

THE NORTHERN IRELAND BAT GROUP

Northern Ireland · Charity number 103233

Details

Known as	NIBG
Status	Overdue
Registered	2015-10-01
Register	View on the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland register

Contact

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Activities

Purposes: The purpose of The Northern Ireland Bat Group is to promote interest in and knowledge of bats and to protect the interests of bats.

What the charity does: The advancement of environmental protection or improvement, The advancement of animal welfare

How the charity works: Animal welfare, Environment/sustainable development/conservation

Who the charity helps: General public, Volunteers

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2024-03-31	£1,405	£3,956	£0	0

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Catherine Reilly		
Emma Boston		
Judith Montgomery-Watson		
Karen Healy		
Leanne		
Mary Maguire		
Mr Nathan Mcilwrath		
Ms Catherine Snijder		
Ms Clare Hickey		
Ms Joann Hamilton		
Robert Shearman		
Simon Picket		
Steven		

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Accounts



NORTHERN IRELAND BAT GROUP
ACCOUNTS 1ST APRIL 2023 – 31ST MARCH 2024

CURRENT ACCOUNT – ULSTER BANK

Summary Income 2023/2024	
Data Requests	£1,120.00
Memberships	£205.00
Donation	£80.00

TOTAL INCOME **£ 1,405.00**

Summary Expenditure 2023/2024	
BCT Insurance	£ -
Stationary	£ -
Bat Care	£2,788.47
Fees	£ -
Publicity	£ -
Web	£507.88
Bank Charges	£24.69
Misc	£ -
Events	£635
NIEA Challenge Fund	£ -
Mileage	£ - incl. In Bat Care
DfC Fund	£ -

TOTAL EXPENDITURE **£3,956.04**



CURRENT ACCOUNT OPENING BALANCE	£22,045.86
PLUS INCOME	
£1,405.00	
LESS EXPENDITURE	
-£3,956.04	
CURRENT ACCOUNT CLOSING BALANCE	
£19,494.82	

DUAL ACCOUNT (ULSTER BANK)

OPENING BALANCE	
£715.06	
CLOSING BALANCE	
£715.06	

DR EMMA BOSTON
HON. TREASURER
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ACCOUNTS 1ST APRIL 2022 – 31ST MARCH 2023

CURRENT ACCOUNT – ULSTER BANK

Summary Income 2022/2023	
Data Requests	£5,060.00
Memberships	£50.00
Donation	£60.00
TOTAL INCOME	£ 5,170.00

Summary Expenditure 2022/2023	
BCT Insurance	£ -
Stationary	£ -
Bat Care	£1,744.62
Fees	£ 143.88
Publicity	£1,570.00
Web	£242.00
Bank Charges	£31.94
Misc	£ -
Events	£ -
NIEA Challenge Fund	£ -
Mileage	£ - incl. In Bat Care
DfC Fund	£ -
TOTAL EXPENDITURE	£3,732.44



CURRENT ACCOUNT OPENING BALANCE	£20,608.30
PLUS INCOME	
£5,170.00	
LESS EXPENDITURE	
-£3,732.44	
CURRENT ACCOUNT CLOSING BALANCE	
£22,045.86	

DUAL ACCOUNT (ULSTER BANK)	
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Annual report



NORTHERN IRELAND
Bat Group



ANNUAL REPORT

2022 – 2023

Charity number: 103233

1.0. Our purpose

The Northern Ireland Bat Group was formed in 1985, the year when bats first achieved protected status in the province. The Group's members, are volunteers who come from all walks of life, share a common interest in bats and their conservation.

The bat group carries out a number of activities including:

- ☐ Recording and collating bat records which are passed on to CEDaR;
- ☐ Giving talks on bats to groups of all ages;
- ☐ Providing advice about bats to individuals and businesses;
- ☐ Cooperating in bat conservation and research projects; and
- ☐ Training new volunteers as bat ambulance drivers, carers and roost visitors.

The Northern Ireland Bat Group is governed by the Constitution as last amended on 23rd April 2017, which is available from the Secretary. The Northern Ireland Bat Group committee for this reporting period were:

Chairperson: Mary Maguire

Treasurer: Emma Boston

Secretary: Robert Shearman

Records Secretary: Mary Maguire

Simon Pickett

Karen Healy

Steven Wise

Geoff Newell

Catherine Reilly

Judith Montgomery-Watson

Joanne Hamilton

Clare Hickey

Elanor Ballard

Richard Ayre

2.0. Chairperson's report

2.1. Committee Meetings

Committee meetings took place as planned quarterly using zoom.

2.2. Bat Monitoring in Northern Ireland

The Northern Ireland Bat Group volunteers continue to assist with bat monitoring programmes in partnership with Bat Conservation Trust and Bat Conservation Ireland:

- ☐ Roost Count
- ☐ All Ireland Daubenton's Waterway Survey
- ☐ All Ireland Car Monitoring Programme
- ☐ Hibernation survey

The Northern Ireland Bat Group has also been encouraging members of the public to partake in the public access Bat Conservation Trust surveys and Bat Conservation Ireland national surveys.

2.3. Events delivered

Bat ambulance training events were delivered at three locations and bat rescue training was also delivered.

2.4. Bat Records

The Northern Ireland Bat Group continue to collate bat records from bat ambulance drivers, bat carers and the Bat Conservation Trust and uploaded into the records to fulfil requests from students, charities, and ecological consultants regarding bat activity in a study area which is supplied.

2.5 Bat Care

The Northern Ireland Bat Group continue, in conjunction with CEDaR provide a bat rescue service, where bat ambulance drivers are trained to assess if the bat needs further care or if it has to be taken to a licenced bat carer.

The Northern Ireland Bat Group also provides advice to householders on how to release bats which do not require specialist care.

2.6. Raising awareness on bat crime

We continue to work closely with PSNI and PAW NI to offer advice and guidance to the public on bat crime. More details can be found on the website <https://www.wildlifecrimeni.org>

2.7. Financial position

Please see the documents attached from the Northern Ireland Bat Group's Treasurer.

Mary Maguire

Chairperson

Northern Ireland Bat Group

23 July 2023

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Annual return

Independent Examiner's Report to the charity trustees of the Northern Ireland Bat Group

I report on the accounts of the charity set out in the Annual Report for the year ending 31st March 2023.

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 independent's 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

Independents 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.



Dr Paul Lynas
Independent Examiner

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 INTERIM REPORT
 ACCOUNTS 01ST APRIL 2021 – 31ST MARCH 2022

CURRENT ACCOUNT – ULSTER BANK

Summary Income 2020/2021	
Data Requests	£3,820.00
Memberships	£450.00
Donation	£25.00
Misc	£420.00
TOTAL INCOME	£ 4,715.00

Summary Expenditure 2020/2021	
BCT Insurance	£ 55
Stationary	-
Bat Care	£3,500.60
Fees	£58.08
Publicity	£970.00
Web	£380.88
Bank Charges	£24.98
Misc	£600
Events	-
NIEA Challenge Fund	-
Mileage	-
DfC Fund	-
TOTAL EXPENDITURE	£5,589.54



CURRENT ACCOUNT OPENING BALANCE

£20,742.95

PLUS INCOME

£4,715.00

LESS EXPENDITURE

-£5,589.54

CURRENT ACCOUNT CLOSING BALANCE

£19,868.41

DUAL ACCOUNT (ULSTER BANK)

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£715.06

CLOSING BALANCE

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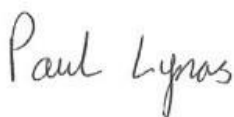
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