

# Coleraine Music Festival Association

Northern Ireland · Charity number 106472

## Details

Status Received

Registered 2017-07-28

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

## Contact

Address 23 Lisnagat Road  
Armoy  
Ballymoney  
Co Antrim  
BT53 8UN  
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Phone 07936280908

## Activities

**Purposes:** The objectives of the Association (the Purposes) is to advance the education of the public in the Arts and in particular the Arts of Music, Speech and Drama in all their branches.

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

**How the charity works:** Arts

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

## Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-07-31	£10,851	£11,726	£0	0
2024-07-31	£10,386	£12,880	£0	0

## Trustees

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Name	Role	Appointed
Mr Joe Dwyer		
Mrs Margaret Sloane		

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# Accounts

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# COLERAINE MUSIC FESTIVAL ASSOCIATION

## Balance Sheet as at 31st July 2025

£

### Assets:

Ulster Bank Current Account 12.18

Ulster Bank Business Reserve 10,284.15

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10,296.33

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**Capital a/c** b/fwd 11040.29

Business Reserve a/c Interest 130.53

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11170.82

Less Deficit 874.49

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10,296.33

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**COLERAINE MUSIC FESTIVAL ASSOCIATION**

**Ulster Bank Current Account 980440 18283045**

		DR	CR
01/08/2024	Balance	886.67	
31/07/2025	Total Income	10,851.80	
	From Reserve Account		
	Total Expenditure		11,726.29
	Balance c/dwn		12.18
		-----	-----
		11,738.47	11,738.47
		=====	=====
	Balance b/dwn	<b>12.18</b>	

**Bank Reconciliation as at 31st July 2025**

Balance in Bank per Bank Statement & per Ledger a/c

£

12.18

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**Ulster Bank Business Reserve Account 980440 18283128**

		DR	CR
01/08/2024	Balance	10,153.62	
31/07/2025	Interest received	130.53	
	Balance c/dwn		10,284.15
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		10,284.15	10,284.15
		=====	=====
	Balance b/dwn	<b>10,284.15</b>	

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Capital a/c	b/fwd 13380.86
Business Reserve a/c Interest	153.62
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	13534.48
Less Deficit	2,494.19
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	11,040.29
	=====

Income and Expenditure for the year end 31st July 2024

	£	£
<b>Receipts:</b>		
Donations	40.00	
Sponsorship	1,135.00	
Music Entries	2,026.00	
Speech Entries	2,910.00	
Door receipts - Music	2,226.82	
Door receipts - Speech	1,788.60	
Membership Fees	120.00	
Friends of Festival	89.00	
Bank Interest received	50.64	
	-----	10,386.06
 <b>Less Expenditure:</b>		
Adjudicators fees	3,320.00	
Adjudicators expenses	800.66	
Adjudicators Accommodation	1,548.25	
Accompanist	786.00	
Printing Certificates	956.40	
Printing Programmes	786.20	
Postage Stationery & Printing	101.50	
<b>Sundries:</b> <b>See Note</b>		
Room Hire for A G M	138.40	
Car Parking	46.10	
Music Secretary Expenses	440.00	
Setting Syllabus	230.00	
Accountants Fee	365.00	
	-----	1,219.50
 Bursaries	 550.00	
Hire of premises	1,950.00	
Insurance	300.00	
Bank Charges	142.74	
Federation Subscription	419.00	
	-----	12,880.25
		-----
(Deficit)		(2,494.19)
		=====

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Dated...14/10/2024

Signed...*Robert J. Stevenson*  
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Sponsorship	1,035.00	
Music Entries	1,438.00	
Speech Entries	2,855.00	
Door receipts - Music	1,591.72	
Door receiptys - Speech	1,167.88	
Membership Fees	120.00	
Refund received	300.00	
Bank Interest received	39.93	
	-----	8,577.53
<b>Less Expenditure:</b>		
Adjudicators fees	3,484.00	
Adjudicators expenses	313.80	
Adjudicators Accommodation	1,143.00	
Accompanist	634.00	
Badges & Trophies	3,172.57	
Catering	754.34	
Postage Stationery & Printing	1,117.39	
Music Secretary Expenses	324.19	
Speech Secretary Expenses	66.39	
Treasurer Expenses	36.00	
Hotel Vouchers	100.00	
Bursaries	500.00	
Hire of premises	1,125.00	
Insurance	500.00	
Bank Charges	223.07	
BIFF travel	70.00	
N I Festival Association	35.00	
Federation Subscription	465.00	
	-----	14,063.75
(Deficit)		----- (5,486.22) =====

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	Total Expenditure			14,063.75
	Balance	c/dwn		999.26
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			15,063.01	15,063.01
			=====	=====
	Balance	b/dwn	<b>999.26</b>	

**o/s Cheques**

1663	50.00
1665	100.00
1671	100.00
1674	50.00
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	300.00
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**Bank Reconciliation as at 31st July 2023**

	<b>£</b>
Balance in Bank per Bank Statement	1,299.26
Deduct o/s Cheques - Per List	300.00
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<b>Balance in Bank per Ledger Account</b>	<b>999.26</b>
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**Ulster Bank Business Reserve Account 980440 18283128**

			<b>DR</b>	<b>CR</b>
01/08/2022	Balance		12,284.29	
31/07/2023	Interest received		97.31	
	Balance	c/dwn		12,381.60
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			12,381.60	12,381.60
			=====	=====
	Balance	b/dwn	<b>12,381.60</b>	

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YEAR ENDED 31<sup>ST</sup> JULY 2023

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Charity Registration Number: NIC 106472

#### Principal Office:

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#### Trustees:

Mrs Margaret Sloane

Mr Joe Dwyer

#### Independent Examiner:

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Approved by the Trustees on 24 May 2024 and signed on their

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# Annual report

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RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT

YEAR ENDED 31ST JULY 2018

	UNRESTRICTED FUND £	TOTAL 2018 £	TOTAL 2017 £
<b>RECEIPTS</b>			
<u>Voluntary receipts</u>			
Donations	1,245	1,245	310
Legacy	1,000	1,000	-
<u>Receipts from Charitable Activities</u>			
Membership Fees	410	410	410
Activities and events	8,348	8,348	7,671
Advertising	730	730	720
Bank interest	11	11	27
Total receipts	11,744	11,744	9,138
<b>PAYMENTS</b>			
Costs of charitable activities	13,884	13,884	11,550
Bursaries	650	650	550
Governance costs	60	60	-
	14,594	14,594	12,100
<b>SURPLUS / DEFICIT FOR THE YEAR</b>	(2,850)	(2,850)	(2,962)
<b>RECONCILIATION AT 31.07.2018</b>			
CASH AT BANK AND IN HAND 31.07.2017	21,327	21,327	24,289
SURPLUS / DEFICIT FOR THE YEAR	(2,850)	(2,850)	(2,962)
CASH AT BANK AND IN HAND 31.07.2017	18,477	18,477	21,327

COLERAINE MUSIC FESTIVAL ASSOCIATION

STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES

YEAR ENDED 31ST JULY 2018

	UNRESTRICTED FUND £	TOTAL 2018 £	TOTAL 2017 £
<b>ASSETS</b>			
<u>Bank &amp; Cash Balances</u>			
Bank current account	2,112	2,112	2,970
Bank business reserve account	12,237	12,237	14,231
Building Society deposit account	4,128	4,128	4,126
	<u>18,477</u>	<u>18,477</u>	<u>21,327</u>

Approved by the trustees on 13-6-2019 and signed on their behalf by

Margaret Sloan

Trustee

**Coleraine Music Festival Association**

Northern Ireland - Charity number 106472

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# Annual report

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# COLERAINE MUSIC FESTIVAL ASSOCIATION

## TRUSTEES' ANNUAL REPORT

Year ended 31<sup>st</sup> July 2018

### Reference and administrative details

<b>Registered Charity Name</b>	COLERAINE MUSIC FESTIVAL ASSOCIATION
<b>Charity Registration Number</b>	NIC 106472
<b>Prinipal Office</b>	25 Gillistown Road Toomebridge Antrim BT41 3QD
<b>Trustees</b>	Dr John Johnston Mrs Margaret Sloane Mr Joe Dwyer
<b>Independent Examiner</b>	Paul A Taylor & Co Unit 4 12 Spittal Hill Bushmills Road Coleraine BT52 2BY

### Governance and Purpose

Coleraine Music Festival Association is a charitable association governed by a constitution. The objects of the association are to hold and promote competitive music festivals; to present and promote public performances, concerts and recitals; and to affiliate with and promote the charitable objects of The British Association of Festivals for Music, Dance and Speech.

The trustees have had regard to the CCNI statutory guidance regarding public benefit.

### Activities and Main Achievements

The Coleraine Music Festival was held from 11th-27th April 2018, with the Speech and drama Competitions from 11th to 20th April and Music Competitions from 23-27th April in Coleraine Town hall. With over 900 individual entries in the Speech Competitions and also 4 larger choral entries this meant that approximately 1000 individuals competed in the Speech and drama Section of the Festival. Music entries increased by almost 30 per cent in 2018 with over 400 single entries as well as 39 choirs and larger group entries.

All in all we provided a platform for competition, experience and adjudication for almost 2500 children and adults from a wide area. Entrants came from as far away as Moneymore, Tobermore, Ballymena and Limavady; as well as from throughout the entire Causeway Coast Council Area. Again this year there was also an increased focus on children (and adults ) with special needs. A massive number of teachers and helpers were also in attendance with the school groups and over 2000 adult spectators paid at the door as well as those who had free access as teachers or guardians. As a result attendances grew compared to prior years. Also, to 'staff' the Festival we required at least 5-6 volunteers or Committee members per session so in total between 200-250 individuals were required (and used) some on many more than one occasion and all done voluntarily.

This certainly should have given local businesses a boost with the influx of so many people to the town over this 14 days and 39 sessions of Competition at Coleraine Music Festival in our Town Centre venue. We trust that we have contributed in some way to the growth of our local economy.

This year our two adjudicators appeared to award more than the usual number of awards for Second and Third place prizewinners and also 'highly commended' awards, along with our usual cash Bursary awards. As a result a larger than ever number of our young competitors were encouraged and awarded for their participation and performance at the festival and their hard work in preparation in the run up to it which was evident in the higher standard of performances.

In addition to the above achievements, in 2018 we were successful in obtaining sponsorship from The Honourable The Irish Society, and signed up 23 advertisers and 10 other donors toward our Festival programme.

### **Financial review**

The results for the year are laid out in our Receipts and Payments account and Statement of Assets and Liabilities for the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> July 2018. The deficit for 2018 was £2850 (2017 deficit £2962) largely because we purchased a sizeable number of medals and badges that should service part of our festival awards for the next five years or so. We have sufficient reserves to continue into future years but continue to seek funding and other ways to eliminate deficits in future years.

Signed on behalf of the trustees by

  
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on 13.6.2019.

**Coleraine Music Festival Association**

Northern Ireland - Charity number 106472

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# Annual return

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## Independent examiner's report to the charity trustees of Coleraine Music Festival Association

I report on the accounts of Coleraine Music Festival Association for the year ended 31st July 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)
- 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

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.

Paul A Taylor  
Chartered Accountant



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Date: 19/6/2019