

Britannia Concert Band

Northern Ireland · Charity number 106854

Details

Status Received

Registered 2017-09-21

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

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Activities

Purposes: to promote and encourage a love of music through practice and performance

What the charity does: 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), Men, Older people, Women, Youth (14-25 year olds)

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-07-31	£5,936	£5,910	£0	0

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Mr John Frank Smith		
Mr Martyn Edward Goodman		
Mrs Joanne Campbell		
Mrs Petra Steltner		
Mrs Rhonda Dunn		
Robert Goodman		

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Accounts

Britannia Concert Band
Accounts for Year 01/08/2024 to 31/07/2025

Income		Expenditure	
Band Subs	1240	Conductors Expenses	1560
Fee from Performances	1600	Instruments, Music, Uniforms	786.75
Gift and Donations	1225	Gifts and Donations	2617.90
Miscellaneous (Gift Aid, Sale of Books, Hire of Bassoon, members contributions)	1203.76	Miscellaneous	1906.59
Interest from bank/building societies	667.49	Fee from bank/building societies	38.58
Total	5936.25	Total	5909.82

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Income		Expenditure	
Band Subs	1260	Conductors Expenses	1740
Fee from Performances	1500	Instruments, Music, Uniforms	620.15
Gift and Donations	400	Gifts and Donations	1497.52
Miscellaneous (Gift Aid, Sale of Books, Hire of Bassoon, members contributions)	851.78	Miscellaneous	1274.92
Interest from bank/building societies	402.93	Fee from bank/building societies	33.39
Total	4414.71	Total	5165.98

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Annual report

Secretary's report 2023-2024

Britannia Concert Band (BCB) practices resumed on Tuesday 28th of August 2023. The band had our first engagement of new band year on the 22nd of September in the Guildhall. It was a joint performance with the Strabane Brass Band for culture night in DerryLondonerry which was well received by organisers and audience alike.

In November we continued our program with a 2 hour concert under the title 'Together in music' in St Columb's Hall. On this occasion the Dublin Bands returned our visit and joined us along with the William King Flute Band and the Sollus dancers performing the story of the siege. What's more Mark Smith introduced the varied program with his usual wit and made the event enjoyable for all involved. The Dublin Bands complimented BCB for the organisation which made their stay an unforgettable experience. In fact we have to thank particularly Joanne and John for that and last but not least the North West Cultural Partnership (NWC) which took care of the buffet in New Gate at arrival of the Dublin Bands and the catering before the concert and the after show drinks and entertainment party in St Columb's Hall. They also offered a guided walk around the walls for our Dublin guests the next morning.

Like every year BCB took part in the Remembrance Sunday Service and was busy in December playing Christmas music in front of the Guildhall and the Foyleside Shopping Centre, for the Christmas tree Festival in the Cathedral, for the All Saints carol service and for the Christmas event in Kilfennan Presbyterian Church.

In the spring term members and some partners came together at a carvery in the White Horse Hotel which was well liked by everyone.

In May BCB played with a full band for the Jazz Festival in New Gate and received good feedback afterwards.

June was another busy month with BCB which started by playing at the Gartan Service inside the church this year due to bad weather.

Furthermore we played along with performances by Joanna Higgins for a fundraising concert organised by Drumachose Church in Limavady. The audience enjoyed it a lot and thanked most members for their performance afterwards.

We continued by playing with the Strabane Brass Band in 8 different locations around the walls for the Yes Festival, an international event ending in Derry.

Finally BCB ended the season by playing for the Maritime Festival in Derry which was an enjoyable occasion.

During the year Harry Goodman received the well deserved McGowan cup and we were lucky to welcome Michael Bond as a new trombone player.

Thanks for another successful band year go to all guest players, particularly Derek Moore and Peter Doherty helping us out during concerts. In addition thanks go to Robert and Olivia conducting during rehearsals and the odd performance when Stewart was not available. We mustn't forget to thank Stewart who tries to get the best performance out of us. Finally I would like thank our committee whose work keeps the band going. Especially Joanne and John seem to have an eye on everything. Last but not least I would like to thank all members for their commitment during the year. It is your taking part that makes BCB.

Petra Steltner

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Annual return

Independent examiner's report to the Trustees of Britannia Concert Band

I report on the accounts of the Britannia Concert band for the year ended 31 July 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. The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 65(2) of the Charities Act (Northern Ireland) 2008 (the Charities Act) or under Regulation 10(1)(a) to (c) of the Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006 (the 2006 Regulations) and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

- Examine the accounts under section 65 of the Charities Act (Northern Ireland) 2008 and
- 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

My examination was carried out in accordance with the general Directions given by the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosure in the accounts, and seeking explanations from you as trustees concerning such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a 'true and fair view' and the report is limited to those matters set out in the next statement.

Independent examiner's statement

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention:

(1) Which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements:

- To keep accounting records in accordance with section 63 of the Charities Act 2008 and section 44(1)(a) of the 2005 Act and Regulation 4 of 2006 Accounts Regulations and
- To prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the Charities Act 2008 and section 44(1)(b) of the 2005 Act and Regulation 8 of the 2006 Accounts Regulations

Have not been met or

(2) To which, in my opinion, should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

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Human Resources Manager (Retired): Coolkeeragh Power Ltd. Londonderry

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Signed  Date 5.11.2024

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Band Subs	1230	Conductors Expenses	1750
Fee from Performances	3750	Instruments, Music, Uniforms	1179
Gift and Donations	822.82	Gifts and Donations	1050
Miscellaneous (Gift Aid and Band contribution to Dublin Trip)	3454.92	Miscellaneous	6642.34
Interest from bank/building societies	270.62	Fee from bank/building societies	34
Total	9528.36	Total	10655.34

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Secretary's Report 22/23

Britannia Concert Band resumed rehearsals on the 23rd of August 22.

In November Britannia Concert Band's (BCB) first concert was performed to a high standard in collaboration with the organist Derek Collins in St Columb's Cathedral. The audience showed their appreciation by generously donating for the newly formed Girls Choir which exceeded the fundraising target.

Like every year BCB played on Remembrance Day conducted by James Goodman and for the first time Harry Goodman joined Robert Goodman in playing 'The Last Post' and 'Reveille'.

In December BCB played Christmas music in front of the Guildhall and the Foyle Shopping Centre and finished the year accompanying the Christmas service in All St Clooney which for the first time ever was conducted by Olivia Goodman, BCB's first female conductor, a historical first.

In January band members and their partners were invited to a Sunday Carvery in the White Horse Hotel. Almost all members joined this social event and it was particularly nice to have Ken Goodman and Jack Henderson with their wives present.

The highlight of the year was our Cross Border Massed Bands Concert with St James's Brass and Reed Band and the Communication Workers' Union Band in Dublin.

On the morning of the 11th of March a hired bus transported band members and some partners to Dublin. We arrived just in time to have a filling lunch with some of the members of the Dublin bands. It was followed by a 2 hour joint rehearsal with all 3 MDs taking turns in conducting. The concert itself delighted all players and audience alike.

The hire of the bus was funded thanks to John Smith and North West Cultural Partnership. The BCB committee funded accommodation cost by 50% for all band members.

In the coronation concert in May BCB played along with the King William Flute Band and singer Joanna Higgins in the Guildhall to a full audience which thoroughly enjoyed all performances. The event was televised in a short clip in the Northern Irish news. BCB continued taking part in the coronation celebration by playing a Fanfare on the top of New Gates followed by a 20 minutes performance by the band.

Later that month BCB was able to play outside for the church fun day in Donemana just before the rain settled in.

In June BCB also played conducted by Robert Goodman for the St Patrick's Service in Gartan on a glorious day and in July contributed with an hour long concert to the Red Sail Festival in Portstewart.

During the last year Harry Allen was given the McGowan Cup. Olivia Goodman put a lot of work into offering a one day workshop for junior players in September and a 10 week one in spring which was unfortunately only followed through by one flute and one trumpet player, however both were very keen and able.

Also to simplify the process of finding out member's availability engagement dates are now put on Google Drive for members to show their availability. The Musical Director can access the information straight away and organise suitable guest players which BCB continues to heavily rely on to cover missing parts for an agreeable performance.

Thanks for another enjoyable band year go to the committee, especially Joanne, John, Martyn and Olivia. Last but not least thanks go to Stewart Smyth, our MD whose patience is admirable.

Finally Eugene Patton and Graham Maddison sadly had to leave the band. We wish them all the best in health and their future.

Petra Steltner
Band Secretary
September 2023

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Signed  Date 20 FEB 2024