

# **DUNAGHY FLUTE BAND**

## **Annual Report (1<sup>st</sup> January - 31<sup>st</sup> December 2024)**

2024 was another busy year for Dunaghy Flute Band.

Members routinely attended practice, and rehearsed, in order to maintain and improve the musical standard, drill and discipline of the band. The band participated in a large number of cultural parades throughout the year, and supported many community events and good causes, across the province.

### **Flute & Drum Tuition**

As in previous years, volunteers from the band offered musical tuition to the community, throughout the autumn and winter months. The year saw a good demand from the local community, across various age groups. Tuition classes took place over a 20 week period and again the band was fortunate, and extremely grateful, to receive tuition funding from the Ulster Scots Agency.

### **Cultural Activities**

The band took part in a substantial number of public engagements, performing at various events including annual parades and celebrations, concerts (both indoor & outdoor), musical competitions, charity events and other good causes, giving members the opportunity to display their individual and group talent, as well as promoting the Northern Ireland marching band scene and culture.

### **Funding**

As well as tuition funding from The Ulster Scots Agency, the band also received funding from the Black Santa/St. Anne's Cathedral Appeal and DAERA Micro Grant.

### **Fundraising**

Fundraising activities were carried out, with a large effort made during our street collection in July. Regular donations were also received from friends and supporters. Funds raised went towards the usual running costs that included uniform alterations, maintenance and purchase of musical instruments, venue hire, tuition/training costs and transport costs.

*John McAuley*

Chairman