

The Friends of Music in the Education Authority (North Eastern Region)

Northern Ireland · Charity number 103653

Details

Status	Received
Registered	2015-12-01
Register	View on the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland register

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Activities

Purposes: The purpose of the organisation set out in our constitution is, "The aim of the Friends shall be to advance and develop the art and science of music and musical education, with particular reference to orchestral music, in the North Eastern Region of the Education Authority (the area formerly covered by the North Eastern Education and Library Board) by providing services not normally covered or subsidised by the Department of Education or Education Authority grants." Having regard to the Public Benefit statutory guidance the Friends tries to achieve its aims without causing harm.

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

How the charity works: Arts, Grant making

Who the charity helps: Children (5-13 year olds), Youth (14-25 year olds)

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-03-31	£86	£8,815	£0	0

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Brian Lynas		
Christine Stewart		
Clifford Bell		
David Foster		
Elizabeth Brown		
Helena Haffield		
Jeanne Martin		
Noel Lamont		
Tracey Montgomery		

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Accounts

Friends of Music in the Education Authority (North Eastern Region). (Registered with the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland NIC103653)

Statement of Accounts 1st April 2024 - 31st March 2025

INCOME

Balances at 31/03/2024

Danske Bank (1752)	£	1,577.59	£	1,577.59
Danske Bank (0154)	£	5.37	£	5.37
Danske Bank (8239)	£	18,589.26		
Uncashed Cheque (598)	-£	500.00		
Uncashed Cheque (601)	-£	865.00		
Uncashed Cheque (605)	-£	280.00	£	16,944.26

£ 18,527.22

Membership Fees	£	45.00	£	45.00
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Interest(1752)	£	26.12		
Interest(0154)	£	0.08		
Interest(8239)	£	14.41	£	40.61

Grand Total			£	18,612.83
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EXPENDITURE

EC Meetings	£	84.00		
Assistance to Schools	£	8,708.77		
Bank Fees	£	22.06		

£ 8,814.83

Balances at 31/03/2025

Danske Bank (1752)	£	1,603.71	£	1,603.71
Danske Bank (0154)	£	5.45	£	5.45
Danske Bank (8239)	£	10,163.81		
Less Uncashed Cheques	£	1,974.97	£	8,188.84
			£	9,798.00

Grand Total			£	18,612.83
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I confirm that this statement has been prepared from the books and vouchers in my possession.

SIGNED: *T. Montgomery* (T MONTGOMERY. Hon Treasurer) DATE: 22-7-2025

I confirm that I have vouched this statement to the receipts and vouchers of the "Friends" and the balances are in agreement with the bank records at 31st March 2025.

SIGNED: *Patrick J. Jones* (P TONER. Hon Auditor). DATE: 25-7-2025

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Statement of Account: 1/4/23 - 31/3/24							
INCOME				EXPENDITURE			
Balances at 31/03/23				EC Meetings	£380.55		
Dansk Bank (1752)	£1,554.69			Assistance to Schools	£9,733.21		
Dansk Bank (0154)	£5.30			Bank Fees	£22.06		
Dansk Bank (8239)	£25,321.05			Cancel Cheque Fees	£10.00		£10,145.82
plus Cancelled Cheques	£1,692.00	£28,573.04					
				Balances at 31/03/24			
Membership Fees	£45.00	£45.00		Dansk Bank (1752)	£1,577.59	✓	£1,577.89
				Dansk Bank (0154)	£5.37	✓	£5.37
Interest (1752)	£22.90			Dansk Bank (8239)	£18,589.26	✓	
Interest (0154)	£0.07			less Uncashed Cheques	£1,645.00		£16,944.26
Interest (8239)	£32.03	£55.00					
Grand Totals		£28,673.04					£28,673.04

I confirm that this statement has been prepared from the books and vouchers in my possession.

SIGNED: T. Montgomery (T MONTGOMERY, Hon Treasurer). DATE: 18-9-24.

I confirm that I have vouched this statement to the receipts and vouchers of the "Friends" and the balances are in agreement with the bank records at 31st March 2024.

SIGNED: Patrick J. Toner (P. TONER, Hon Auditor). DATE: 23-9-24.

The Friends of Music in the Education Authority (North Eastern Region)

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Annual report

Friends of Music in the Education Authority (North East Region)

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Annual Report - 1st April 2023- 31st March 2024.

Aims

1. The aims of the Friends of Music in the Education Authority (North East Region) {hereinafter referred to as the Friends} remains unchanged and continues to be:

To advance and develop the art and science of music and musical education, with particular reference to orchestral music, in the Education Authority (North Eastern Region) by providing services not normally covered or subsidised by the Department of Education or Education Authority grants.

Organisation

2. The Executive Committee (EC) of the Friends is elected at the Annual General meeting and is the body responsible for the day-to-day management of the organisation. Decisions taken by the EC must conform to the objectives of the Friends set out in the constitution and are also taken having regard to the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland Public Benefit Requirement statutory guidance.

3. The members of the EC during the 2023/24 year were:

Christine Stewart (Chairperson)
David Foster (Secretary)
Tracey Montgomery (Treasurer)
Jean Martin
Brian Lynas

Liz Brown
Noel Lamont
Helena Haffield
Clifford Bell

(These members of the EC were in office when this report was approved.)

The Executive Committee met on 3 occasions during the year.

4. The registered address of the Friends is 82, Ballylagan Road, Ballyclare BT39 9QR.

Activities during the year

5. A circular was issued to schools advising that the Friends were willing to provide financial assistance to suitable musical projects and applications for assistance should be sent to the Secretary for consideration by the Executive Committee. 30 applications were received; 16 were offered assistance but two offers were withdrawn later upon receipt of additional information and 1 school decided not to proceed with their project. 3 applications were withdrawn by the schools and the remaining applications (11) were rejected by the Executive Committee.

Finance/Liabilities

6. The 2023/24 financial account shows the Friends to be in a sound financial position with a credit balance of £18527.22.

7. At the end of the year the Friends had outstanding liabilities of £2097.31.

8.The Officers and members of the Executive Committee elected for the 2024/25 year were:

Christine Stewart (Chairperson)
David Foster (Secretary)
Tracey Montgomery (Treasurer)
Jean Martin
Brian Lynas

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Helena Haffield
Clifford Bell

Signed: _____
David Foster (Secretary)

Date: _____

The Friends of Music in the Education Authority (North Eastern Region)

Northern Ireland - Charity number 103653

Annual return

Independent Examiner's Report to the Executive Committee of the Friends of Music in the Education Authority (North East Region)

1. I report on the accounts of the Friends for the year ended 31st March 2024; a copy of the Financial Statement is attached.
2. As the Friends Executive Committee you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the Charities Act (Northern Ireland) 2008 (hereinafter referred to as the Charities Act).
3. It is my responsibility to:
 - 1) examine the accounts under section 65 of the Charities Act;
 - 2) follow the procedures laid down in the general directions given by the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland under section 65(9) (b) of the Charities Act; and
 - 3) state whether particular matters have come to my attention.
4. I have examined the charity accounts as required under section 65 of the Charities Act and my examination has been carried out in accordance with the general directions given by the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland under section 65(9)(b) to the Charities Act.
5. My examination included a review of the accounting records kept by the Charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. There were no unusual items or disclosures in the accounts requiring clarification by the Executive Committee.
6. During my examination nothing has come to my attention which causes me to believe that:
 - 1) Accounting records have not been kept in accordance with section 63 of the Charities Act;
 - 2) The accounts do not accord with those accounting records;
 - 3) The accounts do not comply with the accounting requirements of the Charities Act;
 - 4) Further information is needed for a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached; and
 - 5) Any payments made are not in compliance with the constitution of the Charity.

Independent Examiners Statement

7. I have completed my examination and have no concerns in respect of the matters listed at paragraph 6 (1) - (5) above and in connection with following the Directions of the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland, I have found no matters which require to be brought to your attention.

Signed: Patrick J Toner (Patrick Toner) Date: 23-9-24

Relevant professional qualification: H.M. Inspector of Taxes [Retired]

Address: 5 Pineridge Road, Ballymena. Co. Antrim.

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(These members of the EC were in office when this report was approved.)

The Executive Committee met on 2 occasions during the year.

4. The registered address of the Friends is 82, Ballylagan Road, Ballyclare BT39 9QR.

Activities during the year

5. As schools had reopened after the pandemic the Executive Committee agreed a circular should be issued to schools advising that the Friends were willing to provide financial assistance to suitable musical projects and applications for assistance should be sent to the Secretary for consideration by the Executive Committee. 29 applications were received; of these 16 were accepted, 9 rejected, 3 withdrawn and 1 was outstanding at the end of the year due to the school not supplying clarifying information when requested.

Finance/Liabilities

6. The 2022/23 financial account shows the Friends to be in a sound financial position with a credit balance of £26,881.04.

7. At the end of the year the Friends had outstanding liabilities of £6094.14.

8. The Officers and members of the Executive Committee elected for the 2023/24 year were:

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David Foster (Secretary)
Tracey Montgomery (Treasurer)
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Signed: _____


David Foster (Secretary)

Date: _____

9/9/23.

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Signed: Patrick J Toner (Patrick Toner) Date: 31/07/23

Relevant professional qualification: Inspector of Taxes (retired)

Address: Pineridge Road, Ballymena. Co. Antrim.