

Drumlough Highland Pipe Band
Charity Registration Number: NIC 103205
Independent Examiner's Report to the Charity Trustees

I report on the accounts of the Trust for the year ended 31 December 2024¹.

Respective Responsibilities of Charity Trustees and Examiner

As the charity's trustees you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the Charities Act (Northern Ireland) 2008.

It is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under section 65 of the Charities Act
- follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Commission under section 65(9)(b) of the Charities Act
- state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of this 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.

¹ See 'Appendix 1 - DHPB Annual Accounts (01/01/2024 - 31/12/2024)'.

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

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'Noel Laffin'.

(Noel Laffin)

Relevant professional qualification or body

N/A

Address

7 Drumlough Cross, Rathfriland, County Down, BT34 5DU

Date

11/02/2025

Appendix 1 - DHPB Annual Accounts (01/01/2024 – 31/12/2024)

Drumlough Highland Pipe Band, Rathfriland Financial Statement (1st January 2024 - 31st December 2024)					
Date	Income 2024	Amount	Date	Expenditure 2024	Cheque No. Amount
01/01/2024	National Savings Account Interest	£3.04	08/03/2024	Bank Charges	BACS £9.29
08/03/2024	Christmas Shoot 2023	£400.00	21/03/2024	Kilt - Deposit (Esseys)	BACS £250.00
19/01/2024	DBRDA - Christmas Party Event 2023	£225.00	04/04/2024	Credit Union Annual Fee	N/A £3.00
26/02/2024	DBRDA - Burns Night Event	£300.00	19/06/2024	Kilts - Final Payment (Esseys)	BACS £180.00
04/04/2024	Credit Union Dividend	£32.08	19/06/2024	Belt Buckle (Esseys)	CASH £15.00
05/06/2024	Blackbridge Orange Service (2 June 2024)	£150.00	06/06/2024	Pipe Bags & Belt (Beat Street)	BACS £283.74
26/07/2024	DBRDA - Drumlough Community Festival 2024	£250.00	07/06/2024	Bank Charges	BACS £9.23
30/08/2024	11th July Parade, Rathfrilandf (Rathfriland Arts & Tradition)	£200.00	11/06/2024	Ulster-Scots - Tuition Rent	BACS £600.00
17/09/2024	Scarva / Black Saturday (RBP 170)	£400.00	22/07/2024	Top-Up Loan to DBRDA *	N/A £1,862.08
20/09/2024	Donation	£231.83	22/07/2024	Ulster-Scots - Tuition Piping Tutor	295 £1,000.00
01/10/2024	DBRDA - Minority Community Event (Ulster Day)	£250.00	23/07/2024	Ulster-Scots - Tuition Drumming Tutor	293 £1,000.00
24/10/2024	Ulster Scots Agency - Piping & Drumming Tutition Funding	£785.00	20/08/2024	Nigel McKinstry - Drum Tuning	Cash £30.00
28/10/2024	DAERA Micro-Grant	£1,975.04	22/08/2024	Waistcoat (Smith Drumming)	297 £50.00
19/12/2024	DBRDA - Christmas Party Event 2024	£240.00	09/09/2024	DAERA Micro-Grant - Anti-Choking Device (Safelincs)	BACS £107.97
31/12/2024	Band Dues 2024	£400.00	09/09/2024	DAERA Micro-Grant - Popup Gazebo (Gazebo Shop)	BACS £1,040.60
31/12/2024	2024 Bank Interest	£47.98	06/09/2024	Bank Charges	BACS £11.22
31/12/2024	DBRDA Loan Repayment(s) *	£1,315.00	30/09/2024	DAERA Micro-Grant - Hotplate (Regal Fabrication)	298 £1,176.00
			01/10/2024	Waistcoat (Sammy Smyth)	297 £50.00
			06/12/2024	Bank Charges	BACS £11.25
	Total Income 2024	£7,204.97		Total Expenditure 2024	£7,689.38
	<i>Cash Balance from 2023</i>	<i>£81.20</i>		<i>Cash Balance as of 31/12/2024</i>	<i>£560.95</i>
	<i>Credit Union from 2023</i>	<i>£7,833.00</i>		<i>Credit Union as of 31/12/2024</i>	<i>£6,000.00</i>
	<i>Bank Balance from 2023</i>	<i>£4,106.34</i>		<i>Bank Balances as of 31/12/2024</i>	<i>£4,425.06</i>
	<i>National Savings Balance from 2023</i>	<i>£3,272.72</i>		<i>National Savings Balance as of 31/12/2024</i>	<i>£3,275.76</i>
	Balance from 2023	£15,293.26		Balance as of 31/12/2024	£14,261.77
	<i>* Remaining Loan Balance from 2023</i>	<i>£5,279.00</i>		<i>* Remaining Loan Balance as of 31/12/2024</i>	<i>£5,826.08</i>
	* Balance from 2023 (incl Loan Balance)	£20,572.26		* Balance as of 31/12/2024 (incl Loan Balance)	£20,087.85
		£27,777.23			£27,777.23