

Tyrone's Ditches Pipe Band

Northern Ireland · Charity number 103463

Details

Status	Received
Registered	2015-08-03
Register	View on the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland register

Contact

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Activities

Purposes: The band is established to promote the benefit of the inhabitants of the Poyntzpass area and District Council Area without distinction of age, gender, disability, sexual orientation, nationality, ethnic identity, class, marital status, political or religious opinion, in a common effort to advance the tradition of Highland Piping through training and education in Highland Piping and Drumming and to provide a facility in the interests of recreation and leisure time occupation, with the object of improving the quality of life for the said inhabitants and in particular: to maintain and manage a centre for activities promoted by the band to provide training in traditional highland pipe band music to give performances as a band for the local and wider community at the request of band and community members.

What the charity does: The advancement of education, The advancement of the arts, culture, heritage or science

How the charity works: Arts, Education/training

Who the charity helps: Children (5-13 year olds), General public, Men, Older people, Parents, Women

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2024-08-31	£4,414	£1,702	£0	0

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Mr David John Mckee		
Mr Francis Henry		
Mr George Bingham		
Mr Robert Woolsey Turner		
Mr Wilbert Mckee B Sc Med		
Mrs Winifred Meredith		

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Accounts

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Statement Of assets and liabilities— Year ended 31 August 2024

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total 2024	Total 2023
Bank and Cash Balances				
Bank Current Account			2,612	1,255
Cash in Hand				
Other Assets (Unrestricted Funds)				
Pipes 15 sets (estimated value)			7,300	7,300
Drums 16 (estimated value)			4,200	4,200
Mace x 3 (estimated value)			450	450
			14,562	13,295
Liabilities (Unrestricted Funds)			0	0

Approved by the trustees on 10.01.25



Wilbert McKee

Treasurer

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Statement of assets and liabilities – Year ended 31 August 2023

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Fund	Total 2023	Total 2022
Bank and Cash Balances				
Bank Current Account			1,255	2,484
Cash in Hand			0	0
Other Assets (Unrestricted Funds)				
Pipes 15 sets	(estimated value)		7,300	6,100
Drums 16	(estimated value)		4,200	3,200
Mace x 3	(estimated value)		450	450
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The trustees are encouraged by the progress they are making in not only their musical knowledge but also their social interaction with all other members of the band.

The band continues to develop its partnership arrangement with Altnaveigh Memorial Pipe Band from Newry. Altnaveigh Pipe Band has supported us in a number of areas, including tuition and at social events. The co-operation between the two bands has been an inspiration to all members of the Tyrone's Ditches Band and afforded them the opportunity to develop new skills as well as developing social interaction.

The band was successful in obtaining funding from DAERA for additional instruments.

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4 Church Services

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TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN

Independent examiner's report to the charity trustees of Tyrone's Ditches Pipe Band

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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.

Independent examiner's statement

I have completed my examination of the accounts of Tyrone's Ditches Pipe Band (10343) and have no concerns with respect to any material matters relating to the accounts and in connection with following the directions of the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland.

Therefore I have found no matters that require drawing to your attention.

Signed: 

Alexander Hanna
63 A Ashgrove Road
Newry
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BT34 1EE

07518162167

Date: 23 January 2024

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The band organises a Church service in Cremore Presbyterian Church annually, with a collection being taken up for charity. A cheque for £700 was presented to the Northern Ireland Children's Hospice.

The band organised two major fund raising events, namely a Bingo night and a Treasure Hunt.

The activities of the band have impacted on a wide variety of people with in the wider area. The band received correspondence from a number of benefactors thanking them for their contribution to local cultural and social events. All of this work is undertaken without remuneration and it is important to note the contribution being made by the many volunteers within the organisation.

The trustees are pleased that the band has been able to demonstrate increased learning of the skills involved in highland piping and drumming while at the same time developing social and communication skills of all members, especially those who have joined recently.

One band member undertook child protection courses, two members undertook marshalling training and three members completed food hygiene training. Thus members have gained skills which can be transferred to other settings. While these are private benefits they are incidental to the public benefit.

The trustees are content that the finances of the band are maintained and reported in a satisfactory manner. There are regular updates at the committee meetings, which are held monthly (September to June). Minutes of these meetings are recorded and duly signed by the Chairperson. The Annual General Meeting is held in accordance with the regulations documented in the Constitution.

In setting our objectives and planning our activities for the year the trustees have given careful consideration to the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland's guidance on public benefit to ensure that the activities have helped to achieve the charity's purposes and provide a benefit to the beneficiaries.

David McKee

Chairperson

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