

Ballynure and District Friendship Club

Northern Ireland · Charity number 101824

Details

Known as BDFC

Status Received

Registered 2015-04-10

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

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Activities

Purposes: The Club is established: to provide opportunities for older people, many of whom live alone or are in an isolated part of this rural community, to meet together, raise funds together, get to know each other and spend time in each other's company; to give older people a chance to be entertained and informed about interesting events, musical shows, activities or hobbies; to ensure that these older people, many of whom are widowed, divorced or single, are still able to get out and about to see, enjoy and experience the many attractions and entertainment that NI has to offer; to provide transport to venues so that this growing number of older people are not stressed out by having to drive or seek lifts; to cement friendships that will last.

What the charity does: The advancement of education, The advancement of health or the saving of lives, The advancement of citizenship or community development, The relief of those in need by reason of youth, age, ill-health, disability, financial hardship or other disadvantage

How the charity works: Advice/advocacy/information, Community development, Education/training, Rural development, Volunteer development

Who the charity helps: Community safety/crime prevention, Men, Older people, Physical disabilities, Volunteers, Women

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2024-12-31	£5,068	£4,929	£0	0

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Brian Falls		
Gordon Mackey		
Isobel Wallace		
Linda Dodds		
Mrs Nance Mackey		
Richard T Wallace		

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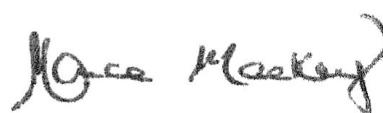
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Summary Accounts 1st January 2023 - 31st December 2023

Balance carried forward	£1,933.79	Speakers etc at meetings	£230.00
Community Grant from ANBC	£1,653.75	Bank fees	£42.25
ANBC Grant for Coronation Event	£900.00	Insurance	£211.09
Other payments from ANBC for 2022	£157.00	Transport, entrance fees and food on outings	£2,121.30
Members' donations	£268.55	Coronation event	£877.55
Members' payments for outings	£1,235.00	Equipment	£381.99
Christmas dinner payments	£765.00	Gifts	£90.00
ANBC Christmas Grant	£500.00	Christmas outing	£1,106.00
		Food at meetings	£110.36
		Hymns we know and love Leaders' Kit	£24.49
		Ulster in Bloom Initiatives	£104.59
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Notes: Other than this bank account the charity has no other assets or liabilities.

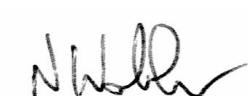
Signed


Treasurer

Nance Mackey

Date: 31st Dec 2023

Audited and found correct



Neil Walker ACA

Date 24 - JANUARY - 2024

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Annual report

Ballynure and District Friendship Club

Trustees' Report for the year ending 31st December 2023

The AGM was held at 3.30pm after the monthly meeting on Friday 26th April 2024. Rev Matthew Kelso, who had been in attendance at the Guide Dogs NI meeting, took the chair for the election of office bearers.

Attendance

34 members were in attendance as per the roll. Apologies were received from Bertie and Freda Allen, Maureen Allen, Deirdre McCready, Bill & Jackie Wells and Linda Dodds.

The Constitution

There have been no changes to the constitution, and, because it still meets our needs, we will continue to adopt and use it.

Proposed by Ellie Gingles, seconded by Wesley Park and agreed by all.

Trustees' Report and Review of the year

The Chairman gave the following report of the activities for 2023:

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The activities in 2023

January: Kerry Connolly from Willow and Greene gave an illustrated talk about Gardening and Well-being;

February: A number of members took part in 'Every Object tells a Story';

March: Albert Crieghton from Newtownabbey told us about his experiences on the Camino de Santiago Walk;

April: The NI Air Ambulance with Tracey McIlwaine, one of their volunteers;

May: Coronation Celebrations and Carriage rides;

September: Around the World in 80 minutesmembers sharing their holiday experiences;

October: 'Memorable Moments' with Jim Rea;

November: The Gospel Trio 'Testify'.

By far the most enjoyable afternoon was our Coronation Celebrations on May 6th 2023. The event was funded by ANBC and 56 of us came together for a Barbecue and a Carriage Trip around the Church Grounds provided free of charge by BWM Coaches. The Mayor was in attendance and a good time was had by all.



Outings in 2023

March: Bus Trip to Dobbies Garden Centre, Lisburn

May: Bus Trip and Outing to Hillsborough Castle and The Temple Golf Club for tea.

In December we went for a Christmas Lunch in Ballyclare Golf Club specifically funded by ANBC.

Other news

Ballynure Village came first once again in Ulster in Bloom. The village got a Silver Gilt Medal in the national competition, Britain in Bloom. Ballynure was the Best Kept Village in N Ireland. Richard Wallace was the Community Champion in both Ulster in Bloom and Britain in Bloom competitions.

Financial Statement 1st January 2023 to 31st December 2023

The chairman thanked Mrs Nance Mackey for keeping the books so well. He reported that the club had secured grants totally £3053 from Antrim and Newtownabbey Borough Council for the period April 2023 – March 2024.

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The accounts, which have been audited and found correct were adopted at the AGM.

Proposed by Dave Stitt, Seconded by Wilma Park, and agreed by all.

Appointment of Honorary Auditor

The Committee recommends that Neil Walker ACA, the current Honorary Auditor, should be re-elected.

Proposed by Ella Mawhinney, Seconded by Margaret McCowan, and agreed by all.

Charitable Status

The NI Charity Number is NIC101824. The current Trustees are Mrs Linda Dodds, Mrs Nance Mackey, Mr Gordon Mackey, Mr Brian Falls, Mrs Isobel Wallace, Mr Richard Wallace.

Permission is sought to upload The Financial Statement, The Trustees' Report and the required Certification by Honorary Auditor to the Charity Commission. Proposed by Moyra McGookin, seconded by Alister McKinley and agreed by all.

Appointment of Office Bearers and Committee ... with Rev Matthew Kelso in the chair.

Chairman: Richard Wallace, proposed by Alister McKinley, seconded by Wesley Park, and agreed by all.

Treasurer: Nance Mackey, proposed by Robina Falls, seconded by Ellie Gingles, and agreed by all.

Secretary: Linda Dodds, proposed by Brian Falls, seconded by Ella Mawhinney, and agreed by all.

Committee Members: Re-election of the committee ie Isobel Wallace, Gordon Mackey and Brian Falls en bloc: proposed by Wilma Park, seconded by Pearl Richards and agreed by all.

At the end of the election, Rev Matthew Kelso proposed a vote of thanks to the Chairman, Office Bearers and Committee. All responded positively with a round of applause.

There was no AOB.

The meeting finished at 3.50pm.

Signed: Richard T Wallace Friday 26th April 2024

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Annual return

Ballynure and District Friendship Club

Independent examiner's report to the charity trustees of Ballynure and District Friendship Club

I report on the accounts of the Trust for the year ended 31st December 2023, which are submitted on a separate document.

Basis of independent examiner's report

I have examined your charity accounts as required under section 65 of the Charities Act and my examination was carried out in accordance with the general Directions given by the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland under section 65(9)(b) of the Charities Act

My examination included a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also included consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from you as charity trustees concerning any 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 for Northern Ireland, I have found no matters that require drawing to your attention.

Name: Neil Walker

Relevant professional qualification or body: ACA

Address: 23 Toberdowney Valley

Ballynure

Co Antrim

BT39 9TS

Signed:



Date: 24th January 2024

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Accounts

Ballynure and District Friendship Club

Charity Registration Number: NIC101824

Summary Accounts 1st January 2022 - 31st December 2022

Income		Expenditure	
Balance brought forward	£2,840.08	Speakers' and programme expenses	£220.00
Grants from ANBC for Platinum Jubilee	£950.00	Insurance	£204.93
Grants from ANBC for programme and insurance	£1,379.93	Ulster in Bloom initiatives	£956.39
Members' Subscriptions	£180.04	Gifts	£40.00
Christmas Outing: Members' subscriptions	£470.00	Postage and photocopying etc	£122.35
Grant from ANBC for Christmas Outing	£500.00	Bank Fees	£81.79
		Jubilee Events	£1,027.76
		Christmas Outing to Ballyclare Golf Club	£1,021.00
		Hire of halls	£210.00
		Co-op Walking Leaflet	£326.80
		Ulster in Bloom Booklets for ANBC	£157.00
		Food for meetings	£18.24
		Cash in Bank	£1,933.79
Total	£6,320.05	Total	£6,320.05

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Neil Walker

20th January 2023

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Annual report

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Trustees' Report for the year ending 31st December 2022

The AGM was held at 3.30pm after the monthly meeting on Friday 28th April 2023.

- **Attendance**

Members present: 44 as per attendance roll

- **The constitution**

There have been no changes to the constitution, and, because it still meets our needs, we will continue to adopt and use it.

Proposed by Margaret Baird Seconded by Wilma Park and agreed by all

- **Trustees' Report and Review of the year**

The following report of the activities for 2022 was given by the Chairman:

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The activities in 2022

- February: Sidlow McFarland talked about Digging for Turf
- March Jack McKinney shared some stories from his life
- April: A walk in the village ... launching the Co-op sponsored leaflet when over 100 people joined one of the five walks.
- September: Dr Joe McKee OBE, the well-known musician, organist and broadcaster talked to us about his life in music and entertained us on the church organ
- October: Wendy Davidson shared her experiences with the local branch of Christians Against Poverty (CAP)
- November: Richard Erskine, who, at an auction bought a box of Gladys Aylward's memorabilia, told us what he had learnt about this missionary to China.
- In December we went for a Christmas lunch in Ballyclare Golf Club specifically funded by ANBC.
- By far the most enjoyable afternoon was our Jubilee Celebrations on Friday June 3rd 2022. The event was funded by ANBC and 56 of us came together for a Barbecue and a Band. The Mayor was in attendance and a good time was had by all.



Outings in 2022

All outings were postponed.

Other news

Ballynure Village came first once again in **Ulster in Bloom** and Richard Wallace was the **Best Kept Village Community Achiever**.

Financial Statement 1st January 2022 to 31st December 2022

The chairman thanked Mrs Nance Mackey for keeping the books so well. He reported that the club had secured grants totally £2829.93 from Antrim and Newtownabbey Borough Council for the period April 2022 – March 2023.

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- The accounts, which have been audited and found correct were adopted at the AGM.
Proposed by Bill Wells Seconded by Jim Simpson and agreed by all.
- Appointment of **Honorary Auditor**
The Committee recommends that Neil Walker ACA, the current Honorary Auditor, should be re-elected.
Proposed by Sam Campbell Seconded by Mabel Stewart and agreed by all.
- **Change of Bank**
The change of bank to a Danske Business Account has taken place successfully.
- **Charitable Status**
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Proposed by Bertie Allen Seconded by Eileen Boyd and agreed by all
- **Appointment of Committee**
The Current Committee is Richard Wallace (Chairman), Nance Mackey (Treasurer), Linda Dodds (Secretary) and Isobel Wallace (Committee member). The committee has power to co-opt.
Tracey McIlwaine, the speaker from Air Ambulance took the chair. All posts were declared vacant and the proposals etc were:
Chairman Richard Wallace. Proposed by Mavis Nelson and seconded by William Stewart
Treasurer Nance Mackey. Proposed by Mabel Stewart and seconded by Sam Campbell
Secretary Linda Dodds. Proposed by Bill Wells and seconded by Pearl Richards
Committee members Isobel Wallace. Proposed by Jackie Wells and seconded by Ella Mawhinney
Committee members Gordon Mackey. Proposed by William Stewart and seconded by Freda Allen
Committee members Brian Falls. Proposed by Margaret Baird and seconded by Bill Wells

Agreed by all present.

Brian Falls will be added to the list of bank signatories.

Gordon Mackey and Brian Falls will be added to the Trustees for the Charity Commission.

- **AOB**

There was no AOB and the meeting finished at 3.55pm

Richard T Wallace

April 2023

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Date: 20th January 2023