

Wellington Memorial Silver Band

Northern Ireland · Charity number 103852

Details

Status	Received
Registered	2015-09-10
Register	View on the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland register

Contact

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Activities

Purposes: The Band will promote the tradition of Brass Band music in the local area. It will provide musical tuition to the members and supply the required instruments and equipment and promote our music by engaging in public performances including concerts, contests, church events, parades and community events.

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

How the charity works: Arts, Cultural, Education/training

Who the charity helps: General public, Volunteers, Youth (14-25 year olds)

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-12-31	£11,612	£8,856	£0	0

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Dawn Stewart		
Miss Catherine Woods		
Mr Robert McClurg		
Mr Sam Woods		
Mr Thomas Woods		
Mrs Patricia Gibson		

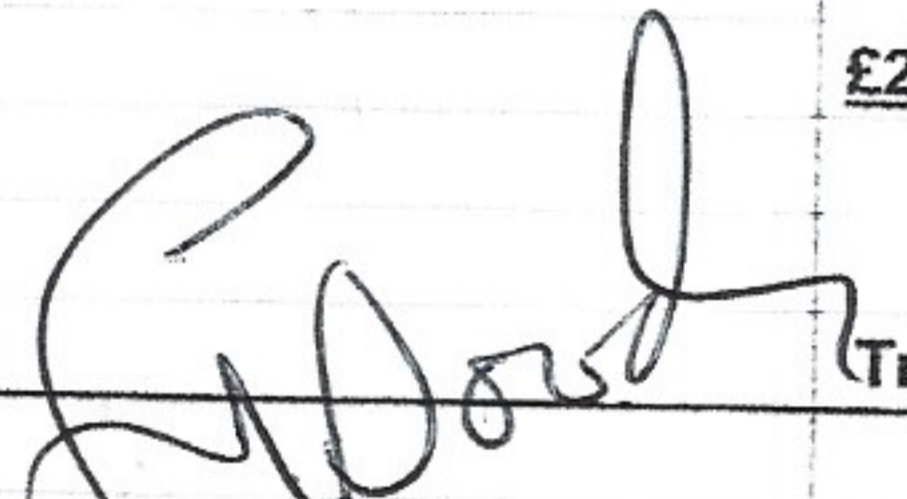
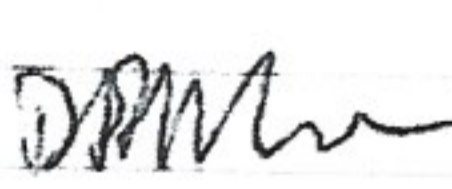
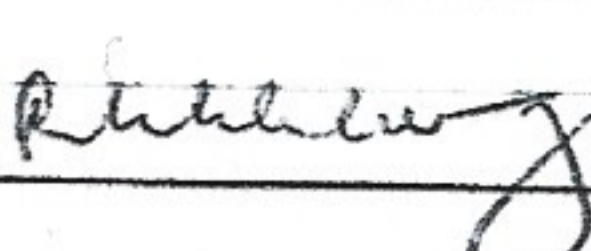
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STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTS Y/E 31/12/2025

<u>INCOME</u>		<u>EXPENSES</u>	
Cash on Hand	£40.02	Conductors Fee	£2,670.00
Bank Balance @ 31/12/2024	£12,692.42	Single Bb Bass	£1,100.00
Dues Subscriptions	£3,525.00	Air Ambulance NI	£1,100.00
80th Anniversary Concert	1624.97	Action Cancer Donation	£900.00
Merchant Hotel Carols	£900.00	Concert Expenses	£536.30
HMRC Gift Aid Refund	£819.53	Miscellaneous	£462.55
Dundrum Parade	£800.00	NIBA/BBL/SWDBA Fees	£407.00
St Patricks Day Parade	£750.00	Music	£395.33
Christmas Market Saintfield	£500.00	Symington Silver Band	£375.00
Remembrance Festival Lisburn	£350.00	LOL No 11 (Use of Hall)	£250.00
Scarva Concerts	£350.00	Public Liability Insurance	£252.15
Somme Parade Comber	£300.00	Instrument Repairs	£153.00
Delamont Concert	£250.00	Donation Sight Savers	£100.00
Donaghadee Concert	£200.00	Action Cancer Donation	£100.00
Botanic Gardens Concert	£200.00	Saintfield Church Use Of Hall	£50.00
D J Dickson Donation	£200.00	Bank Fees	£4.99
LOL 206 Church Service	£200.00		
Portavogie Carols	£150.00		
Holy Trinity Waringstown	£150.00		
Killyleagh Legion	£130.00		
Raffrey Carols	£60.00		
T McNeilly Donation	£40.00		
Robin Fairburn Donation	£25.00		
Raymond Stewart Donation	£20.00		
Alma Pentland Donation	£30.00		
W Nixon Donation	£10.00		
Uniform	£10.00		
Refund of Bank Fees	£9.31	Cash on Hand	£195.02
Scrap Stands	£9.00	Bank Balance @ 31/12/2025	£15,293.91
Totals	£24,345.25		£24,345.25
S Woods 	Treasurer		Date 2/1/25
We certify that the Accounts presented above are correct in accordance with the books and records maintained by the Treasurer.			
D Marr 	Independent Person		Date 4/1/26
R McClurg 	Independent Person		Date 5/1/26

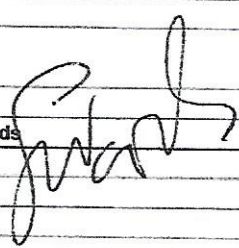
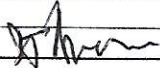
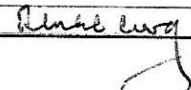
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Cash on Hand	£151.72	Conductors Fee	£2,980.00
Bank Balance @ 31/12/2023	£9,758.21	New Coats / T Shirts	£1,288.00
Dues Subscriptions	£3,461.00	Music	£823.25
HMRC Gift Aid Refund	£694.73	Miscellaneous	£412.70
RBP Parade Killyleagh	£950.00	NIBA/BBL/SWDBA Fees	£430.00
Saintfield Christmas Market	£500.00	LOL No 11 (Use of Hall)	£250.00
Festival Of Remembrance Lisburn	£350.00	Public Liability Insurance	£238.27
Scarva Concerts	£350.00	Waistcoats	£136.00
Wallace Park Concert	£250.00	Darren Flight	£100.00
Donaghadee Community Assoc	£200.00	Donation Action Cancer	£100.00
Comber Regeneration P/Ship	£200.00	Saintfield Parish Church	£25.00
Crossgar Community Assoc Carols	£200.00		
Saintfield Parish Church Carols	£200.00		
Ormeau Park Concert	£190.00		
Contributions For Coats/T Shirts	£230.00		
RBL Parade Killyleagh	£130.00		
St Johns Parish Church Fete	£150.00		
Derriaghy District LOL	£150.00		
Band Of The Year Award	£150.00		
Portavogie Presbyterian Church Carols	£150.00		
Newtonbreda Presbyterian Church	£150.00		
Holy Trinity Carols 2023	£100.00		
Holy Trinity Carols 2024	£100.00		
Blackwarer College Carols	£50.00		
Kevin Dickson Donation	£250.00		
D J Dickson Donation	£200.00		
David Annett Donation	£140.00		
Robin Fairburn Donation	£50.00		
Tom McNeilly Donation	£30.00		
Raymond Stewart Donation	£20.00	Cash on Hand	£40.02
Anon Donation	£10.00	Bank Balance @ 31/12/2024	£12,692.42
Totals	£19,515.66		£19,515.66
S Woods 	Treasurer	Date	31/12/24
We certify that the Accounts presented above are correct in accordance with the books and records maintained by the Treasurer.			
D Marr 	Independent Person	Date	11/01/25
R McClurg 	Independent Person	Date	8.1.25

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Annual report

Wellington Memorial Silver Band AGM 17/02/2025

The band met for their annual AGM on 17th February 2025. Chairman Thomas Woods welcomed everyone to the meeting. Vice presidents Raymond Stewart, Tom McNeilly, William Moody and Robert McClurg were in attendance. Apologies were accepted from president David Dickson, Jim Smyth and Avril Carse.

Thomas welcomed Robin Fairbairn, and asked him to close a moments silence for the bereaved in prayer. The minutes from last year's AGM were read and accepted as a true record of the meeting.

The treasurer, Sam Woods, gave a short report on the band's finances and spoke about the Gift Aid rebates which have been beneficial for the band. Thomas thanked Sam for his continued commitment to his role. The accounts have been checked and verified by independent auditors and it was proposed and seconded that the accounts be accepted as accurate.

The chairman spoke briefly about how the band continues to be busy, and acknowledged all the different roles that our members embark on, he thanked Sam for his continued work on maintaining the accounts, Victoria for her role as secretary and NIBA/BBNI representative. To Dawn for her continued hard work to get guests for our contests/concerts when we need them, getting music gathered for ensemble events and keeping things ticking over. It was also mentioned that her efforts at Christmas time, organising groups to play carols in various locations to raise money for Action Cancer does not go unnoticed. For the festive period of 2024, it was noted that her groups had raised £6636 for the charity. And finally thanks were expressed to Graham for his hard work in maintaining the instruments and he is always willing to help without complaint.

Thomas then handed over to the bands MD Stephen Cairns, Thomas welcomed him and thanked him for his dedication, hard work and patience with the band. With Fivemiletown being a success last year, we are hoping to bring the same results in, and we look forward to taking part.

Stephen spoke briefly and thanked the members for their attendance and commitment to the band. He was then given the task of choosing player of the year. This was awarded to Peter McAuley, Stephen remarked on how he is a good attender, he plays his parts well, and usually on his own.

Robin then thanked the band for inviting him back, and he expressed his gratitude at our support to him, and for playing carols for him in Portavogie during the festive period.

All offices were declared vacant and were re-elected in block. The meeting was then brought to a close and everyone enjoyed refreshments and time for a chat.

Officers

President: David Dickson

Vice Presidents: William Pentland, Robin Fairbairn, Jim Smyth, Raymond Stewart, Elma Pentland, Avril Carse, Tom McNeilly, Robert McClurg, William Moody

Chairman: Thomas Woods

Vice Chairman: Robert McClurg

Treasurer: Sam Woods

Secretary: Victoria McAuley

Assistant Secretary: Catherine Dodsworth

Librarians: Robert McClurg, Evelyn Woods, Patrick Millar

Committee: Catherine Dodsworth, Dawn Stewart, David Hanna, Graham McNamara

NIBA/BBNI reps: Catherine Dodsworth, Dawn Stewart, Victoria McAuley

SWDBA reps: Sam Woods, Thomas Woods

Crossgar War Memorial Hall reps: Robert McClurg, Callum Bowsie

Equipment Officers: David Hanna, Graham McNamara

Conductor: Stephen Cairns

Assistant Conductor: Thomas Woods

Band Sergeant: Dawn Stewart

Independent persons: Robert McClurg, Dougie Marr

Signed Chairman

T Woods . 18/3/25 .

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Annual return

Independent examiner's report to the trustees of Wellington Memorial Brass Band

I report on the accounts of the Band for the year ended 31 December 2024, which are set out below.

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 (Northern Ireland) 2008
- 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 (Northern Ireland) 2008
- 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: Douglas Robert Marr

Relevant professional qualification or body: Chartered Mechanical Engineer, Member of the Institution of Mechanical Engineers.

Address:

167A Derryboye Road
Crossgar
Downpatrick
Co Down
BT30 9DJ

Signed:



Date: 26 February 2025

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STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTS Y/E 31/12/2023

INCOME		EXPENSES	
Cash on Hand	£250.72	Conductors Fee	£2,980.00
Bank Balance @ 31/12/2022	£7,118.26	New Waistcoats	£360.57
Dues Subscriptions	£3,777.00	Miscellaneous	£455.00
HMRC Gift Aid Refund	1401.13	NIBA/BBL/SWDBA Fees	£300.00
Saintfield Market Carols	£400.00	LOL No 11 (Use of Hall)	£250.00
Scarva Concerts	£300.00	Public Liability Insurance	£238.27
Moat Park Concert	£250.00	Music	£217.35
Coronation Event Crossgar	£220.00	T Murphy Travel Expenses	£104.00
Comber Regeneration Community	£200.00	Darren Travel Expenses	£100.00
Crossgar Community Assoc Carols	£200.00	Action Cancer Donation	£100.00
C S Lewis Square Concert	£190.00	Mute Stands	£72.00
Big Fish Hire Of Uniform	£150.00	Instrument Repairs	£60.00
Killycain Pres Church	£150.00	Donation Commons Silver	£50.00
Remembrance Parade Killyleagh	£130.00		
Solely Trinity Carols 2022	£100.00		
Saintfield Parish Church	£100.00		
Roomhedge Church Service	£80.00		
Blackwater College	£50.00		
St. Jeffrey Church Carols	£50.00		
Tom McNeilly Donation	£40.00		
Tommy Neill Donation	£20.00	Cash on Hand	£151.71
Raymond Stewart Donation	£20.00	Bank Balance @ 31/12/2023	£9,758.21
Totals	£15,197.11		£15,197.11

[Handwritten Signature]
 Woods

Treasurer

Date 31/12

We certify that the Accounts presented above are correct in accordance with the books and records maintained by the Treasurer.

D Marr *[Signature]*

Independent Person

Date 8/1/24

R McClurg *[Signature]*

Independent Person

Date 3.1.24

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Wellington Memorial Silver Band AGM 15/01/2024

The band met for their annual AGM on 15th January 2024. Chairman Thomas Woods welcomed everyone to the meeting. Vice presidents Raymond Stewart and Robert McClurg were in attendance. Apologies were accepted from Avril Carse and Elma Pentland.

Thomas welcomed Robin Fairbairn back to the meeting after his absence last year. We stood for a moments silence to reflect on all those who had been bereaved since we last met.

The minutes from the last AGM were read and accepted as a true record of the meeting.

The treasurer, Sam Woods, gave a short report and explained that we had registered for Gift Aid and received a refund around £1400 from HMRC. Thomas thanked Sam for his continued commitment to is role. The accounts were checked and verified by an independent auditors and it was proposed and seconded that the accounts be accepted as accurate.

The Chairman spoke about the busy year the band had in 2023, between the spring festival in April 2023 and the numerous Coronation events that we attended. Our M.D David Hawthorne stepped down as conductor in June 2023 and after a short period of advertisement, Stephen Cairns was welcomed as the band's new Musical Director, and they celebrated their first win with him in November 2023. We had 13 engagements throughout the year, and the band are looking forward to another busy year.

Thomas thanked all the officers and committee for their continued support, Sam for his continued work as treasurer, Victoria for continuing her role as secretary and Catherine for her role as assistant secretary. Robert McClurg was thanked for his hard work sorting and filing our music, he confirmed we have 808 pieces of music in our library!

Dawn Stewart was thanked for her ongoing dedication to the Junior band, and thanks to Graham McNamara for stepping in to help her. It was also mentioned that she works hard in helping the band secure guest players for various engagements as and when it was required. She also heads up the carol playing during the festive period and arranges for ensembles to play at different venues to raise money for Action Cancer. All of it does not go unnoticed. This year an impressive £6995 was raised for the charity. Robert had also mentioned that since Davy Dickson began the fundraising efforts for Action Cancer, the bands had raised over £60,000.

All offices were declared vacant and the proceedings were handed over to Robin Fairbairn. He thanked us for inviting him and apologised for his absence last year and he is happy to be back with us. All offices were re-elected in block.

Thomas had discussed player of the year with Stephen prior to the meeting. He remarked that everyone is in the band for the right reasons, and everyone is pulling

their weight. He complimented Graham for an excellent performance at the Maldron Hotel, Dawn for her work with the juniors and our guests, and Catherine for stepping up in the principal's seat. Team work is what helps our band to continue. Graham, Dawn and Catherine share the player of the year award, and Catherine received a certificate for 20 years of service to the band.

Patrick Millar remarked that the functionality of our band all boils down to teamwork, we all play well at contests and it's all due to everyone's practice and dedication. He told us how is still enjoying coming to the band and how he appreciates the help moving his instrument.

The meeting was then brought to a close and everyone enjoyed some refreshments and a chat.

Officers

President: David Dickson

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Signed



Chairman.

15/01/24.

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Name: Douglas Robert Marr

Relevant professional qualification or body: Chartered Mechanical Engineer, Member of the Institution of Mechanical Engineers

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Signed:



Date: 2 April 2024