

# Ardglass Festival Association

Northern Ireland · Charity number 103326

## Details

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**Status** Received

**Registered** 2015-09-28

**Register** [View on the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland register](#)

## Contact

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## Activities

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**Purposes:** The Association is established to advance education, to promote the arts and to promote the benefit of the Ardglass (hereinafter called 'the area of benefit) by the provision of facilities in the interest of social welfare for recreation or other leisure-time occupation of people in the area of benefit who are in need of such facilities by reason of their youth, age, disability or social or economic circumstances and in particular to: a)Encourage appreciation for and active participation in community-based arts activities among people in the area of benefit b)encourage and stimulate the artistic creativity of people in the area of benefit by the provision of artistic performances, training, support and facilities for learning, practising skills and artistic expression c)provide, assist in providing or secure the provision of educational and recreational facilities for the benefit of the general public in the area of benefit

**What the charity does:** The advancement of education,The advancement of citizenship or community development,The advancement of the arts, culture, heritage or science,The relief of those in need by reason of youth, age, ill-health, disability, financial hardship or other disadvantage,Other charitable purposes

**How the charity works:** Arts,Community development,Cultural,Education/training,Environment/sustainable development/conservation,Grant making,Rural development

**Who the charity helps:** Children (5-13 year olds),General public,Men,Mental health,Older people,Parents,Preschool (0-5 year olds),Unemployed/low income,Voluntary and community sector,Women

## Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2024-08-31	£45,368	£31,956	£0	0

## Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Gillian Grant		
Miss Martina Ross		
Mr Christopher Feenan		
Mr John Beattie		
Mr Sean Laird		
Mrs Marcy Milligan		
Ms Louise Rooney		

**Ardglass Festival Association**

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# Accounts

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ARDGLASS FESTIVAL ASSOCIATION

RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNTS  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2024

	Notes	2024 Unrestricted Fund £	2023 Unrestricted Fund £
<b>RECEIPTS FROM</b>			
Unrestricted grant		27,123	2,560
Donations and Legacies		10,446	9,893
Investment income	2	-	-
Other trading activities	2	7,799	8,549
<b>Total</b>		<b>45,368</b>	<b>21,002</b>
<b>PAYMENTS ON</b>			
Raising funds		-	-
Charitable activities		31,956	20,231
Charitable			
<b>Total</b>		<b>(31,956)</b>	<b>(20,231)</b>
<b>EXCESS OF RECEIPTS OVER PAYMENTS</b>		<b>13,412</b>	<b>771</b>
<b>Bank current accounts 1 September</b>		<b>5,581</b>	<b>4,810</b>
<b>BANK CURRENT ACCOUNTS 31 AUGUST</b>		<b>18,993</b>	<b>5,581</b>

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**ARDGLASS FESTIVAL ASSOCIATION**


**STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES  
AT 31 AUGUST 2024**

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	2024 Unrestricted Fund £	2023 Unrestricted Fund £
<b>CASH FUNDS</b>		
Bank current accounts	18,993	5,581
Cash account	-	-
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>	<u>18,993</u>	<u>5,581</u>

The financial statements were approved by the Board of Trustees on 18/06/2025 and were signed on its behalf by:

  
**John Beattie**  
Trustee

  
**Christopher Feenan**  
Trustee

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ARDGLASS FESTIVAL ASSOCIATION

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS  
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2. OTHER TRADING ACTIVITIES

	2024	2023
	£	£
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Fundraising events	<u>7,799</u>	<u>8,549</u>

3. INVESTMENT INCOME

	2024	2023
	£	£
Deposit account interest	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>

**ARDGLASS FESTIVAL ASSOCIATION**

**DETAILED STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2024**

	2024 £	2023 £
<b>RECEIPTS</b>		
<b>Grants received</b>		
National Lottery	20,000	-
Newry Mourne & Down District Council	6,385	1,700
Community Foundation Grant	400	860
County Down Rural Community Network	338	-
<b>Donations and legacies</b>		
Donations	10,446	9,893
<b>Other trading activities</b>		
Fundraising events	7,799	8,549
<b>Investment income</b>		
Deposit account interest	-	-
<b>Total incoming resources</b>	<b>45,368</b>	<b>21,002</b>
<b>PAYMENTS</b>		
<b>Charitable activities</b>		
Prizes	370	360
<b>Support costs</b>		
<b>Management</b>		
Professional Fees	480	-
Equipment	-	-
Electricity	-	-
Sundries	1,012	2,091
Postage, Printing and stationery	-	5
Catering	-	-
Hire of equipment	24,582	13,832
Publicity & promotions	4,622	3,078
Insurance	890	865
	<u>31,586</u>	<u>19,871</u>
<b>Total resources expended</b>	<b><u>31,956</u></b>	<b><u>20,231</u></b>
<b>Net income/(expenditure)</b>	<b><u>13,412</u></b>	<b><u>771</u></b>

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N Ireland: 103326

**REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES AND  
RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNTS  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2023  
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ARDGLASS FESTIVAL ASSOCIATION**

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#### Objectives and aims

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Positive feedback from members of the community via cards of gratitude, personal contact and social media were very encouraging and uplifting.

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## **REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2023**

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### **OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES**

#### **Public benefit**

The trustees are confident that the charitable aims of Ardglass Festival Association satisfy the principles of public benefit as defined in the Charities Act. They have referred to the guidance contained in the Charity Commission's general guidance on public benefit when reviewing the aims and objectives and in planning its future activities.

#### **How the charity activities deliver public benefit**

The charitable activities focus on supporting the needs of people in the community and are undertaken to further the charitable purposes for the public benefit.

The principal aim of the charity is to provide and encourage participation in community based recreational and artistic activities.

## **ARDGLASS FESTIVAL ASSOCIATION**

### **REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2023**

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#### **FINANCIAL REVIEW**

##### **Financial position**

The financial position of the charity can be found on pages 7 and 8.

##### **Principal funding sources**

The principal funding sources for the charity are currently from donations and fundraising activities.

##### **Reserves policy**

Due to the unpredictability of the income receivable by the charity it is the policy of Ardglass Festival Association to maintain a balance on unrestricted funds to cover emergency situations that arise from time to time and to also enable the charity to continue to deliver its service effectively.

The present level of reserves available to the charity is £5,581.

#### **FUTURE PLANS**

The charity plans continuing the activities outlined above in the forthcoming years subject to satisfying funding arrangements.

#### **STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT**

##### **Governing document**

The charity is controlled by its governing document and constitutes an unincorporated charity.

##### **Recruitment and appointment of new trustees**

A broad mix of skills are represented on the Management Committee and all Trustees are chosen on the basis of their willingness to serve, ability, governance experience and support of the ethos, mission and philosophy of the organisation.

##### **Risk management**

The trustees have a duty to identify and review the risks to which the charity is exposed and to ensure appropriate controls are in place to provide reasonable assurance against fraud and error.

#### **REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS**

##### **Registered Charity number**

N Ireland: 103326

**ARDGLASS FESTIVAL ASSOCIATION**

**REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2023**

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**REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS**

**Principal addresses**

3 St Nicholas' Walk  
Ardglass  
Co. Down  
BT30 7UT

**Trustees**


Paul O'Shea  
Roisin Dorrian  
Jocelyn O'Shea  
Michele Enright  
Christopher Feenan  
Marcy Milligan  
Martina Ross  
Ben Carvill  
Sean Laird

**Independent examiner**

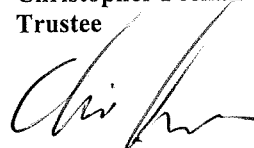
M.B.McGrady & Co  
Chartered Accountants  
Rathmore House  
52 St Patricks Avenue  
Downpatrick  
Co. Down  
BT30 6DS

Approved by order of the board of trustees on 26/06/2024 and signed on its behalf by:

**Paul O'Shea**  
Trustee



**Christopher Feenan**  
Trustee



**ARDGLASS FESTIVAL ASSOCIATION**

**INDEPENDENT EXAMINDER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES**

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I report on the accounts for the year ended 31 August 2023 as set out on pages seven to ten.

**Respective responsibilities of 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 Charity Commission (under Section 65(9)(b) of the Charities Act); and
- state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

**Basis of the 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.

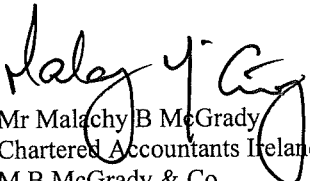
My examination included a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also included consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts and seeking explanations from you as charity trustees concerning any such matters.

My role is to state whether any material matters came to my attention giving me cause to believe:

1. The 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 requirement of the Charities Act
4. That there is further information needed for a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

**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.

  
Mr Malachy B McGrady  
Chartered Accountants Ireland  
M.B.McGrady & Co  
Chartered Accountants  
Rathmore House  
52 St Patricks Avenue  
Downpatrick  
Co. Down  
BT30 6DS

27<sup>th</sup> June 2024

ARDGLASS FESTIVAL ASSOCIATION

RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNTS  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2023

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<b>RECEIPTS FROM</b>			
Unrestricted grant		2,560	3,580
Donations and Legacies		9,893	7,775
Investment income	2	-	-
Other trading activities	2	8,549	2,556
<b>Total</b>		<u>21,002</u>	<u>13,911</u>
<b>PAYMENTS ON</b>			
Raising funds		-	-
Charitable activities		20,231	13,623
Charitable			
<b>Total</b>		<u>(20,231)</u>	<u>(13,623)</u>
<b>EXCESS OF RECEIPTS OVER PAYMENTS</b>		771	288
<b>Bank current accounts 1 September</b>		<u>4,810</u>	<u>4,522</u>
<b>BANK CURRENT ACCOUNTS 31 AUGUST</b>		<u>5,581</u>	<u>4,810</u>

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ARDGLASS FESTIVAL ASSOCIATION

STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES  
AT 31 AUGUST 2023

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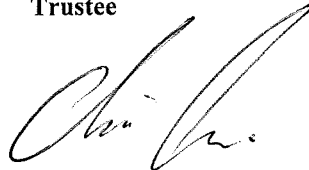
	2023 Unrestricted Fund £	2022 Unrestricted Fund £
<b>CASH FUNDS</b>		
Bank current accounts	5,581	2,992
Cash account	-	1,818
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>	<u>5,581</u>	<u>4,810</u>

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Trustee



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	2023	2022
	£	£
Fundraising	8,549	2,556
Fundraising events	<u>8,549</u>	<u>2,556</u>

**3. INVESTMENT INCOME**

	2023	2022
	£	£
Deposit account interest	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>

ARDGLASS FESTIVAL ASSOCIATION

DETAILED STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2023

	2023 £	2022 £
<b>RECEIPTS</b>		
<b>Grants received</b>		
Newry Mourne & Down District Council	1,700	1,850
Community Foundation Grant	860	1,730
<b>Donations and legacies</b>		
Donations	9,893	7,775
<b>Other trading activities</b>		
Fundraising events	8,549	2,556
<b>Investment income</b>		
Deposit account interest	-	-
<b>Total incoming resources</b>	<b>21,002</b>	<b>13,911</b>
<b>PAYMENTS</b>		
<b>Charitable activities</b>		
Prizes	360	785
<b>Support costs</b>		
<b>Management</b>		
Professional Fees	-	-
Equipment	-	66
Electricity	-	-
Sundries	2,451	320
Postage, Printing and stationery	5	-
Catering	-	183
Hire of equipment	13,832	10,524
Publicity & promotions	3,078	885
Insurance	865	860
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# Annual report

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Ardglass  
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Martina Ross  
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**Independent examiner**

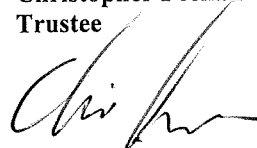
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**ARDGLASS FESTIVAL ASSOCIATION**

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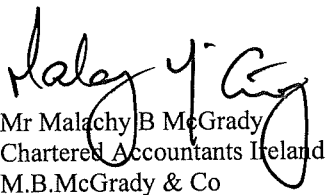
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**ARDGLASS FESTIVAL ASSOCIATION**

**STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES  
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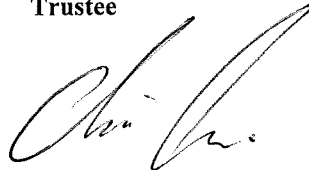
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ARDGLASS FESTIVAL ASSOCIATION

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FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2023

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**Ardglass Festival Association**

Northern Ireland - Charity number 103326

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# Annual return

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**REGISTERED CHARITY NUMBER**  
N Ireland: 103326

**REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES AND  
RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNTS  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2023  
FOR  
ARDGLASS FESTIVAL ASSOCIATION**

**ARDGLASS FESTIVAL ASSOCIATION**

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# ARDGLASS FESTIVAL ASSOCIATION

## REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2023

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The trustees present their report with the financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31 August 2023.

### OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

#### Objectives and aims

##### Purpose of charity

The purposes of the charity are:

- To encourage appreciation for and active participation in community-based arts and recreation activities
- To encourage and stimulate artistic creativity by the provision of artistic performances, training, and support
- To provide, assist in providing or secure the provision of educational and recreational opportunities for the social welfare and benefit of the community in Ardglass and surrounding areas

#### Significant activities

During the year the Association organised a wide range of activities:-

- **September 2022** — AGM at St Nicholas School
- **October 2022**- Halloween Fancy Dress, Haunted House and Pumpkin patch at St Nicholas School
- **December 2022** — Community Christmas Tree and Lighting installed, Switch on event and School Carol service, Christmas Craft Fair and Santa Grotto, Cross Community Carol service.
- **August 2023** — Ardglass Summer Festival, a 5-day project involving a variety of events to promote inclusivity by accommodating all members of the local Ardglass community, their visiting relatives, and the many tourists. The events included a Scavenger Hunt, Golf Event, 10km and 5km Race & Fun Run, Roller skating, Dance Display, Yoga, Teddy Bears' Picnic, Pub Quiz, Sand Design, Cycle Races, Raft Races, Family Fun Day, Float & Fancy-Dress Parade,

Association meetings are held usually monthly, but prior to major functions they become fortnightly or even more regular if required.

#### Beneficiaries

The Association has regard to the Commission's Public benefit whereby:

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# **ARDGLASS FESTIVAL ASSOCIATION**

## **REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2023**

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### **OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES**

#### **Public benefit**

The trustees are confident that the charitable aims of Ardglass Festival Association satisfy the principles of public benefit as defined in the Charities Act. They have referred to the guidance contained in the Charity Commission's general guidance on public benefit when reviewing the aims and objectives and in planning its future activities.

#### **How the charity activities deliver public benefit**

The charitable activities focus on supporting the needs of people in the community and are undertaken to further the charitable purposes for the public benefit.

The principal aim of the charity is to provide and encourage participation in community based recreational and artistic activities.

## **ARDGLASS FESTIVAL ASSOCIATION**

### **REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2023**

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#### **ACHIEVEMENT AND PERFORMANCE**

##### **Charitable activities**

Following our AGM in September thoughts turned immediately to planning for the next 12 months, and a framework was put in place to arrange 3 events throughout 2022 and 2023, namely Halloween, Christmas, and Summer Festival. At Halloween the St Nicholas School Hall and Garden were booked to provide a pumpkin patch and Haunted house experience, while there was also a fancy dress competition, face painting, arts and crafts and wee bug and Beasties demo. This was a hugely successful event.

Christmas involved several events and many man hours erecting and removing Trees and lighting, there was a grand light switch on and carol service at the Ardglass Marina with other family attractions and entertainment available on the night. There was a Christmas Craft Fair held in St Nicholas' School hall with a Santa's Grotto available for all children, and finally there was a Cross Community Carol Service, with all events extremely well attended.

The Summer seen the return of our 5 Day Summer festival in August with a jam-packed programme of events for all the family opening with our ever-popular 10km & 5km Road races and ending with a Float Parade around the village leading to a Family Funday at the Meadow with inflatables, fair ground attractions and food and beverage vans. The above events were financed by various fundraising events including Quiz and Bingo nights, Donations, and business sponsorship while several grants were successfully applied for and secured.

## **ARDGLASS FESTIVAL ASSOCIATION**

### **REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2023**

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#### **ACHIEVEMENT AND PERFORMANCE**

##### **Charitable activities**

An AGM is held each year and people are encouraged to attend. The AGM provides a financial summary of the years activities and plans are put in place for the upcoming year. Attendees are encouraged to make suggestions for artistic and educational activities which they feel would make a positive impact on the community.

#### **FINANCIAL REVIEW**

##### **Financial position**

The financial position of the charity can be found on pages 7 and 8.

##### **Principal funding sources**

The principal funding sources for the charity are currently from donations and fundraising activities.

##### **Reserves policy**

Due to the unpredictability of the income receivable by the charity it is the policy of Ardglass Festival Association to maintain a balance on unrestricted funds to cover emergency situations that arise from time to time and to also enable the charity to continue to deliver its service effectively.

The present level of reserves available to the charity is £5,581.

#### **FUTURE PLANS**

The charity plans continuing the activities outlined above in the forthcoming years subject to satisfying funding arrangements.

#### **STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT**

##### **Governing document**

The charity is controlled by its governing document and constitutes an unincorporated charity.

##### **Recruitment and appointment of new trustees**

A broad mix of skills are represented on the Management Committee and all Trustees are chosen on the basis of their willingness to serve, ability, governance experience and support of the ethos, mission and philosophy of the organisation.

##### **Risk management**

The trustees have a duty to identify and review the risks to which the charity is exposed and to ensure appropriate controls are in place to provide reasonable assurance against fraud and error.

#### **REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS**

##### **Registered Charity number**

N Ireland: 103326

**ARDGLASS FESTIVAL ASSOCIATION**

**REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES  
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Roisin Dorrian  
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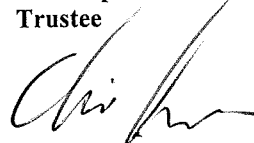
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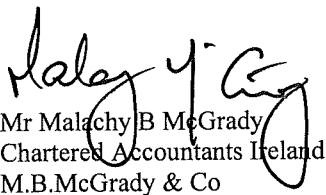
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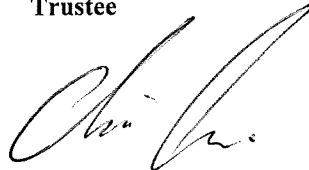
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**Ardglass Festival Association**

Northern Ireland - Charity number 103326

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# Accounts

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# ARDGLASS FESTIVAL ASSOCIATION

FINANCE REPORT 2017/18 {up to 31<sup>st</sup> August 2018}

## INCOME

Codes		£
500	Year End Balance for 16/17	3594.11
1000	NMD Council Grant	1000.00
1200	Sponsorship	3237.00
1400	Income Generated	4186.86
1600	Interest Received	<u>0.00</u>
		<u>12017.97</u>

## EXPENDITURE

2000	Salaries	0.00
2200	Workshop	0.00
2400	Entertainment	1080.00
2600	Equipment	182.00
2800	Postage	0.00
3000	Hire & Leasing	4999.80
3200	Food	0.00
3400	Electricity	93.36
3600	Publicity & Promotions	680.00
3800	Ref. Materials	10.00
4000	Telephone	0.00
4200	Insurance	470.00
4400	Professional Fees	0.00
4600	Photocopying	29.70
4800	Miscellaneous	1502.04
5000	Bank Charges	<u>61.76</u>
		<u>9108.66</u>

Balance at Year End 17/18 2909.31

Compiled by: Gerrard Casey {Treasurer}

Verified by: Brenda Enright

**Ardglass Festival Association**

Northern Ireland - Charity number 103326

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# Annual report

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## ANNUAL MONITORING RETURN FOR ARDGLASS FESTIVAL ASSOCIATION

1. The Charity is known as Ardglass Festival Association.

2. Charity Commission Number is 103326.

3. The Association's purpose is:-

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4. The Trustees – Management Committee – as at 31<sup>st</sup> August 2018 are:-

Mr. Gerard Casey – Treasurer.

Mr. Paul O Shea – Chairperson.

Mrs. Jane Johnson – Vice-Chairperson.

Mrs. Roisin Dorrian – Secretary.

Mr. Jason Curran – Programme Officer.

Miss Caoilfionn Smith – Press Officer.

Miss Jocelyn O' Shea – Sponsorship Officer.

Mr. Sean Keogh – Technical Officer.

5. This report is for the Financial Year 1<sup>st</sup> Sept. – 31<sup>st</sup> August 2018.

6. During the year the Association organised a wide range of activities :-

October – AGM;                      November - Halloween Fancy Dress & Disco {children}.

December – Christmas Tree and Festive Street Light 'switch-on'; Carol singing; Santa Grotto.

April – Easter Egg Hunt.

August – Ardglass Summer Festival – a 5-day project involving a variety of events to promote inclusivity by accommodating all members of the local Ardglass community, their visiting relatives and the many tourists. The events included a Scavenger Hunt, Golf, Senior Citizens' Event, Fun Run, Teddy Bears' Picnic, Talent Show, Pub Quiz, Bonny Baby Contest, Sand Design, Cycle Races, Kite

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Positive feedback from members of the community via cards of gratitude, personal contact and social media were very encouraging and uplifting.

8. Our Financial status is strong.

The Opening Balance at 1<sup>st</sup> September 2017 was £3594.11.

Our Total Income was £8423.86

Our Total Expenditure was £9108.66.

Closing Balance at 31<sup>st</sup> August 2018 was £2909.31

The Association has no funds in deficit.

Signed:

*Edward Casey*

Dated:

9/6/18

## COMMITTEE REPORT 2018

Following the AGM in October, the committee was immediately discussing plans for a Halloween event. The local council was approached regarding the provision of a beacon structure, but unfortunately there wasn't one available. Posters re a Halloween Fancy Dress & Disco were distributed and displayed in local primary schools and public outlets. The event was well attended with the children {and some parents} wearing a variety of costumes, many of which were made with household materials.

Due to the lengthy process of acquiring the license for the erection of festive street lights, the sequence of steps had been initiated before the AGM and was successfully completed prior to the December 'switch on'. The siting of the Christmas tree in the Community Garden proved popular and the participation of the two local school choirs and the use of the snow machine contributed to the festive atmosphere. The distribution of treats and glow-sticks and a performance by the Friendship Band was appreciated by the large crowd.

Once again, the committee liaised with the O'Shea family to incorporate the Santa Grotto as part of the annual Christmas Fayre to raise funds for Marie Curie, in memory of their deceased family member, Marie-ann.

In April, starting at the Community Centre, the children, accompanied by adults, went in search of hidden laminated images of chicks {150} hidden around the village. The child who returned with the most 'chicks' was awarded a small trophy. All the children {and adults} participating received a chocolate cream egg.

The 5-day Summer Festival was held during the first week in August. The children's events as usual, were very popular with record attendances at the Sand Design, Teddy Bears' Picnic, Cycle Races, Bubble Football and Talent Show events. Following feedback from the residential homes, the Senior Citizens' Event involving afternoon tea and sandwiches, instead of a 3-course meal, was thoroughly enjoyed by all, with music, reminiscent of their youth, encouraging them to fully participate in the singing. The Parade was once again held on a Friday evening {following the disappointing unavailability of Bands last year on the Sunday parade}. The inclusion of pipers {in addition to two other bands} was fully appreciated by the large crowds spectating. The winning float was from Ardview House {Residential Home}. Even though Ardglass is a coastal village, many residents had never experienced actually going out on the water. The free family Viking boat trips gratefully provided this opportunity with a constant stream of volunteer crew members. Teenagers who availed of the free trip to the Aqua Park, Carryduff thoroughly enjoyed the water sports.

## ASSETS

Portable Stage {3 sections} – stored in Community Centre and for community use.

Megaphone

Festive Street Lights

Festive Tree Lights

20 x Litter Picks

20 x High Visibility jackets

2 x Portable Tables

Snow Machine {for Christmas event}

8 x Walkie-Talkies {battery-operated}

Santa Claus outfit

2 x Elf outfits.

Costumes – Mickey Mouse, Minnie Mouse & Giant Prawn.

Street bunting

2 x Set of Boules

## LIABILITIES

Electricity {Festive Street Lighting} - £93.36

Insurance -£470.00.

**Trustee Declaration**

**Please state:**

**Name of organisation:** ARDBASS FESTIVAL ASSOCIATION

Each of the undersigned declares that:

- He/she is willing to act as a charity trustee and is fully aware of the organisation's purposes as set out in the governing document; and
- He/she is not disqualified from acting as a charity trustee of any charity for any of the reasons or on any of the grounds listed in section 86(1) of the Charities Act (Northern Ireland) 2008.

We jointly declare that:

- The funds of the organisation are, or immediately upon registration as a charity will be, held in an account in the name of the charity;
- The information contained on the application form and this trustee declaration form is true, complete and correct; and
- We understand that to knowingly or recklessly make a false statement is a criminal offence under section 25(1) of the Charities Act (Northern Ireland) 2008.

**Organisations working with vulnerable people or children**

**If your organisation currently works or will work with vulnerable people or children, you must complete this part of the declaration.**

To avoid confusion mark the appropriate box with a tick ✓ (not a cross)

A	We jointly declare that we have read and understood the Commission's guidance on Access NI checks.	✓
B	We jointly declare that we are satisfied that we have made the necessary checks required to safeguard our beneficiaries.	✓

# Trustee declaration

Trustee Name (Print)	Trustee signature	Date (DD/MM/YYYY)
Paul O Shea	Paul O Shea	9/6/19
Roisin Dorrian	Roisin Dorrian	9/6/19
JOCELYN O'SHEA	Jocelyn O'Shea	9/6/19
CADILFIONN SMITH	Cadilfionn Smith	9/6/19
SEAN KEOGH	Sean Keogh	9/6/19
Jason Curran	Jason Curran	9/6/19
GERARD CASEY	Gerard Casey	9/6/19
Jane Johnston	Jane Johnston	9/6/19

**Ardglass Festival Association**

Northern Ireland - Charity number 103326

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# Annual return

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## **Independent examiner's report to the charity trustees of Flying Horse Ward Community Forum**

I report on the accounts of the Trust for the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> March 2018

### **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 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.

### **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: *BRENDA ENRIGHT*

Relevant professional qualification or body: *B.A. FINANCIAL ACCOUNTANCY*

Address: *43, ST. PATRICK'S AVENUE, DOWNPATRICK, CO. DOWN*

Date: *9-6-19*

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