

Annual Report & Report on Public Benefit

BAWN LADIES

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Registered with the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland NIC 102945

REPORTING PERIOD
December 2018

01 January 2018 to 31

TRUSTEES *Chairperson Esther Marshall*

Secretary. Anne Lockhart

Treasurer. Joan Cardwell

PURPOSES

Bawn Ladies was established to promote a range of mutual benefits for the people of The Bawn and surrounding area in Mid Ulster District Council area.

A new hall was opened at The Bawn in 2014 and there was a very significant increase in hall useage as a consequence in this rural and isolated area of South Tyrone.

As in many instances The Ladies can be the back bone of a rural community and so it was decided to formally constitute a Ladies group separate from the other existing groups at The Bawn.

One of their popular functions is to provide support to other groups.

In addition Bawn Ladies do engage in their own activities.. particularly during the winter months.

Their remit is also to raise awareness among local rural women on the tuition of various crafts.

Their purpose is to generally engage in educational and leisure time activities. This to address and promote mental health and well being issues.

Also to address and promote social welfare issues.

A comprehensive list of their objectives and 'purpose for being' is contained within Bawn Ladies Constitution.

BENEFICIARIES

The entire group of Bawn Ladies of which there are up to twenty are all beneficiaries.

The 'ladies' engage in a wide and varied range of activities which positively addresses mental health issues. Their activities are educational and recreational and address a

wide range of women's issues which contribute towards women's well being generally.

In addition, all of the other groupings at The Bawn have also benefited by virtue of 'Bawn Ladies' who act as a support catering group to virtually all of the functions in The Bawn Hall. So, numerically literally hundreds of people benefit by virtue of Bawn Ladies existence.

ACTIVITIES

As can be seen from above, Bawn Ladies engage in a wide and varied range of activities.

They are particularly active during winter months when they engage in crafts, flower arranging, healthy eating, creative activities such as card and lamp shade making.

Bawn Ladies engage in seminars which positively address mental health issues.

They also engage in recreational and educational topics which contributes to women's well being generally.

Bawn Ladies also provide catering support to all of the other groupings at The Bawn.

During the year Bawn Ladies made a successful micro grant application.

They received a total of £1476.00 for kitchen equipment.

Again they have made very good use of these new utensils which have been used to the benefit of scores of people.

ACHIEVEMENTS

HOW MAIN ACTIVITIES HAVE BENEFITED BENEFICIARIES

Bawn Ladies in themselves have delivered and achieved what they set out to do.

They have provided for, and engaged in a wide range of activities which has been educational, therapeutic, and contributed towards positive mental health as well as 'well being' generally amongst women.

From verbal feed back there is no doubt Bawn Ladies continue to have a positive impact on all of the citizens of the environs of The Bawn and surrounding area generally.

We as a management committee are satisfied we have delivered the objectives to our beneficiaries and the new kitchen equipment acquired as a result of the micro grant have added to their achievements.

The committee at all times have had regard for the Public Benefit Guidance as issued by the Charity Commission (NI) in all decisions where the guidance was relevant.

Financial position has been maintained in accordance with guidelines as set out.

FINANCIAL REVIEW AT END OF YEAR

FINANCIAL POSITION AT END OF YEAR: Our treasurer is meticulous ensuring no improprieties.

Virtually all of the activities as engaged in during this financial year were self financing with The Ladies providing their own resources.

We have no outstanding debts or liabilities at the end of the financial year.

RESTRICTIONS ON WHO CAN BENEFIT

There are no restrictions on who can benefit.

We do not charge any fees.

There are no charges to access any events or services.

There are no restrictions based on personal characteristics.

PUBLIC BENEFIT

The direct benefits which flow from Bawn Ladies have contributed to improving the conditions of life in a variety of forms as described above for all beneficiaries who are admitted in compliance with section 75.

Other Benefits included ..educational,increased personal esteem, and personal development through engaging and leading in all of the various activities..

PRIVATE BENEFIT

There is no private benefit to any individual.

HARM

No harm has flowed from any of our Purposes.

SERIOUS INCIDENT REPORTING

There are no serious incidents to report.

VULNERABLE BENEFICIARIES

Appropriate Policies, Procedures and Training are in place such as vulnerable adults awareness.

STATEMENT OF COMPLIANCE

The Trustees have complied with their duty to have due regard to the Charity Commission NI's Public Benefit Guidance when exercising any powers or duties to which the guidance is relevant.

The success of the work of The Bawn Ladies is possible mainly due to their voluntary commitment and the leaders who volunteer their time.

Signed: Asther Marshall Chairperson
Date: 20/3/2020