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Dear Cathy,

AQW 44961/22-27 - To detail the amount invested in the South Down constituency in the (i) 2022-23; (ii) 2023-24; (iii) 2024-25; and (iv) 2025-26, financial years; and (v) in total since 2022.

Due to the large volume of detail required to provide an answer to your question, I have arranged for this to be placed in the Assembly Library.

Yours sincerely,



**Gordon Lyons MLA
Minister for Communities**

AQW 44961/22-27 - Annex A

The amount my Department has invested in the South Down constituency in the years requested is outlined in the table below.

| Group / organisation / initiative funded | 2022-23 (£) | 2023-24 (£) | 2024-25 (£) | 2025-26 (£) | Total since 2022 (£) |
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| TNIFF/Warrenpoint FC/Football Ground Business Case Development Fund | | 10,750 | 14,250 | | 25,000 |
| TNIFF/Rathfriland Rangers FC | | | | 15,000 | 15,000 |
| Newry, Mourne & Down District Council – Community Festivals Fund^^ | 36,000 | 35,900 | 35,900 | 35,850 | 143,650 |
| Armagh City, Banbridge & Craigavon Borough Council – Community Festivals Fund^^ | 42,400 | 42,600 | 42,700 | 42,750 | 170,450 |
| Newry, Mourne & Down District Council – Access & Inclusion – Bowling Greens^^ | | 18,900 | | | 18,900 |
| Downpatrick Railway – Access & Inclusion (NIMC) | | 25,695 | | | 25,695 |
| Roof & Window Repair Streams | 24,000 | | 6,000 | 19,144 | 49,144 |

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| Monuments Regeneration – Islandmoyle, Dunbeg Hilfort & Moygannon Stone | 1,663 | | | | 1,663 |
| Heritage Regeneration - Margaret's Castle | | | | 10,000 | 10,000 |
| Newry Canal Conservation: Tree Clearance Project | | | | 6,100 | 6,100 |
| Newry Mourne & Down District Council - Heritage Regeneration Stream - Newry Canal^^ | | | | 10,000 | 10,000 |
| Inland Waterways Association of Ireland - Report Newry Canal | | | | 600 | 600 |
| Architectural Heritage Fund Convent Hall, Rostrevor | 10,000 | | 20,000 | | 30,000 |
| Architectural Heritage Fund – Market House, Rathfriland | | | | 10,000 | 10,000 |
| Dundrum Castle – Conservation Works | 55,516 | 19,858 | 40,679 | 30,682 | 146,735 |
| Narrow Water Castle | 6,111 | 1,112 | 1,212 | 1,050 | 9,485 |
| Lisnavarragh Fort | 6,760 | 6,760 | 21,250 | | 34,770 |
| Clough Castle – grounds maintenance | 1,850 | | | | 1,850 |

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| Mound of Down | 1,375 | | 26,657 | | 28,032 |
| Knockevin Special School, Downpatrick, SRC Newry – funded Dome visit | | | | 1,300 | 1,300 |
| Newry High School, Kilkeel PS – AOP and Royal Institution funded visit | | | | 1,600 | 1,600 |
| Our Lady’s Newry, Newbridge Integrated, St. Pauls; Bessbrook– UKSA funded outreach | | | 1,950 | | 1,950 |
| Rathore Special School – Funded dome visit | | | 650 | | 650 |
| Cortamlet PS – Armagh Observatory Planetarium and Royal Institution funded visit | | | 800 | | 800 |
| Knockevin Special School, Downpatrick, Ardmore Special School Downpatrick, Rathore Special School– Bold Futures funded visit | 650 | 1,950 | | | 2,600 |
| Annual Funding Programme - Exchequer & Lottery Resource for Arts Organisations | 51,588 | 51,588 | 51,588 | 51,588 | 206,352 |
| Health & Safety Capital Programme | 18,804 | 30,000 | | | 48,804 |
| Musical Instruments Programme | | 57,035 | 96,414 | 114,948 | 268,397 |
| Small Capital Programme | | | 4,021 | 5,488 | 9,509 |

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| Rural Engagement Programme | 36,020 | 36,761 | | 7,050 | 79,831 |
| Small Grants Programme | 38,900 | 7,880 | | 8,438 | 55,218 |
| Arts & Older People Programme | | | | 12,170 | 12,170 |
| Young People & Well-Being Programme | | 1,130 | | | 1,130 |
| Travel Awards for Bands | | | | 6,000 | 6,000 |
| Arts Council - Support for Individual Artists Programme | 39,379 | 40,076 | 43,719 | 38,028 | 161,202 |
| Arts Council – Individual Digital Evolution Programme | 15,411 | | | | 15,411 |
| Castlewellan Library | 86,784 | 76,691 | 103,302 | 92,261 | 359,038 |
| Downpatrick Library | 298,429 | 214,237 | 252,952 | 252,283 | 1,017,902 |
| Kilkeel Library | 136,278 | 140,610 | 161,888 | 163,698 | 602,473 |
| Newcastle Library | 158,447 | 141,879 | 167,218 | 168,720 | 636,264 |
| Rathfriland Library | 78,069 | 69,627 | 65,402 | 77,614 | 290,711 |

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| Warrenpoint Library | 121,397 | 114,561 | 154,400 | 140,203 | 530,561 |
| Down County Museum, Downpatrick & County Down Railway, Newry and Mourne Museum | 2,997 | 49,050 | | 26,196 | 78,244 |
| Community Impact | 38,944 | 40,663 | 44,164 | 47,274 | 171,045 |
| Festivals | 24,650 | 20,000 | 20,000 | 20,000 | 84,650 |
| Schools Tuition | 19,600 | | 20,000 | 20,000 | 59,600 |
| Music & Dance Tuition | 45,223 | 45,478 | 46,794 | 32,900 | 170,395 |
| Summer schools | 13,834 | 14,660 | 13,302 | 8,594 | 50,389 |
| Small Events | 21,494 | 14,597 | 4,319 | | 40,410 |
| Covid Recovery | 217,405 | | | | 217,405 |
| Energy Support | | 7,537 | | | 7,537 |
| USA 250 | | | | 20,000 | 20,000 |

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| Business Development Officer – Schomberg Society, Kilkeel | | | | 30,000 | 30,000 |
| Education: Flagship / Autistic Spectrum Condition / Music / Shared Opportunities in Education | 2,245 | | 1,259 | 590 | 4,093 |
| Community Showcasing | 6,550 | 300 | 500 | 100 | 7,450 |
| School Workshops | 1,362 | 343 | 733 | 621 | 3,059 |
| Special Needs interventions | 700 | 517 | | | 1,217 |
| Music accreditation | | | 975 | | 975 |
| Fuse FM | 2,878 | | 5,468 | 3,943 | 12,290 |
| Events / Burns / Roadshow / misc | 1,300 | 988 | 142 | 164 | 2,594 |
| Public Health Agency – Health & Community Engagement – Leaders of Tomorrow | 25,000 | 25,000 | 26,250 | 27,563 | 103,813 |
| South Eastern Health and Social Care Trust – Family Health and Wellbeing Programme | 114,839 | 93,256 | 89,483 | 92,618 | 390,195 |
| Newry Mourne & Down District Council – Technical Assistance^^ | 15,267 | 15,224 | 15,985 | 16,784 | 63,260 |

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| South Eastern Regional College | 63,309 | 52,874 | 41,192 | 58,294 | 215,669 |
| County Down Rural Community Network | 6,001 | 14,903 | 25,953 | 22,834 | 69,691 |
| Newry Mourne & Down District Council - Marian Park Play Equipment^^ | | 6,276 | | | 6,276 |
| Patrician Youth Centre - Purchase and Installation of Heating Boiler | | | | 18,801 | 18,801 |
| Newry Mourne & Down District Council for the Kilkeel Town Centre Revitalisation^^ | | | 19,950 | | 19,950 |
| Newry Mourne & Down District Council for the Irish Open Legacy Project Newcastle^^ | | | 225,650 | | 225,650 |
| Newry Mourne & Down District Council for Decourcy Place Church St Downpatrick Public Realm Scheme^^ | | | | 2,760,000 | 2,760,000 |
| Newry Mourne & Down District Council for the Warrenpoint Front Shore Car Parks Public Realm Scheme^^ | | 1,895,000 | | | 1,895,000 |
| Newry Mourne & Down District Council for the Dunleath Urban Sports Park Downpatrick^^ | | | 452,000 | 54,000 | 506,000 |
| Newry Mourne & Down District Council for the Warrenpoint Front Shore Revitalisation^^ | | 40,000 | | | 40,000 |
| Newry Mourne & Down District Council for the Newcastle Outdoor Events Space^^ | | 200,000 | | | 200,000 |

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| Newry Mourne & Down District Council for Lynne Doyle Place Downpatrick EI^^ | | 100,000 | | | 100,000 |
| Newry Mourne & Down District Council for De-risking of 39 Irish Street Downpatrick^^ | | 530,000 | | | 530,000 |
| Newry Mourne & Down District Council for dismantlement of 39 Irish Street Downpatrick^^ | | 333,000 | | | 333,000 |
| Newry Mourne & Down District Council for the Kilkeel Square Feasibility Study^^ | | 14,810 | | | 14,810 |
| Newry Mourne & Down District Council for Mourne Esplanade Upgrade Kilkeel^^ | | | | 5,000 | 5,000 |
| Newry Mourne & Down District Council for Ballynahinch Christmas lights^^ | | | | 20,000 | 20,000 |
| Funding to the Dept for Infrastructure | 120,000 | 275,000 | 170,000 | 80,500 | 645,500 |
| Newry, Mourne & Down Labour Market Partnership | 525,886 | 527,874 | 544,859 | 665,590 | 2,264,209 |
| Armagh, Banbridge & Craigavon Labour Market Partnership | 536,346 | 552,405 | 537,951 | 684,666 | 2,311,368 |
| Warrenpoint Town FC - Building Better Sports Facilities (Exchequer Capital) | 25,000 | | | | 25,000 |
| Mourne Heritage Trust – Supporting the Mourne Engagement Rangers Project (Exchequer Capital) | 10,000 | 10,000 | | 10,000 | 30,000 |

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| Liatroim Fontenoys GAC - Building Better Sports Facilities (Exchequer Capital) | 25,000 | | | | 25,000 |
| Down GAA County Board – Safety at Sports Grounds (Exchequer Capital) | 30,000 | 60,000 | | | 90,000 |
| Russell Gaelic Union GAC – Safety at Sports Grounds (Exchequer Capital) | 10,240 | | | | 10,240 |
| Ballynahinch Rugby FC - Building Better Sports Facilities (Exchequer Capital) | | 25,000 | | | 25,000 |
| Newry Mourne and Down DC – Community Planning Be Active for Life Programme & Autism Swimming (Exchequer Revenue)^^^ | | 30,000 | | | 30,000 |
| Celtic Bhoys FC – Olympic Legacy Fund (Exchequer Capital) | | | | 9,425 | 9,425 |
| Downpatrick Cricket Club - Olympic Legacy Fund (Exchequer Capital) | | | | 31,980 | 31,980 |
| Mayobridge GAC - Olympic Legacy Fund (Exchequer Capital) | | | | 32,500 | 32,500 |
| St Peter GAA - Olympic Legacy Fund (Exchequer Capital) | | | | 36,743 | 36,743 |
| Drumaness Mills FC - Olympic Legacy Fund (Exchequer Capital) | | | | 27,950 | 27,950 |
| Drumaness Superkings CC - Olympic Legacy Fund (Exchequer Capital) | | | | 30,392 | 30,392 |

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| An Grúpa Tuismitheoirí ** | 3,500 | 1,750 | 1,750 | 3,500 | 10,500 |
| Club Óige Luraigh ** | 5,350 | 5,250 | 5,250 | 5,250 | 21,100 |
| CNAG Boirche Íochtair** | 7,000 | 69,500 | 1,750 | 63,050 | 141,300 |
| Coiste Champa Chormaic ** | 1,750 | 3,500 | 1,750 | | 7,000 |
| Conradh na Gaeilge Boirche Íoc** | 55,270 | | 59,550 | | 114,820 |
| Cumann Gaelach Leath Chathail ** | 41,875 | 43,210 | 41,704 | 44,747 | 171,537 |
| Glór Uachtar Tíre ** | 51,086 | 57,160 | 47,825 | 50,150 | 206,221 |
| INF Rostrevor** | 375 | | | 292 | 667 |
| Mayobridge Youth Club ** | 1,750 | | | | 1,750 |
| Naíscóil Bheanna Boirche** | 3,500 | | | 1,750 | 5,250 |
| Scoil na Fuisseoige** | | 3,500 | | 3,500 | 7,000 |
| Droichead Mhaigh Eo** | | | 1,750 | | 1,750 |

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| Club Óige an Dúin** | | | 3,500 | 3,500 | 7,000 |
| Cairde Bunscoil na Traonaigh** | | | 1,750 | 1,750 | 3,500 |
| NI Primary School Resources** | | | | 1,200 | 1,200 |
| Tierney's Vivo** | | | | 750 | 750 |
| Co-Ownership | 926,000 | 763,000 | 893,000 | 350,000 | 2,932,000 |
| NIHE stock investment*** | 46,116,000 | 35,410,000 | 35,123,000 | 37,155,000 | 153,804,000 |
| Supporting People Programme **** | 3,041,000 | 3,188,000 | 3,288,000 | 3,459,000 | 12,976,000 |
| Homeless Investment ***** | 1,374,000 | 1,772,000 | 1,677,000 | 2,054,000 | 6,877,000 |
| Social Housing Development Programme | 2,428,000 | 596,000 | | | 3,024,000 |
| Private Sector Grants*** | 3,130,000 | 3,551,000 | 3,135,000 | 3,426,000 | 13,242,000 |
| Energy Efficiency Grant**** | 3,811,000 | 2,346,000 | 1,827,000 | 2,335,000 | 10,319,000 |

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| Newry, Mourne & Down District Council - Covid Recovery Small Settlements Regeneration Programme ^{^^*****} | 487,000 | | | | 487,000 |
| Centre of Participation, Wellbeing & Shared Learning Hub | | | 2,000,000 | | 2,000,000 |

* Allocation figure – final spend not yet known

** Figures are reported by calendar year. For this exercise, the figure for each year reflects the period in which most of the reporting falls.

*** Not held at constituency level. Amounts reflect the total amount invested to Newry Mourne and Down & Armagh, Banbridge and Craigavon.

**** Expenditure within the South Down Constituency where available. Due to the area-based nature of floating support services, the figures provided may include activity from surrounding constituencies and cannot be disaggregated further

***** Data not held prior to 2025/26. An approximation has been made based on information available. Figures represent the gross cost payable to secure temporary accommodation in the South Down area and does not reflect income received such as Housing Benefit or personal contributions.

^{^^} These are relating to council level expenditure