

# The 1st Old Boys Silver Band

Northern Ireland · Charity number 100053

## Details

Status	Received
Registered	2014-05-19
Register	<a href="#">View on the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland register</a>

## Contact

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## Activities

**Purposes:** • To promote the playing, understanding and appreciation of brass band music in its various forms. • The provision of training for band members by way of regular practices, private and public musical engagements and taking part in contests. • To enhance the musical interests of the public, thereby publicising the name and accomplishments of the city of Belfast. • To foster good relationships and participation with other musical organisations within the Belfast area. • To increase facilities for the musical advancement of the members and to stimulate local interest in the musical and cultural development of the band.

**What the charity does:** The advancement of education, The advancement of citizenship or community development, The advancement of the arts, culture, heritage or science

**How the charity works:** Arts, Community development, Education/training, Youth development

**Who the charity helps:** Children (5-13 year olds), General public, Older people, Youth (14-25 year olds)

## Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2024-12-31	£24,773	£34,883	£0	0

## Trustees

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Name	Role	Appointed
Joe Cassells		
Ronald White		
William Mccann		

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# Accounts

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# 1ST OLD BOYS SILVER BAND

ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER  
2024

**Income and Expenditure Account for the year ended 31/12/2024**

	2024		2023	
	£	£	£	£
<b><i>Opening Balance</i></b>		<b>15,963.37</b>		<b>13,105.31</b>
<b>INCOME</b>				
Dues		7,317.73		4,670.03
Engagements		3,454.13		2,290.00
Bank Interest		97.92		113.63
Prizes		3,054.53		550.00
Donations		595.00		100.00
Fundraising		405.00		9,442.59
Away Trip Income (incl. player contributions)		2,152.50		5,471.53
Concert Tickets		563.65		-
Refunds		47.20		-
Gift Aid		3,390.86		-
ACNI Income		3,694.50		-
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<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>		<b>24,773.02</b>		<b>22,637.78</b>
<b>EXPENDITURE</b>				
Conducting		5,080.00		4,293.85
Guest Conducting		250.00		180.00
Entry & Affiliations		584.00		427.00
Library Stationery		241.58		1,504.15
Bank Charges		89.06		114.47
Fundraising Expenses		-		3,218.86
Away Trip Expenditure		22,531.73		7,050.00
ACNI Expenditure		2,873.32		-
ACNI Refund		497.54		-
<i>Other expenses:</i>				
Band Insurance	907.12		918.44	
Lift Maintenance	52.85		172.16	
Hall Hire	270.00		240.00	
Instrument & Equipment Expenses	128.95		998.42	
Trophies & Engraving	30.93		168.00	
Photography & Social Media			141.74	
Player Expenses	530.54		17.98	
Competition Expenses (incl. accompanists)	255.77		263.65	
Uniform Expenses	560.16		71.00	
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		2,736.32		2,991.39
<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURE</b>		<b>(34,883.55)</b>		<b>(19,779.72)</b>
<b><i>Closing Balance</i></b>		<b>5,852.84</b>		<b>15,963.37</b>

**Bank Reconciliation Statement for the year ended 31/12/2024**

	£
Cash balance as per bank statement (A/C No1)	6,352.86
Cash balance as per bank statement (A/C No2)	209.37
Cash balance as per away trip bank account	-
<b>Cash balance as per bank statements</b>	<b>6,562.23</b>
Deduct: Outstanding cheques	(634.39)
CHQ Number 1995	
CHQ Number 2059	(75.00)
<b>Adjusted cash balance (balance as per books)</b>	<b>5,852.84</b>

**Statement of Assets and Liabilities for the year ended 31/12/2024**

	£
<b>Bank &amp; Cash</b>	
Bank Account No1	6,352.86
Bank Account No2	209.37
Away Trip Bank Account	-
	<b>6,562.23</b>
<b>Other Assets</b>	
Instrument Inventory	133,372.00
	<b>139,934.23</b>
<b>Total Assets</b>	<b>139,934.23</b>
<b>Liabilities</b>	
Outstanding cheques	(709.39)
	<b>139,224.84</b>
<b>Total Net Assets</b>	<b>139,224.84</b>

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# 1ST OLD BOYS SILVER BAND

ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2023

## Income and Expenditure Account for the year ended 31/12/2023

	2023		2022	
	£	£	£	£
<b>Opening Balance</b>		<b>13,105.31</b>		<b>7,592.51</b>
<b>INCOME</b>				
Dues		4,670.03		3,873.53
Transfer from Youth Band A/C		0.00		5,248.89
Engagements		2,290.00		3,737.50
Bank Interest		113.63		12.08
Prizes		550.00		250.00
Donations		100.00		100.00
Fundraising		9,442.59		282.00
Away Trip Income (incl. player contributions)		5,471.53		0.00
		<b>22,637.78</b>		<b>13,504.00</b>
<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>				
<b>EXPENDITURE</b>				
Conducting		4,293.85		3,220.00
Guest Conducting		180.00		650.00
Entry & Affiliations		427.00		496.00
Library Stationery		1,504.15		564.92
Bank Charges		114.47		86.45
Fundraising Expenses		3,218.86		210.00
Away Trip Expenditure		7,050.00		0.00
<i>Other expenses:</i>				
Band Insurance	918.44		923.44	
Lift Maintenance	172.16		248.40	
Hall Hire	240.00		140.00	
Instrument & Equipment Expenses	998.42		1,065.00	
Band Hall Maintenance	0.00		12.00	
Trophies & Engraving	168.00		14.00	
Photography & Social Media	141.74		50.00	
Player Expenses	17.98		310.99	
Competition Expenses (incl. accompanists)	263.65		0.00	
Uniform Expenses	71.00		0.00	
		<b>2,991.39</b>		<b>2,763.83</b>
<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURE</b>				
		<b>19,779.72</b>		<b>7,991.20</b>
<b>Closing Balance</b>		<b>15,963.37</b>		<b>13,105.31</b>

**Bank Reconciliation Statement for the year ended 31/12/2023**

	£
Cash balance as per bank statement (A/C No1)	11,306.72
Cash balance as per bank statement (A/C No2)	206.37
Cash balance as per away trip bank account	5,421.53
<b>Cash balance as per bank statements</b>	<b>16,934.62</b>
Deduct: Outstanding cheques	
CHQ Number 1995	(634.39)
CHQ Number 2002	(120.00)
CHQ Number 2005	(36.86)
CHQ Number 2006	(180.00)
<b>Adjusted cash balance (balance as per books)</b>	<b>15,963.37</b>

**Statement of Assets and Liabilities for the year ended 31/12/2023**

	£
<b>Bank &amp; Cash</b>	
Bank Account No1	11,306.72
Bank Account No2	206.37
Away Trip Bank Account	5,421.53
	16,934.62
<b>Other Assets</b>	
Instrument Inventory	133,372.00
<b>Total Assets</b>	<b>150,306.62</b>
<b>Liabilities</b>	
Outstanding cheques	971.25
<b>Total Net Assets</b>	<b>149,335.37</b>

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# Annual report

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## Trustees Annual Report for the period ending 31st December 2023



### 1<sup>st</sup> Old Boys Silver Band

#### Registered Charity NIC 100053

The 1<sup>st</sup> Old Boys Silver Band is governed by the 1<sup>st</sup> Old Boys Silver Band Constitution and is managed by an Executive Committee containing band members elected at the band's Annual General Meeting.

Full details of the band's accounts are available on the Charities Commission NI Website.

2023 saw the band finally return to normal, pre-Covid activities including regular rehearsals, public performances, contests and fundraising. Individual members of the band gained success at the annual Brass Band NI Solo and Quartet completion in February. The band gained first prizes at the Brass Bands NI Festival in Fivemiletown in March; and the Spring Championship in April.

In February the band made a studio recording of the composition 'Rasp' by Belfast-based composer Anselm McDonnell. In June the band recoded a programme of music for broadcast by BBC NI.

Younger members of the band participated in the Fermanagh/Tyrone brass band summer school and the Ulster Youth Orchestra and one player was accepted on to the European Youth Brass Band that assembled in Malmo, Sweden in May. Another young member participated in a 'play along' with the Ulster Orchestra,

A number of public concerts were given over the summer months including at Victoria Park, Belfast and Moira Demesne. These were offered free to the public and were well attended.

Band members arranged a number of fund-raising activities including running the Belfast Marathon, tea parties, cake and clothing sales and a Celebratory Formal Dinner held in September.

In November the band hosted a 'Musical kaleidoscope' concert in Belfast, and in December band members undertook a series of free public Christmas carolling performances as well as a joint Christmas concert with Comber Primary School.

Band finances were augmented by the range of performances that gained fees, and by members' subscriptions, allowing us to meet our running costs.

### **Public Benefit Statement**

1<sup>st</sup> Old Boys Silver Band promotes the playing, understanding and appreciation of brass band music in its various forms. The direct benefit which flows from this purpose is that the cultural lives of the general public of Northern Ireland will be enriched with high-quality musical performances. This benefit can be evidenced by the feedback from the general public and audience members who have listened to our performances. This purpose will not lead to any harm and results in no private benefit.

Full details of the Public Benefits Statement are accessible via The Charities Commission NI Website.

### **Summary of Public Benefits**

We bring together members of the community from all walks of life for a collective musical experience. Our purpose is to provide a facility for any person to play or learn to play a brass or percussion instrument to the best of their abilities and to pass on our knowledge and experience to the next generations of musicians to keep the tradition of brass bands alive in our community. We offer support from a group of volunteers who give their time freely on either a one-to-one basis or as part of a group.

### **Administrative Details**

#### **Governing Document**

1st Old Boys Silver Band Constitution adopted on 12<sup>th</sup> January 2004 and amended on 17<sup>th</sup> April 2023.

#### **Charity Address**

20-22 Donegal Street  
Belfast  
BT1 2GP

### **Charity Trustees**

Mr Ronald White (Chairman, Board of Trustees)  
Mr William McCann (Trustee)  
Mr Joe Cassells (Trustee)

### **Executive Committee**

Nigel Hylands (Band Chairman)  
Andrew Pentland (Band Vice Chairman)  
Daniel Sharpe (Secretary)  
Victoria Lloyd (Treasurer)  
Alan Hunter (Librarian)  
Ollie Begley (Media/PR Officer)  
Louise Bell (Development Officer)

### **Summary**

The band comprises of three Trustees as indicated in detail on the Charities Commission NI website and an Executive Committee elected at the Annual General Meeting.

### **Declaration**

The Trustees and Executive Committee declare that they have approved the Trustee's Report.

The accounts have been prepared in accordance with the band's constitution and have been scrutinised by a qualified person in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Commission NI and are available to view on the Charities Commission NI website.

**Ronald White**

**Chairman, Board of Trustees**

**The 1st Old Boys Silver Band**

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# Annual return

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**INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE MEMBERS OF  
1st OLD BOYS ASSOCIATION BAND**

I have examined the attached Income and Expenditure Account of the 1st Old Boys Association Band for the year ended 31 December 2023.

**Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner**

The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of accounts. The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 65 of the Charities Act (Northern Ireland) 2008 and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to

- examine the accounts under section 65 of the Charities Act
- follow procedures laid down in the general directions given by the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland under Section 65(9)(b) of the Charities Act
- state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

**Basis of independent examiner's statement**

My examination was carried out in accordance with general directions given by the Charity Commission for NI, as required under section 65(9)(b) of the Charities Act (Northern Ireland) 2008.

An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from the trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a 'true and fair' view and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

My role is to state whether any material matters have come to my attention giving me cause to believe:

1. That accounting records were not kept in accordance with Section 63 of the Charities Act
2. That the accounts do not accord with those accounting records
3. That the accounts do not comply with the accounting requirements of the Charities Act
4. That there is further information needed for a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

**Independent examiner's statement**

I have completed my examination and have no concerns in respect of the matters 1. to 4. listed above and, in connection with following the Directions of the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland, I have found no matters that require drawing to your attention.



**D R Minshull FCA - Independent Examiner**  
19 Crescent Business Park, Lisburn, BT28 2GN

Date 30 May 2024

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# Accounts

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# 1<sup>st</sup> Old Boys 2022

## Income & Expenditure Accounts 2022



# Accounts

	Income
<b>Opening Balance</b>	<b>£7,592.51</b>
Dues	£3,873.53
Youth Band Transfer	£5,248.89
Engagements	£3,737.50
Bank Interest	£12.08
Prizes	£250.00
Donations	£100.00
Fundraising	£282.00
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>£13,504.00</b>

### Assets

Bank A/C No1	£ 12,901.65
Bank A/C No2	£ 203.66
Total Value Instruments & Items	£ 133,272
<b>Total Assets</b>	<b>£146,377.31</b>
<b>Total Liabilities</b>	<b>£ -</b>
<b>Total Net Assets</b>	<b>£ 146,377.31</b>

	Expenditure
Conducting	£3,220.00
Guest Conducting	£650.00
Entry & Affiliations	£496.00
Library Stationery	£564.92
Bank Charges	£86.45
Bandroom cleaning	£12.00
Engraving	£14.00
Donation for use of other halls	£140.00
Purchase of new instrument	£1,000.00
Instrument Repairs	£65.00
Player expenses	£310.99
Social media	£50.00
Fundraising expenses	£210.00
Lift Maintenance	£248.40
Band Insurance	£923.44
<b>Total Expenditure</b>	<b>£7,991.20</b>
<b>Closing Balance</b>	<b>£13,105.31</b>

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# Annual report

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## **Trustees Annual Report for the period ending 31st December 2022**



### **1<sup>st</sup> Old Boys Silver Band**

#### **Registered Charity NIC 100053**

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Full details of the band's accounts are available on the Charities Commission NI Website.

The first part of 2022 saw the band continue to return to normal, pre-Covid activities including regular rehearsals, public performances, contests and fundraising. Individual members of the band gained success at the annual Brass Band NI Solo and Quartet completion in February. In May the band gave a world premiere performance of the composition 'Rasp' by Belfast-based composer Anselm McDonnell at the New Music Dublin Festival.

A number of public concerts were given over the summer months including at Drumbeg, Moira and Newtownabbey Loughshore. These were offered free to the public and were well attended.

The band gained first prize at the North of Ireland Bands' Association Championship of Ireland in October, thus qualifying to represent NI at the European Brass Band Championships in Palanga, Lithuania in May 2024.

In December band members undertook a series of free public Christmas carolling performances as well as a joint Christmas concert with the Belfast Operatic Society in the Ulster Hall, Belfast.

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**Ronald White**

**Chairman, Board of Trustees**

**The 1st Old Boys Silver Band**

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# Annual return

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D R Minshull FCA - Independent Examiner Date 10 May 2023  
19 Crescent Business Park, Lisburn, BT28 2GN