



Annual Report 2023

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Portglenone Paddlers was registered as a Charity with the NI Charity Commission on 31 January 2019 and operate under their constitution adopted on 30 August 2018.

The aims and objectives of the Club are to promote and provide amateur paddlesport opportunities to all interested people of Portglenone and beyond by providing coaching and competitive or recreational opportunities, whilst ensuring a duty of care to all members of the club. In furtherance of the above objectives the Club is committed to treating everyone equally regardless of sex, ethnic origin, religion, disability, or beliefs. The Club is affiliated to the Canoe Association of Northern Ireland (CANI) and incorporates its rules and regulations

In order to carry out the purposes of the Club, the Committee have the power to:

- (a) Raise funds, receive grants & donations
- (b) Apply funds to carry out the work of the club
- (c) Co-operate with and support other clubs with similar charitable purposes
- (d) Employ and remunerate staff/sessional workers
- (e) Establish a Club Membership Scheme
- (f) Own equipment in direct association with the needs of the Club
- (g) Promote opportunities within the local and wider community
- (h) Offer programmes of activity regularly within the area of interest

Charity Commission Registration Number: NIC107195

MAIN ACTIVITIES AND PUBLIC BENEFIT

2023 was another exceptionally difficult year for Portglenone Paddlers. Our season was cut short by the blue green algae in the River Bann at Portglenone and we took guidance from our Governing Body, CANI and DEARA in late May when the Paddlers Committee ceased all water based activity.

We facilitated 11 paddling sessions from April to June with average 12 people with is. We have not been out on the water since then. This had an impact on our income as we had decided that our Paddles would be free at the start of the season and we would not take membership to try and get all our paddlers involved. When we did get out the feedback was amazing, people loved being out with us and they continued to be fully immersed in the experience.

We had been asked by PEG to facilitate their Summer Scheme and Big Splash events, but due to the ongoing situation they cancelled this.

MAIN ACHIEVEMENTS

We managed to provide 5 sessions for Paddlers to get out on the water – which was hugely positive.

STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES

At year end 31st December 2023 Portglenone Paddlers had a balance of £2740.26 in their current account.