

Sound Around Ards Talking Newspaper

Northern Ireland · Charity number 103519

Details

Known as	SAATN
Status	Received
Registered	2015-10-20
Register	View on the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland register

Contact

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Activities

Purposes: The object of the organisation is to provide information extracted from the local newspapers to people who have a visual impairment, and who live primarily in the Ards and North Down area. This is done by the free provision of weekly recordings of extracts from the Newtownards Chronicle and the County Down Spectator. Equipment to enable the recordings to be heard may be supplied on a discretionary basis. The purpose of the recordings is to inform listeners of the local news and events so that they might have the opportunity to participate.

What the charity does: The relief of those in need by reason of youth, age, ill-health, disability, financial hardship or other disadvantage

How the charity works: Advice/advocacy/information,Disability

Who the charity helps: General public,Men,Older people,Physical disabilities,Sensory disabilities,Women,Youth (14-25 year olds)

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2026-04-01	£1,276	£885	£0	0
2025-04-01	£1,962	£2,035	£0	0

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Alison Coyle		
Mr Phil Baron		
Mr Trevor Dillon		
Mrs Anne Johnston		

Accounts

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RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT

YEAR-ENDED 1 APRIL 2026

<u>Receipts</u>	2025-26 £	2024-25 £
Tesco Collection	0.00	1500.00
Donations	235.00	400.10
Donation - Black Santa Appeal	1000.00	0.00
Bank Interest	40.78	61.72
	<u>1275.78</u>	<u>1961.82</u>
 <u>Payments</u>		
Insurance	263.98	154.53
Membership Fees - TNF/ATNNI	62.00	62.00
Discs	510.88	288.75
Postal Wallets	0.00	550.80
Publicity Flyers	0.00	149.00
Stationery and Other Costs	48.40	29.50
 Community Lottery Fund NI - Expenditure	£	£
- Audio Equipment	0.00	162.96
- Marketing/Publicity Material	0.00	149.00
- 40th Anniversary Celebration	0.00	162.50
- Volunteers Gifts/Coffee Morning	0.00	123.50
- Printing, Stationery, Other Costs	0.00	121.58
- CD's for recording	0.00	80.97
	<u>0.00</u>	<u>800.51</u>
	<u>885.06</u>	<u>2035.09</u>
 Surplus/(Deficit) for year	390.72	-73.27
 Bank Reconciliation		
Opening Cash Balance - Progressive Account	2966.13	3038.40
Surplus/(Deficit) for year	390.72	-73.27
Closing Cash Balance - Progressive Account	<u>3356.85</u>	<u>2965.13</u>

Approved by the trustees at the AGM on 14 May 2025 and signed on their behalf by:


Phil Baron, President


Trevor Dillon, Treasurer

Independent Examiner's Statement

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Ernie Trew 38 Thornhill Park Belfast BT5 7AR

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RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT

YEAR-ENDED 1 APRIL 2025

<u>Receipts</u>	2024-25 £	2023-24 £
Tesco Collection		
Donations	1500.00	47.66
Community Lottery Fund NI	400.10	120.00
Bank Interest	0.00	6500.00
	61.72	85.46
	<u>1961.82</u>	<u>6753.12</u>
<u>Payments</u>		
Insurance		
Membership Fees - TNF/ATNNI	154.53	227.10
Discs	62.00	62.00
Postal Wallets	288.75	295.45
Publicity Flyers	550.80	0.00
Stationery and Other Supplies	149.00	0.00
	29.50	123.95
Community Lottery Fund NI - Expenditure		
- Laptop & associated equipment	£ 0.00	£ 669.82
- Audio Equipment	162.96	419.95
- Multi CD Copier	0.00	359.99
- Portable CD Player	0.00	63.98
- Furniture	0.00	896.42
- Marketing/Publicity Material	149.00	207.60
- 40th Anniversary Celebration	162.50	2092.31
- Volunteers Gifts/Coffee Morning	123.50	497.73
- Printing, Stationery, Other Costs	121.58	294.62
- CD's for recording	80.97	5702.32
	<u>800.51</u>	<u>199.90</u>
	<u>2035.09</u>	<u>6410.82</u>
Surplus/(Deficit) for year	-73.27	342.30
<u>Bank Reconciliation</u>		
Opening Cash Balance - Progressive Account	3039.40	2697.10
Surplus/(Deficit) for year	-73.27	342.30
Closing Cash Balance - Progressive Account	<u>2966.13</u>	<u>3039.40</u>

Approved by the trustees at the AGM on 8th May 2025 and signed on their behalf by:

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Trevor Dillon, Treasurer

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YEAR-ENDED 1 APRIL 2024

<u>Receipts</u>	2023-24 £	2022-23 £
Tesco Collection	47.66	0.00
Donations	120.00	740.00
Community Lottery Fund NI	6500.00	0.00
Bank Interest	85.46	19.64
	<u>6753.12</u>	<u>759.64</u>
<u>Payments</u>		
Insurance	227.10	216.24
Membership Fees - TNF/ATNNI	62.00	62.00
Discs	295.45	160.00
Stationery and Other Supplies	123.95	0.00
Community Lottery Fund NI - Expenditure		
- Laptop & associated equipment	669.82	
- Audio Equipment	419.95	
- Multi CD Copier	359.99	
- Portable CD Player	63.98	
- Furniture	896.42	
- Marketing/Publicity Material	207.60	
- Celebration Dinner	2092.31	
- Gifts for Volunteers	497.73	
- Printing and Stationery	294.62	
- CD's for recording	199.90	
	<u>5702.32</u>	<u>0.00</u>
	<u>6410.82</u>	<u>438.24</u>
Surplus/(Deficit) for year	342.30	321.40
Bank Reconciliation		
Opening Cash Balance	- Progressive Account	
Surplus/(Deficit) for year		
Closing Cash Balance	- Progressive Account	
	<u>2697.10</u>	<u>2375.70</u>
	<u>342.30</u>	<u>321.40</u>
	<u>3039.40</u>	<u>2697.10</u>

Approved by the trustees at the AGM on 4th May 2024 and signed on their behalf by:


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Annual report

Narrative for Financial Review section of Trustees' Annual Report 2024

This year's Finance Report has been affected dramatically by the receipt of a substantial grant from the Community Lottery Fund NI and the subsequent associated expenditure. Receipts for the year totalled £6753 with the lottery monies representing £6500 of this sum. The remaining income (£253) represented other donations, collections and bank interest received.

Payments for the year totalled £6410.82 and again the bulk of this is represented by the lottery spend (£5702.32). The remaining expenditure of £708.50 comprises replacement discs (£295.45), insurance fees (£227.10) and various supplies (£123.95) with the balance representing membership fees.

The net result for the year was that receipts adequately exceeded payments by £342.30. This positive result has increased our bank cash balance from £2697.10 to £3039.40 as at 1st April 2024.

It would however be useful to extract the impact of the Lottery monies to see the underlying financial position. First of all, it should be noted that £797.68 of the Lottery Funding remains unspent at year-end and will be earmarked for eligible expenditure in the new year.

After removing the lottery impact, we see an income figure of £253.12 and, with expenditure at £708.50, the net result is a loss of £455.38 on the operating side. Donations and grants in previous years have tended to keep us in surplus but this year we have not benefited to the same extent (bearing in mind that Lottery funding is largely earmarked for 1-off expenditure).

Nevertheless, the organisation's finances are in a strong position with a cash balance of £2242 after the remaining Lottery Funds have been spent. The current levels of cash held would be sufficient to meet 2½ years operating costs. This is comfortably within our target of ensuring that, at the very least, an amount equivalent to one-year's operating costs (£900) is held in reserve at each year-end. Our financial position will also be boosted in the incoming year from Tesco Springhill's bookstall charity where at least £1000 has been committed.

Trevor Dillon
Treasurer

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STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES

YEAR-ENDED 1 APRIL 2024

Funds Reconciliation

	Total 2024	Total 2023
	£	£
Opening Cash Balance 1 April 2023	2697.10	2375.70
Surplus for Year	342.30	321.40
Closing Cash Balance 1 April 2024	3039.40	2697.10

Bank and Cash Balances

Bank Deposit Account	3039.40	2697.10
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Other Assets (all at estimated value)

HP Pavilion Plus 14-eh1001na Laptop and accessories	670	0
DVD/CD Multi-Burner	360	0
Audio Interface - Rubix22	140	0
Microphone Stands - Greyhound XLR (x2)	30	0
Microphones - Podmic (x2)	200	0
Desktop Microphone Stands(x2)	50	0
Portable CD Players(x2)	64	0
Folding Chairs - black/grey (x2)	70	0
Millberget Swivel Chair - black (x3)	345	0
Hampen Rug - grey	40	0
Lagkapten/Adils desk - oak effect/dark grey (x2)	90	0
Lindknud Rug (x2)	70	0
Folding Chairs - black/grey (x2)	70	0
Noise-reducing panels (x4)	0	0
Old Equipment for back-up		
Dell Laptop Model E6400	0	0
Acard Technology Pro CD Tower Duplicator	0	0
Tascam 122 MK II Cassette Recorder/Reproducer	0	0
Behringer Audio Quad Dynamics Processor Model MDX4600	0	0
Soundcraft Sound Mixer unit EPM6	0	0
	0	0

Liabilities

	0.00	0.00
	0.00	0.00
	0.00	0.00

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Phil Baron, Chair



Trevor Dillon, Treasurer

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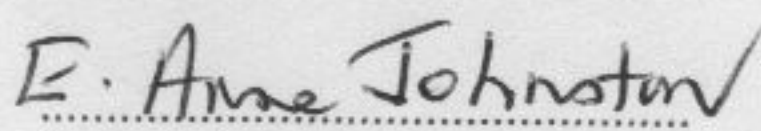
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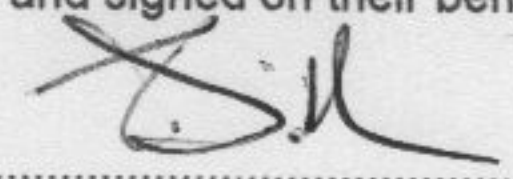
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YEAR-ENDED 1 APRIL 2023

	2022-23 £	2021-22 £
<u>Receipts</u>		
Grant - Belfast Black Santa Sit-out	0.00	1000.00
Donation - L.Johnston/J.Boal	710.00	0.00
Other Donations	30.00	0.00
Bank Interest	19.64	1.84
	<u>759.64</u>	<u>1001.84</u>
<u>Payments</u>		
Insurance	216.24	207.60
Membership Fees - TNF	42.00	42.00
- ATNNI	20.00	20.00
Discs and Other Supplies	160.00	373.00
Officers' Expenses	0.00	0.00
Conference Fees	0.00	0.00
Other Costs	0.00	0.00
	<u>438.24</u>	<u>642.60</u>
Surplus/(Deficit) for year	321.40	359.24
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Payments for the year totalled £438.24 comprising insurance fees of £216.24 and marketing material of £160 with the balance representing membership fees. This is lower than normal as no recording discs needed to be purchased during the year.

The net result for the year was that receipts adequately exceeded payments by £321.40. This positive result has increased our bank cash balance from £2375.70 to £2697.10 as at 1st April 2023.

The current levels of cash held would be sufficient to meet over 3 years operating costs. This is comfortably within our target of ensuring that, at the very least, an amount equivalent to one year's operating costs (£750) is held in reserve at each year-end.

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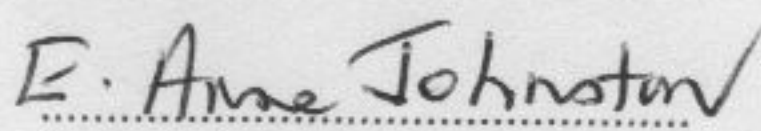
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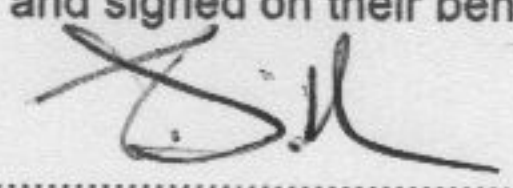
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