3.

(b) Income

All income sources are included in the Statement of Financial Activities when the charity is entitled to the income, when the amount can be quantified with reasonable accuracy and when it is probable the income will be received. The following specific policies are applied to particular categories of income:

(i) Fundraising activities

Fund-raising income is shown gross before deduction of any overhead costs involved in raising such funds. Fund-raising includes fees invoiced from Street Feasts provided by the company.

(ii) Income from government grants

The company is in receipt of government grants to support the services that they provide. Income from government grants are recognised at fair value when the company has entitlement after any performance conditions have been met, it is probable that the income will be received and the amount can be measured reliably. Where the entitlement is not met then these amounts are deferred at the end of the financial year.

(iii) Revenue grants

Revenue grants relating to charitable activities are recognised when receivable and are reflected in the Statement of Financial Activities on this basis.

(iv) Capital grants

Grants receivable in connection with capital expenditure are recognised in the Statement of Financial Activities.

Notes to the financial statements - continued

(c) Deferred income

Grants and other income relating to expenditure which is to be incurred in a future accounting period are deferred and recognised in the period to which they relate.

(d) Restricted and unrestricted funds

Street Feast CLG operates the following funds:

(i) Restricted funds

Restricted funds are donations and other income sources, received for charitable purposes, which are to be spent within a reasonable period from their receipt to further specific purposes of the charity.

(ii) Unrestricted funds

Unrestricted surpluses are donations and other income sources, received or generated for charitable purposes, which can be used at the discretion of Street Feast CLG in furtherance of the objects of the charity.

(e) Expenditure

Expenditure is accounted for when it is incurred and includes amounts due but not paid at the end of the year. Expenditure includes Value Added Tax which cannot be recovered. Expenditures are allocated to the particular activity or service where the cost relates directly to that activity or service. The costs of supporting activities, training, volunteers and overall direction are reallocated to each activity or project based on staff and volunteer numbers and utilisation.

Expenditure on raising funds includes the staff time spent directly on raising funds, the cost of producing and disseminating literature and the delivery of fundraising events. The cost of generating funds also include the costs incurred in fundraising and encouraging third parties to make voluntary contributions. The costs are expensed when they are incurred, although the benefit in terms of funds raised may occur in a future period.

(f) Tangible fixed assets

Tangible fixed assets are stated at cost less accumulated depreciation and accumulated impairment losses. Cost includes the original purchase price, costs directly attributable to bringing the asset to the location and condition necessary for its intended use, applicable dismantling, removal and restoration costs. Fixed assets acquired for specific projects with no intended use outside those projects are expensed to the SOFA in the year of acquisition.

(i) Depreciation and residual values

Depreciation is calculated using the straight-line method, so as to write off their cost less residual amounts over their estimated useful economic lives; some older assets may be depreciated using the reducing balance method over their estimated useful lives, as follows:

Fixtures fittings and equipment	33.3% straight line

The assets' residual values and estimated useful economic lives are reviewed at the end of each financial year and the depreciation charge adjusted, where appropriate, in order to reflect any revisions required.

Fully depreciated property, plant and equipment are retained in the asset register until they are removed from service.

(ii) Repairs and maintenance

Repairs, maintenance and minor inspection costs are expensed as incurred.

(iii) De-recognition

Tangible assets are de-recognised on disposal or when no future economic benefit is expected. On disposal, the difference between the net disposal proceeds and the carrying amount is recognised in the Statement of Financial Activities.

Notes to the financial statements - continued

(g) Financial instruments

The company has chosen to apply the provisions of Sections 11 and 12 of FRS 102 to account for all of its financial instruments.

(i) Financial assets

Basic financial assets, including sundry debtors, cash and cash equivalents, short-term deposits and investments in corporate bonds, are initially recognised at the transaction price (including transaction costs), unless the arrangement constitutes a financing transaction. There are currently no financial asset arrangements that constitute a financing arrangement.

Other financial assets are initially measured at fair value, which is normally the transaction price.

Realised gains and losses on disposal of investments are the difference between sales proceeds receivable and carrying value. Unrealised gains and losses are the difference between market value at year end and carrying value.

Financial assets are de-recognised when (a) the contractual rights to the cash flows from the asset expire or are settled, or (b) substantially all the risks and rewards of ownership of the financial asset are transferred to another party, or (c) control of the financial asset has been transferred to another party who has the practical ability to unilaterally sell the financial asset to an unrelated third party without imposing additional restrictions.

(ii) Financial liabilities

Basic financial liabilities, including trade and other creditors, are initially recognised at transaction price, unless the arrangement constitutes a financing transaction. Where the arrangement constitutes a financing transaction, the resulting financial liability is initially measured at present value of the future payments, discounted at a market rate of interest for a similar debt instrument.

(h) Cash and cash equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents include cash on hand, demand deposits and other short term highly liquid investments with original maturities of three months or less.

(i) Contingencies

Contingent liabilities arising as a result of past events, are not recognised when;

i) It is not probable that there will be an outflow of resources or that the amount cannot reliably measured at the reporting date or

ii) When the existence will be confirmed by the occurrence or non-occurrence of uncertain future events not wholly within the company's control.

Contingent liabilities are disclosed in the financial statements unless the probability of an outflow of resources is remote.

Contingent assets are not recognised. Contingent assets are disclosed in the financial statements when an inflow of economic benefits is probable.

(j) Provisions

Provisions are recognised when the company has a present legal or constructive obligation arising as a result of a past event; it is probable that an outflow of economic benefits will be required to settle the obligation and a reliable estimate can be made.

Provisions are measured at present value of the expenditures expected to be required to settle the obligation, using a pre-tax rate that reflects current market assessments of the same value of money and the risks specific to the obligation. The increase in the provision due to passage of time is recognised as a finance cost within the expenditure on charitable activities.

(k) Allocation of support costs

Support costs are derived from those functions that assist the work of the company but do not directly relate to charitable activities. Support costs include back office costs, finance, personnel, payroll and governance costs which support the charitable programmes and activities. These costs have been allocated on the basis of staff and volunteer numbers and utilisation as appropriate.

Notes to the financial statements - continued

(l) Employee benefits

(i) Short term benefits

Short term employees' benefits, including paid holiday arrangements and other similar non-monetary benefits, are recognised as an expense in the financial year in which employees render the related service.

3 Critical accounting judgements and estimation uncertainty

Estimates and judgements made in the process of preparing the company's financial statements are continually evaluated and are based on historical experience and other factors, including expectations of future events that are believed to be reasonable under the circumstances.

Critical accounting estimates and assumptions

The directors make estimates and assumptions concerning the future in the process of preparing the company's financial statements. The resulting accounting estimates will, by definition, seldom equal the related actual results. The estimates and assumptions that have a significant risk of causing a material adjustment to the carrying amounts of assets and liabilities within the next financial year are addressed below.

(i) Useful economic lives of tangible fixed assets

The annual depreciation on tangible fixed assets is sensitive to changes in the estimated useful economic lives and residual values of the assets. The useful economic lives and residual values are reviewed annually. They are amended when necessary to reflect current estimates, based on technological advancement, future investments, economic utilisation and the physical condition of the assets. See note 14 for the carrying amounts of the tangible fixed assets and note 2(f) for the useful economic lives for each class of tangible fixed assets.

(ii) Going concern

A change in government policy regarding the annual grant funding provided to the company could have a negative impact on the services the company is able to provide and the ability of Street Feast CLG to continue as a going concern. The directors, after making enquiries and having considered the company's financial position and expected future cash flows, conclude there are no material uncertainties about the company's ability to continue operating for the foreseeable future. For this reason, the going concern basis continues to be adopted in preparing the financial statements.

4 Adoption of FRS102 Charities SORP and restatement of the balance sheet reserves

The company transitioned from FRS 102 as at the 1st January 2023. No transition adjustments were required other that the split of the reserves between restricted and unrestricted. As a result, the 2023 balance sheet amounts on page 16 are shown as restated.

5 Income from charitable activities

	2024	2023
	€	€
Government grants (Note 6)	225,886	111,705
Other grants	-	9,500
	225,886	**121,205**

Notes to the financial statements - continued

Name and performance conditions\restrictions of annual grant (continued)	Total grant awarded over term	Grants due or (deferred) at 1 Jan 2024	Grant amount received in the year	Grant taken to income in the year	Grants due or (deferred) at 31 Dec 2024	Grant expensed in the year
	€	€	€	€	€	€
6 Income from charitable activities – Government and other annual grants						
All grants detailed below are annual service type grants not of a capital nature, are for restricted use (unless otherwise stated), and the term of the grant is for year ended December 2024 unless otherwise indicated.						
South Dublin County Council (Department of Rural and Community Development)	4,000	-	4,000	4,000	-	4,000
Its purpose is to fund a Street Feast project in South Dublin						
Fingal County Council (Department of Rural and Community Development)						
Its purpose is to fund a Street Feast project in Fingal	5,500	-	5,500	5,500	-	5,500
Dublin City Council (Department of Rural and Community Development)	10,000	-	10,000	10,000	-	10,000
Its purpose is to fund a Street Feast project in Dublin City						
Cavan County Council (Department of Rural and Community Development)	1,000	-	1,000	1,000	-	1,000
Its purpose is to fund a Street Feast project in County Cavan						
Department of Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth	15,000	-	15,000	-	(15,000)	-
Its purpose is to fund a Street Feast Integration Programme						
Wicklow County Council (Department of Rural and Community Development)						
Its purpose is to fund a Street Feast project in County Wicklow	5,000	-	5,000	5,000	-	5,000
Kildare County Council (Department of Rural and Community Development)						
Its purpose is to fund a Street Feast project in County Kildare	4,600	-	4,600	4,600	-	4,600

Notes to the financial statements - continued

Name and performance conditions\restrictions of annual grant (continued)	Total grant awarded over term	Grants due or (deferred) at 1 Jan 2024	Grant amount received in the year	Grant taken to income in the year	Grants due or (deferred) at 31 Dec 2024	Grant expensed in the year
	€	€	€	€	€	€
Sligo County Council (Department of Rural and Community Development)						
Its purpose is to fund a Street Feast project in County Sligo	2,000	-	2,000	2,000	-	2,000
Cork City Council (Department of Rural and Community Development)						
Its purpose is to fund a Street Feast project in Cork City	4,000	-	4,000	4,000	-	4,000
Meath County Council (Department of Rural and Community Development)						
Its purpose is to fund a Street Feast project in County Meath	1,000	-	1,000	1,000	-	1,000
Kilkenny County Council (Department of Rural and Community Development)						
Its purpose is to fund a Street Feast project in County Kilkenny	850	-	850	850	-	850
Waterford County Council (Department of Rural and Community Development)						
Its purpose is to fund a Street Feast project in County Waterford	2,000	-	2,000	2,000	-	2,000
Kilkenny County Council (Department of Rural and Community Development)						
Its purpose is to fund a Street Feast project in County Kilkenny	1,550	-	1,550	1,550	-	1,550
Dun Laoghaire Rathdown County Council (Department of Rural and Community Development)						
Its purpose is to fund a Street Feast project in Dun Laoghaire Rathdown	5,650	-	5,650	5,650	-	5,650
Galway City Council (Department of Rural and Community Development)						
Its purpose is to fund a Street Feast project in Galway City	2,000	-	2,000	2,000	-	2,000
Department of Rural and Community Development						
Its purpose is to fund the Street Feast Campaign	50,000	-	50,000	50,000	-	50,000

Notes to the financial statements - continued

Name and performance conditions\restrictions of annual grant (continued)	Total grant awarded over term	Grants due or (deferred) at 1 Jan 2024	Grant amount received in the year	Grant taken to income in the year	Grants due or (deferred) at 31 Dec 2024	Grant expensed in the year
	€	€	€	€	€	€
Kerry County Council (Department of Rural and Community Development)						
Its purpose is to fund a Street Feast project in County Kerry	1,000	-	1,000	1,000	-	1,000
Spark Climate Action Project (Administered by Pobal on behalf of the Department of Environment, Climate and Communication						
Its purpose is to fund the Spark Project (in 2023 and 2024)	10,000	(5,000)	-	5,000	-	5,000
Dublin City Council (Department of Rural and Community Development)						
Its purpose is to fund a Street Feast project in Dublin City	4,000	4,000	4,000	-	-	-
South Dublin County Council (Department of Rural and Community Development)						
Its purpose is to fund a Street Feast project in South Dublin	3,000	3,000	3,000	-	-	-
Wexford County Council (Department of Rural and Community Development)						
Its purpose is to fund a Street Feast project in County Wexford	1,250	-	1,250	1,250	-	1,250
Shared Plate Project Funding						
Its purpose is to fund the community climate project (in 2023 and 2024)	67,883	12,905	67,883	54,978	-	54,978
Shared Plate Project Funding						
Its purpose is to fund the community climate project (in 2024 and 2025)	67,883	-	67,883	64,508	(3,375)	64,508

Notes to the financial statements - continued

7 Other fundraising activities

	2024	2023
	€	€
Contribution to Home Together Programme	**199,329**	201,242
Other Income	**882**	-
	200,211	201,242

8 Resources expended

Expenditure on charitable activities has been classified to comply with Charities SORP (FRS 102). Such costs include the direct costs of providing its activities along with those management costs (training, finance and administration costs) incurred that enable these activities to be undertaken. These have been allocated across the activities based on staff and utilisation.

Total management costs for the year ended December 2024 of €125,051 (2023: €88,276) were 30% (2023: 32%) of the total expenditure and include headcount costs of €71,149 (2023: €48,596). These costs are reflected in the Statement of Financial Activities and a breakdown is included in the table below:

	Staff costs	Direct costs	Depreciation costs	Other Support costs	Total
	€	€	€	€	€
For the year ended 31st December 2024					
Project costs	203,475	91,765	271	-	295,511
Management costs	71,149	-	-	53,902	125,051
Total 2024	**274,624**	**91,765**	**271**	**53,902**	**420,562**

	Staff costs	Direct costs	Depreciation costs	Other Support costs	Total
	€	€	€	€	€
For the year ended 31st December 2023					
Project costs	102,785	87,840	466	-	191,091
Support costs	48,596	-	-	39,680	88,276
Total 2023	**151,381**	**87,840**	**-**	**39,680**	**279,367**

Direct costs are costs incurred in running the activities which includes the cost of contractors, project materials and marketing and social media. Support costs include accounting and finance, maintenance, I.T., human resources, administration and general management functions.

9 Operating surplus is stated after charging/(crediting)

	2024	2023
	€	€
Operating surplus is stated after charging/(crediting):		
Staff costs (Note 10)	**274,623**	151,381
Depreciation	**271**	466
Auditors' remuneration		
Audit of charity's financial statements	**7,688**	5,535

Notes to the financial statements - continued

10 Employee information and benefits

(a) The average number of employees during the year is analysed below:

	2024	**2023**
	No.	No.
Service provision	**7**	5
Management and administration	**2**	1
	9	6

(b)

The company's employment costs for all employees comprise:

	2024	**2023**
	€	**€**
Wages, salaries and other costs	**249,020**	137,406
Social insurance costs	**25,603**	13,975
	274,623	151,381

No employees earned a salary in excess of €60,000 during the year or prior year.

11 Key management personnel

The charity considers its Chief Executive Officer to be key management personnel and who earned a salary of €47,844 in 2024 (2023: €43,134).

12 Directors' remuneration and expenses

No members of the board of directors received any remuneration during the year or in the previous year.

13 Taxation

No provision for taxation has been made because the company, being a registered charitable organisation, is exempt from tax under Section 207 and 208 of the Taxes Consolidation Acts, 1997.

Notes to the financial statements - continued

14 Tangible fixed assets	Equipment	Total
	€	€
Cost		
At 1st January 2024	-	-
Additions	1,560	1,560
At 31st December 2024	**1,560**	**1,560**
Accumulated depreciation		
At 1st January 2024	466	466
Charge for the year	271	271
At 31st December 2024	**737**	**737**
Net book value		
At 31st December 2024	**823**	**823**
At 1st January 2024	**1,094**	**1,094**

15 Debtors	2024	2023
	€	€
Amounts falling due within one year:		
Trade debtors	-	-
Prepayments and accrued income	-	19,905
	-	19,905

16 Cash at bank and in hand	2024	2023
	€	€
Current accounts	**237,680**	127,947
	237,680	127,947

Notes to the financial statements - continued

17 **Creditors** – Amounts falling due within one year	**2024**	**2023**
	€	€
Trade creditors	**1,245**	7,003
Accruals	**12,767**	4,699
PAYE and pay related social insurance	**5,566**	4,577
Deferred income (Note 18)	**121,328**	40,605
	140,906	56,884

Deferred income represents advances paid on grants and other revenues received in the year ended 31st December 2024 which are to be recognised as income in the year ended 31st December 2025.

18 **Deferred income**	**2024**	**2023**
	€	**€**
At beginning of period	**40,608**	28,000
Grants and other income advance utilised in current year	**(40,608)**	(28,000)
Grants and other income received in period for use in following year	**121,328**	40,608
At end of period	**121,328**	40,608
Split of deferred income:		
Amounts falling due within one year	**121,328**	40,608
Amounts falling due after more than one year	-	-
	121,328	40,608

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19 Reconciliation of movements in accumulated funds

Funds description	Balance at start of year	Incoming resources	Resources expended	Transfers	Balance at end of year
	€	€	€	€	€
Restricted funds					
Grant income	21,725	224,886	(269,232)	21,621	-
Unrestricted funds					
General funds	70,337	200,211	(151,330)	(21,621)	97,597
Accumulated funds	**92,062**	**426,097**	**(420,562)**	**-**	**97,597**

20 Analysis of net assets between funds

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Designated funds	Total funds 2024
	€	€	€	€
Tangible assets	823	-	-	823
Current assets	237,680	-	-	237,680
Creditors falling due within one year	(122,531)	(18,375)	-	(140,906)
Creditors due after more than one year	-	-	-	-
Net assets at 31st December 2024	**137,093**	**(39,496)**	**-**	**97,597**

21 Reconciliation of net income to net cash flow from charitable activities

	2024	2023
	€	€
Income for the period (as per the Statement of Financial Activities)		
Net income	**5,535**	**43,080**
Depreciation charges	**271**	466
Decrease/(Increase) in debtors	**19,905**	(13,905)
Increase in deferred income	**80,720**	12,608
Increase in creditors	**3,302**	12,479
Net cash provided by charitable activities	**109,733**	54,728

22 Analysis of cash and cash equivalents

	At 1st January 2024	Cash flow	At 31st December 2024
	€	€	€
Cash at bank and in hand	127,947	109,733	237,680
Net funds	**127,947**	**109,733**	**237,680**

23 Capital commitments

The company did not have any capital commitments at the year end.

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24 Contingent liabilities

The company did not have any contingent liabilities at the year end.

25 APB Ethical Standard – Provisions Available for Small Entities

In common with many other businesses of our size and nature, we use our auditors to assist with preparation of the financial statements.

26 Limited liability

The company is limited by guarantee and does not have a share capital. Each member's liability in the event of winding up will not exceed €2.

27 Post Balance Sheet events

There has been no events affecting the company since the year end.

28 Related party transactions

There were no related party transactions during the year.

29 Tax clearance

Street Feast CLG has an up-to-date tax clearance certificate as at the date of approval of the financial statements.

30 Approval of financial statements

The accounts were approved by the board of directors on the 9th September 2025.

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