



Kingdom of Dalriada
Ulster-Scots Society

Annual Report
2023-2024

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1. Chair's Report

During 2023/24 it was my pleasure to chair the Kingdom of Dalriada Ulster-Scots Society.

The year continued to focus on recovery after the covid-19 impacting the work our group was able to complete during the year.

I am pleased to say that we obtained all funding requests from Causeway Coast and Glens Borough Council and have been successful in obtaining National Lottery Community Funding to help us deliver activities in 2023/24.

I wish to say thank to everyone who has supported our organisation during the year, having attended, volunteered, contributed to any of the organisations activities as we aim to ensure that we bring a public benefit from our organisations existence.

Ivor Wallace

2. Music Tuition

One of our main public benefits is to provide musical tuition for anyone who is interested in learning a traditional Ulster-Scots instruments regardless of age or ability. All our tutors are chosen based on their expertise and their track record of educating people in their specialist field.

Music classes did take place during the months with some restrictions during the year.

During the year, we teach 8 people a range of Ulster-Scots musical instruments.

3. Festival Overview

We returned to a full festival in April 23 and we are delighted that it ran well and was extremely well attended. Estimates of people attending Ballymoney Spring Fair were around 5500. The 4 day festival was very successful and we are grateful to Causeway Coast and Glens Borough Council for their financial support.

4. Other Projects

a) Culture, Arts and Heritage Project

A small number of people took part in the Culture, Arts and Heritage project with 8 people taking part in the project funded by CC&G Council.

5. Management and Community Training

During the time period, our organisation has continued to offer training to our members and also to our committee in order that we remain aware and up-to-date with all current legislation and requirements. We have availed of free training where possible as budgets have been stretched. All courses were virtually attended.

Food hygiene retraining has been completed by 2 of our members

Basic First Aid training has been completed by 4 of our members.

6. Working with Others

During the year, our organisation has worked with a large number of groups, the main ones are shown below :-

Community

Armoy Community Association
Bannvalley Community Association
Leaney Liaison Committee
Topp Community Group
North Antrim Bands Forum
Ullans Speakers Association
Fuse fm Ballymoney
Castle Community Association
RAF Causeway Branch
British Legion – Ballymoney Branch

Organisations

Causeway Coast and Glens Borough Council
Building Community Resource Centre
Northern Area Community Network
Causeway Museum
Co-Operation Ireland
Springboard
Mid Antrim Museum
Independent Orange Order
Orange Order
PSNI
Volunteer Now
CAN
Search and Rescue
Landhead PS
William Pinkerton PS
St. Brigid's PS