

Pride Of the Hill Flute Band Rathfriland

Northern Ireland · Charity number 100350

Details

Known as Pride Of the Hill

Status Received

Registered 2014-10-09

Register [View on the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland register](#)

Contact

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Activities

Purposes: To promote the history, culture, musical and marching heritage of the Ulster Tradition. To educate and encourage the youth of Rathfriland and surrounding town lands in the art of the flute and the drum.

What the charity does: The advancement of the arts, culture, heritage or science

How the charity works: Arts,Cultural,Education/training,Heritage/historical,Rural development

Who the charity helps: Children (5-13 year olds),General public,Men,Women,Youth (14-25 year olds)

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-12-31	£65,381	£46,604	£0	0

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
A Stewart		
B Weir		
D Trimble		
M. Porter		
S. Gray		

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Pride Of the Hill, Annual Accounts 01/01/2025 - 31/12/2025

			Actual income	Actual Expenditure	Balance
Main Bank account	opening balance	£ 6,798.09			
	Receipts	£			
	HMRC - Gift Aid	£ 5,805.18			
	Street Collections	£ 9,437.75			
	Functions	£ 2,646.00			
	Voluntary Subscriptions	£ 6,227.70			
	Donations	£ 4,950.00			
	Donations from Loyal orders	£ 1,100.00			
	Raffle	£ 5,523.87			
	Grants	£ 2,403.32			
	Glove Sales	£ 300.00			
	Transfers In from Vol Sub Acc	£ 147.70			
	Transfers In from business reserve acc				
	Main account total income	£ 38,541.52	£ 38,393.82		
	Payments	£			
	Uniform	£ 9,387.98			
	Parade expences	£ 337.48			
	Colour party supplies	£ 148.75			
	Flute Maintenace and supplies	£ 700.00			
	Drum maintenance and supplies	£ 1,496.57			
	Bass drum maintenance and supplies	£ 1,538.00			
	Cymbal Maintenace and supplies	£ 71.00			
	Insurance	£ 531.61			
	Raffle expences	£ 180.49			
	Online Music Account	£ 19.00			
	Hall Rent	£ 500.00			
	Somme T-shirts	£ 1,367.20			
	Charitable Donations	£ 2,028.75			
	Transfers to Vol Sub Acc	£ 680.40			
	Transfers to business reserve acc	£ 13,000.00			
	Main account Total payments	£ 31,987.23		£ 18,306.83	
	Main bank account balance				£ 13,352.38
Vol. Sub account	opening balance	£ 8,175.33			
	Receipts				
	Voluntary Subscriptions	£ 23,016.04			
	donations	£ 3,750.00			
	parade donations	£ 16.97			
	total income	£ 26,783.01	£ 26,783.01		
	Payments				
	Somme Trip expences	£ 27,101.08			
	Somme Trip refund	£ 330.00			
	Charitable Donations	£ 50.00			
	Misc	£ 10.00			
	transfer to main project account	£ 1,647.93			
	transfer to reserve account	£ 5,500.00			
	transfer to main account	£ 147.70			
	total Payments	£ 34,786.71		£ 27,491.08	
	Vol. Sub account Balance				£ 171.63
Project account	opening balance	£ -			
	Receipts				
	Donations	£ 760.00			
	Transfers In from vol sub account	£ 1,647.93			
	total income	£ 2,407.93	£ 760.00		
	Payments				
	Charges	£ 8.90			
	Charitable donation	£ 800.00			
	total Payments	£ 808.90		£ 806.90	
	Project account Balance				£ 1,601.03

Reserve account	opening balance	£ 16,348.76	
Receipts			
interest	£	204.46	
Transfers in from main account	£	13,000.00	
Transfers in from vol sub account	£	5,500.00	
total income	£	18,704.46	£ 204.46
Payments			
transferred to main account	£	-	
total Payments	£	-	£ -
Reserve account Balance			£ 35,053.22
total Balance carried over			£ 50,178.26
total income		£	85,381.29
total expenditure		£	46,604.81

Position

N. BREADY
S. GRAY

Signature

Nathan Bready
S. Gray
[Signature]

Date

02-02-26
02-02-26
14/3/26

Vice CHAIR
SECRETARY

Verified by:

Ind. Examiner.

MARTIN PORTER *Martin Porter*

02-02-26 CHAIR

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Receipts					
		£			
HMRC - Gift Aid		£ 2,634.93			
Street Collections		£ 6,673.38			
Functions		£ 855.00			
Voluntary Subscriptions		£ 1,720.00			
Donations		£ 1,400.01			
Donations from Loyal orders		£ 900.00			
Raffle		£ 207.63			
Transfers In from Vol Sub Acc		£ 12,206.29			
Transfers In from business reserve acc		£ 4,000.00			
Main account total income		£ 30,597.24	£ 14,390.95		
Payments					
		£			
Uniform		£ 13,956.80			
Arch Maintenance		£ 174.00			
Parade expences		£ 198.85			
Colour party supplies		£ 346.80			
Flute Maintenance and supplies		£ 29.98			
Drum maintenance and supplies		£ 1,282.91			
Bass drum maintenance and supplies		£ 1,263.76			
Cymbal Maintenance and supplies		£ 75.00			
Instrument Insurance		£ 74.18			
Misc		£ 81.00			
Online Music Account		£ 19.00			
Hall Rent		£ 663.00			
2025 Somme Trip		£ 11,478.29			
Charitable Donations		£ 100.00			
Transfers to Vol Sub Acc		£ 407.63			
Transfers to business reserve acc		£ 2,000.00			
Main account Total payments		£ 32,151.20		£ 29,743.57	
Main bank account balance					£ 6,798.09

Vol. Sub account	opening balance	£ 102.99			
Receipts					
		£			
Voluntary Subscriptions		£ 17,218.00			
Raffle		£ 4,403.00			
donations		£ 1,550.00			
Transfers In from main account		£ 407.63			
total income		£ 23,578.63	£ 23,171.00		
Payments					
		£			
Charitable Donations		£ 100.00			
transfer to main account		£ 12,206.29			
transfer to reserve account		£ 3,200.00			
total Payments		£ 15,506.29		£ 100.00	
Vol. Sub account Balance					£ 8,175.33

Reserve account	opening balance	£ 14,949.12			
Receipts					
		£			
interest		£ 199.64			
Transfers In from main account		£ 2,000.00			
Transfers In from vol sub account		£ 3,200.00			
total income		£ 5,399.64	£ 199.64		
Payments					
		£			
transferred to main account		£ 4,000.00			
total Payments		£ 4,000.00		£ -	
Reserve account Balance					£ 16,348.76
total Balance carried over					£ 31,322.18
total income			£ 37,761.69		
total expenditure				£ 29,743.57	

Position **Treasurer: SECRETARY** *M. McKeel* Signature **(John McKeel)** Date **3/3/25**
 Chairman: *M. Santos* **MARTIN PORTER**
 Verified by: *Nathan Broady* Date **03-03-25** **NATHAN BROADY**
VICE CHAIRMAN

Alan Rowland **21/02/2025**

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Annual report

PRIDE OF THE HILL FLUTE BAND TRUSTEES ANNUAL REPORT 2024

CHARITY REGISTRATION NUMBER : NIC 100350

Report Year ending 31st December 2024.

Status

The band finished the year in a healthy state membership wise with 94 members on the books and 19 junior members. During 2024 3 members retired and 15 members joined. We have a strong learners class and hopefully they will all make it out onto the road in 2025.

Main activities

Annual parade – We held our own parade in Rathfriland on the 14th June. It was a great event with large numbers of spectators with 33 bands in attendance. We attended 39 Parades in 2024 including the large annual celebrations the 12th, 13th, Derry Day and the Last Saturday. We also attended 1 indoor concert.

Community Benefit

During the year the band performed at 40 community engagements.

The band also provided tuition for the flute and drum for the local community, and continue to provide a platform for local people to participate in Ulster-Scots musical Traditions.

The band continues to provide a welcoming and safe environment for young people to learn a musical instrument and partake in a local cultural tradition.

Other benefits to the participants include improved self-esteem and confidence, friendship, teamwork and pride in achievement.

The band continues to provide an invaluable service at no cost to the local community in a rural area with high deprivation of childhood poverty and access to services.

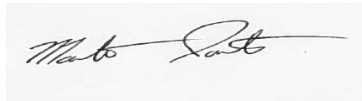
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Finance

The financial support required for a highly active flute band with 100 members is considerable. There are ongoing costs that enable the band to function, that need to be met annually. In 2024 more uniforms were purchased to fit out our growing organisation.

Conclusion

It was a great year for the band with the band attending many events around the country. Membership remains very healthy. We also have many young people participating in our tuition classes, who all being well will be ready to parade with the band this year. Moral is great within the band and playing performance remains to a high standard. These positives not only serve the band well but is also of a great benefit to the community.

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Martin Porter
Trustee
18th February 2025

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Annual return

Pride Of the Hill Flute Band
Year Ended: 31st December 2024
NIC: 100350

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of Pride of the Hill Flute Band.

I report on the accounts of Pride of the Hill flute band for the year ended 31st December 2024, which are set out on page attached.

Respective responsibilities of charity trustees and examiner

As the charity's trustees you are responsible for the preparation on the accounts in accordance with the charities Act (Northern Ireland) 2008.

It is my responsibility to:

- Examine the accounts under section 65 of the charities act
- Follow the procedures laid down in the general directives given by the commission under section 65 (9)(b) of the charities act.
- State whether particular matters have come to my attention

Basis of Independent examiner's report

I have examined your charity's accounts as requires under section 65 of the Charities Act and my examination was carried out in accordance with the general directions given by the Charities Commission for Northern Ireland under section 65 (9) of the Charities Act.

The examination included a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with these records. It is also included consideration of any unusual items or disclosure in the accounts, and seeking explanation from you as charity trustees concerning such matters.

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 NI, I have no matters that require drawing to your attention.

Name: Alan McCormick
Address: 31 Gordon Street
Belfast
BT1 2LG

Signed: 

Date: 21/02/2025

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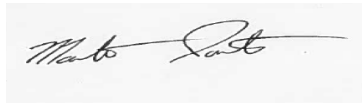
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Date: 03-03-24