

Country Comes To Town

(COMPANY LIMITED BY GUARANTEE)

REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES

AND

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 SEPTEMBER 2020

REGISTERED CHARITY NUMBER – NIC 102271

COMPANY REGISTRATION NUMBER – NI074062

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Gary

As promised, please see below a short amendment to the Annual Report

Regards

Bryan

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Achievements and Performance

Now we'll established as Portadown's only major outdoor annual cross-community festival, the event in 2020 was, unfortunately, cancelled as a result of Covid 19 regulations. Understandable because this festival has a reputation for attracting enormous crowds of visitors; frequently exceeding 30,000+ people. There was no possibility of modifying the event to reduce numbers attending and introducing social distancing.

Country Comes To Town is a public event with no entry fee and occupies the entire centre of Portadown which has 9 major entry routes and at least 15 minor means of access.

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**MEMBERS OF THE BOARD AND PROFESSIONAL ADVISERS OFFICERS
AND PROFESSIONAL ADVISERS**

Registered charity name Country Comes to Town

Charity number NIC 102271

Company registration number NI074062

Principal office Millennium Court Arts Centre
William Street
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Trustees Mr B F McLaughlin
Mr T E Fleming
Mrs A M Culbert
Mr J H Wilson

Secretary Mr B F McLaughlin

Independent Examiner WHR Accountants Ltd
Chartered Certified Accountants
Statutory Auditors
56 English Street
Armagh
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Bankers Danske Bank
45 High Street
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**TRUSTEES ANNUAL REPORT
YEAR ENDED 30 SEPTEMBER 2020**

The trustees, who are also directors for the purposes of company law, have pleasure in presenting their report and the audited financial statements of the charity for the year ended 30 September 2020.

Reference and Administrative Details

Reference and administrative details are shown in the schedule of members of the board and professional advisers officers and professional advisers on page 1 of the financial statements.

The Trustees

The trustees who served the company during the period were as follows:

Mr B F McLaughlin
Mr T E Fleming
Mrs A M Culbert
Mr J H Wilson MBE

Structure, Governance and Management

The trustees have adopted the provisions of the Statement of Recommended Practice [SORP] "Accounting and Reporting by Charities" issued in 2005 in preparing the report and financial statements of the charity. They have also had regard for any other information required by law or the charity's governing document.

Governing Document

Country Comes to town is constituted as a charity under a trust deed dated 30 September 2010 and is recognised as a charity by HM

Revenue & Customs (reference number NI074062), and The Charity Commission for Northern Ireland (Reference Number NIC 102271).

Objectives and Activities

The objectives and principal activities of the charity are to promote good community relations and social cohesion between the different communities, both ethnic and local, and to attract visitors from all backgrounds into the town, thereby benefiting all the inhabitants of the District of Craigavon and surrounding areas by holding an annual community festival, celebrating rural life and activity, past and present.

Achievements and Performance

Now well established as Portadown's only major outdoor Annual Cross-Community Festival, last year's event attracted a crowd in excess of 40,000 into the town centre on the main day. The event, as usual, ran smoothly, due to extensive pre-planning and working in partnership with statutory agencies, such as ACBC Borough Council, PSNI, Roads Service, etc, and the co-operation of town centre traders was also invaluable as was financial sponsorship from same. The support and visits from residents of Portadown's twin town, Ballina Co Mayo, was also appreciated, and the Annual Festival helps to further strengthen the links between both areas, building friendships and mutual understanding, and the reciprocal attendance by Festival Committee members at Ballina's Annual Salmon Festival.

As with any outdoor event, the weather plays a significant role in the events taking place. On the Festival Saturday in 2019, we were very fortunate that the weather remained fine for us.

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Feedback, afterwards, from participating groups and individuals representing communities on the various sides of Portadown's religious and political divide, confirmed that there had been a great deal more interaction and joint action between them than in earlier years, demonstrating that the Festival does indeed contribute to increased community outreach in a still-fractured society. It is clear, when speaking to local community group throughout the years, that Country Comes To Town has become a recognised opportunity for them to engage in cooperative cultural integration.

Cross-border visitor numbers also appear to have increased with both stewards and the security team commenting on the frequency with which they had contact with individuals and families from Counties Sligo, Mayo, Roscommon, Leitrim, Cavan, Monaghan, Donegal and Dublin. Many of these visiting individuals are linked to church groups in their native counties and, through the assistance of the CCTT team, they have developed contacts and friendships with like-minded church people in the Greater Portadown area. In 2019, we were also delighted to welcome two coach loads of visitors from Scottish community groups and one coach from London.

Once again, in 2019, a number of migrant groups have expressed their pleasure and enjoyment at being invited to participate in Country Comes To Town. They welcome the opportunity to demonstrate their pride in their various cultures through their demonstrations of ethnic foods, music and dance. They also expressed the increased feelings of integration afforded by the opportunity to meet large numbers of townspeople and visitors.

Again this year, prior to this year's Festival, teachers from both the primary and secondary sectors had approached the trustees to ascertain what craft exhibits and living history demonstrations were planned for 2019; in order that they might relate them to various areas of their curricula. In 2019 the craft exhibits were, in fact, almost doubled in number with a whole variety of new "old" skills being exhibited. Just some of these included woodturning, macramé, thatching, bog oak carving, saddle manufacture, blacksmithing, curragh making, ceramics, candle making and straw craft. Subsequent reports from these individuals expressed their praise and thanks to the Festival for providing what were often unique practical and visual demonstrations from which their young pupils learnt a great deal about lifestyle and culture in earlier times.

Country Music

Country music is an entertainment form which brings together a wide range of individuals and communities within the island of Ireland and it remains part of the bedrock of Portadown's Country Comes to Town. In 2019, we were very fortunate indeed to obtain the services, on a voluntary basis, of one of the country's most popular singers, Mr Daniel O'Donnell. That someone with the status of Daniel would offer to participate voluntarily in our Festival is an indication of the respect that Country Comes to Town is held in country music circles.

Financial Review

It is the policy of the charity to maintain restricted reserves which matches the needs of the trust, both at the current time and the foreseeable future. This provides sufficient funds to cover running costs which include management, administration and support costs. Restricted reserves must be spent in accordance with the donor's wishes.

Plans for Future Periods

It is the intention of Country Comes To Town to further enhance the experience for visitors to the Festival by enlarging the programme on the day [the committee is always looking for more diverse exhibitors] and also by extending the events in the week leading up to the main Saturday, to include Country Music, etc. The Festival is vitally important for the social cohesion, community well-being, and the economic benefits derived for the entire community, enlisting the support of as many people as possible.

Responsibilities of the Trustees

The trustees [who are also the directors of Country Comes To Town for the purposes of company law] are responsible for preparing the Trustees Annual Report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards [United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice].

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Company law requires the trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of

affairs of the charitable company and of the incoming resources and application of resources, including the income and expenditure, of the charitable company for that period. In preparing these financial statements, the trustees are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles in the Charities SORP;
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable UK Accounting Standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements;
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charitable company will continue in operation.

The trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records that disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charitable company and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Companies Act 2006. The trustees are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charitable company and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

Independent Examiner

WHR ACCOUNTANTS LTD has been re-appointed as independent examiner for the ensuing year.

Registered Office

Millennium Court Arts Centre
William Street
Portadown
Co Armagh BT62 5NX.

Signed by order of the trustees

B F McLaughlin
Company Secretary

21 May 2021

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE MEMBERS OF COUNTRY COMES TO TOWN **YEAR ENDED 30 SEPTEMBER 2020**

We report on the accounts of the charity for the Year Ended 30 September 2020 set out on page 15.

Respective Responsibilities of Trustees and Independent Examiner

The charity's trustees [who are also the directors of Country Comes To Town for the purposes of company law] are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. Having satisfied ourselves that the charity is not subject to audit under company law and is eligible for independent examination, it is our responsibility to state – on the basis of our examination – whether particular matters have come to our attention.

Basis of Independent Examiner's Statement

Our 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 you as trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently we do not express an audit opinion on whether the accounts present a 'true and fair view'.

Independent Examiner's Statement

In connection with our examination, no matter has come to our attention :

1 which gives us reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the trustees have not met the requirements to ensure that :

- and*
- proper books of account are kept [in accordance with Section 386 of the Companies act 2006];
 - accounts are prepared which agree with the books of account and comply with the accounting requirements of Section 396 of the Companies Act 2006 and with the methods and principles of the Statement of Recommended Practice : Accounting and Reporting by Charities;

or

2 to which, in our opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

WHR Accountants Ltd
Independent Examiner
56 English Street , Armagh, BT61 7LG

21 May 2021

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES **FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 SEPTEMBER 2020**

<u>Year Ended 30 9 20</u>	<u>Year Ended 30 9 19</u>
<u>Total Funds</u>	<u>Total Funds</u>
£	£

Notes

INCOMING RESOURCES

Incoming resources from charitable activities	2	=	<u>28,959</u>
Total Incoming Resources		=	<u>28,959</u>

RESOURCES EXPENDED

Charitable activities	3 / 4	7,432	33,416
Governance costs		<u>600</u>	<u>590</u>
Total Resources Expended		<u>8,032</u>	<u>34,006</u>

NET (OUTGOING) / INCOMING RESOURCES FOR THE YEAR

<u>(8,032)</u>	<u>(5,047)</u>
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RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS

Total Funds brought forward	22,173	27,220
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TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD	<u>14,141</u>	<u>22,173</u>
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The Notes form part of these financial statements

BALANCE SHEET **FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 SEPTEMBER 2020**

		Year Ended 30 9 20 Total Funds	Year Ended 30 9 19 Total Funds
	Notes	£	£
FIXED ASSETS	5		
Tangible Assets		345	383
CURRENT ASSETS	6		
Debtors		-	6,479
Cash at Bank		<u>14,622</u>	<u>34,222</u>
		<u>14,622</u>	<u>40,701</u>
CREDITORS	7		
Amounts falling due within one year		826	18,911

NET CURRENT ASSETS	<u>13,796</u>	21,790
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES	14,141	22,173
NET ASSETS	<u>14,141</u>	<u>22,173</u>
FUNDS	8	
Restricted Funds	14,141	22,173
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>14,141</u>	<u>22,173</u>

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continued Balance Sheet - At 30 September 2020

The company is entitled to exemption from audit under Article 477 of the Companies Act 2006, for the year ended 30 September 2020.

The members have not required the company to obtain an audit of its financial statements for the year ended 30 September 2020, in accordance with Article 476 of the Companies Act 2006.

The directors acknowledge their responsibilities for :

- a. Ensuring that the company keeps accounting records which comply with sections 386 and 387 of the Companies Act 2006, and
- b. Preparing financial statements which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the company as at the end of each financial year and of its surplus or deficient for each financial year in accordance with the requirements of Sections 394 and 395 and which otherwise comply with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 relating to financial statements, so far as applicable to the company.

These financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the provisions of Part 15 of the Companies Act 2006 relating to small companies.

The financial statements were approved by the Board of Directors on 21 May 2021,
and were signed on its behalf by:

B F McLaughlin – Trustee
– Trustee

J H Wilson

The Notes form part of these financial statements

NOTES ON AND FORMING PART OF THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 SEPTEMBER 2020

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Accounting Convention

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the provision of Section 1A “Small Entities” of Financial Reporting Standard 102 “The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland” and the Companies Act 2006.

These financial Statements have been prepared under the Historical Cost Convention.

Incoming Resources

All incoming resources are included on the Statement of Financial Activities when the charity is legally entitled to the income and the amount can be quantified with reasonable accuracy.

Resources Expended

Expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis and has been classified under headings that aggregate all cost related to the category. Where costs cannot be directly attributed to particular headings they have been allocated to activities on a basis consistent with the use of resources.

Taxation

The charity is exempt from corporation tax on its charitable activities.

Fund Accounting

Unrestricted funds can be used in accordance with the charitable objectives at the discretion of the trustees.
 Restricted funds can only be used for particular restricted purposes within the objects of the charity.
 Restrictions arise when specified by the donor or when funds are raised for particular restricted purposes.
 Further explanation of the nature and purpose of each fund is included in the notes to the financial statements.

Tangible Fixed Assets

Depreciation is provided at the following annual rate in order to write off each asset over its estimated useful life

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Fixtures and Fittings - 10% on reducing balance.

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FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 SEPTEMBER 2020

2. INCOMING RESOURCES FROM CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES

	Year Ended 30 9 20 Total Funds	Year Ended 30 9 19 £ Total Funds	£
Grants – ACB & CB Council	-	15,000	
Pitch Licence Fees	-	12,905	
Sponsorship	-	1,054	
	-	28,959	

3. COSTS OF CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES BY FUND TYPE

	Year Ended 30 9 20 Total Funds	Year Ended 30 9 19 £ Total Funds	£
Annual Festival	8,032	34,006	

4. COSTS OF CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES BY ACTIVITY TYPE

	Year Ended 30 9 20 Total Funds	Year Ended 30 9 19 £ Total Funds	£
Annual Festival	8,032	34,006	

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5. TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS

	Fixtures & Fittings	£ Total	£
<i>COST</i>			
At 1 10 19	444	444	
Additions	-	-	
At 30 9 20	444	444	
<i>DEPRECIATION</i>			
At 1 10 19	61	61	
Charge for Year	38	38	
	99	99	
<i>NET BOOK VALUE</i>			
At 30 9 20	345	345	
At 30 9 19	383	383	

5(a). TRUSTEES' REMUNERATION AND BENEFITS

There were no trustees' remuneration nor other benefits for the year ended 30 September 2020 or for the year ended 30 September 2019.

6. DEBTORS : AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

	Year Ended Total Funds	30 9 20 £	Year Ended Funds	30 9 19 Total £
Trade Debtors		-		6,479
Other Debtors		-		-
		-		6,479

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**NOTES ON AND FORMING PART OF THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 SEPTEMBER 2020**

7. CREDITORS : AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

	Year Ended Total Funds	30 9 20 £	Year Ended Funds	30 9 19 Total £
Trade Creditors		226		18,321
Other Creditors		-		-
Accruals		600		590
		826		18,911

8. RESTRICTED INCOME FUNDS

	Balance at 30 9 2019 £	Incoming Resources £	Balance at 30 9 2020 £
Restricted Funds	22,173	(8,031)	14,142

9. RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS

No transactions with related parties were undertaken such as are required to be disclosed under Financial Reporting Standard 8.

10. COMPANY LIMITED BY GUARANTEE

The company is limited by guarantee and has no share capital.

On a winding-up, members may be required to contribute a maximum of £1.

DETAILED STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES **YEAR ENDED 30 SEPTEMBER 2020**

	Year to 30 9 20	Year to 30 9 19
	£	£
<u>INCOMING RESOURCES FROM CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES</u>		
Grants, Sponsorship, Donations and Stall-holder fees	-	28,959
<u>TOTAL INCOMING RESOURCES</u>	-	28,959
<u>RESOURCES EXPENDED CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES</u>		
Prizes	(15)	594
Advertising	46	9,021
Venue Hire	-	195
Marquee Hire	4,680	-
ACB&CB Council Pitch fees	-	345
Hire of mobile toilets and fencing	-	1,411
Security and Stewarding	-	1,716
Events and Entertainment	1,850	13,437
Travel expenses	267	1,211
Printing, Stationery and Postage	202	939
Insurance	-	2,744
Telephone	280	580
Traffic Management	-	1,091
Bank fees	84	89
Depreciation of Fixtures and Equipment	38	43
	7,432	33,416
<u>GOVERNANCE COSTS</u>		
Accountancy fees	600	590
<u>TOTAL RESOURCES EXPENDED</u>	8,032	34,006
<u>NET (OUTGOING) / INCOMING RESOURCES FOR THE YEAR</u>	<u>(8,032)</u>	<u>(5,047)</u>

This page does not form part of the statutory financial statements