



Pride of the Park Flute Band

Annual Report 2023-2024

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1. Chair's Report

During the year it was my pleasure to chair Pride of the Park Flute Band.

We obtained funding from Causeway Coast and Glens Council. We also worked with North Antrim Community Network and achieved funding from them for equipment. Disappointing we didn't obtain Arts Council funding for new equipment however we will continue to apply when the funding stream opens.

We ran our annual festival which was back to normal and returned fully to band practice and tuition.

Thanks are due 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.

Stephen Gage

2. Music Tuition

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

a) Flute Tuition

Weekly tuition took place every Monday, in the Orange Hall and currently there are 4 students who undertake this activity on a weekly basis.

b) Drum Tuition

Weekly tuition takes place every Monday, in the Orange hall and currently there are around 4 students who undertake this activity on a weekly basis. The students have gained a great depth of knowledge during this programme.

3. Summer Festival

The festival ran in July and we had a very successful summer event, with increased numbers enjoying the activities and fireworks. Overall, the festival remains a focal point in the village as it draws a cross community participation.

4. Management and Community Training

During the time period, our group 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.

Access NI checks have been carried out on 2 members

Training on Corporate governance, risk assessments, sustaining your organisation, legal issues regarding volunteers, Internet security have also undertaken via volunteer now by 2 members of the organisation at no additional cost due to a lottery grant as they offer community support training to all grant holder.

5. Working with Others/ Public Displays

During the year, our organisation has worked with a large number of group/ completed public displays, the main ones are shown:-

Community

Armoy Community Association
North Antrim Bands Forum
Kingdom of Dalriada Ulster-Scots Society
Ullans Speakers Association
Fuse fm Ballymoney
Armoy GB

Organisations

Causeway Coast and Glens Borough Council
North Antrim Community Network
Big Lottery Community Fund
Orange Order
PSNI
Volunteer Now

Public Displays in Areas;

Armoy
Ballymoney
Coleraine
Dervock
Limavady
Ballymena
Stranocum
Mosside
Bushmills
Cloughmills
Rasharkin
Ballycastle