

# Third Carrickfergus Band

Northern Ireland · Charity number 107508

## Details

Status	Received
Registered	2020-07-06
Register	<a href="#">View on the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland register</a>

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## Activities

**Purposes:** To promote the playing, understanding and appreciation of brass band music in it's various forms The provision of training for band members by way of regular practices, private and public engagements and taking part in competitions To enhance the musical interests of the public, thereby publicising the name and accomplishments of the area of Carrickfergus To foster good relationships and participation with other musical organisations within the Carrickfergus area To increase facilities for the musical advancement of the members and to stimulate local interest in the musical and cultural development of the band

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

**How the charity works:** Arts,Community development,Education/training,Youth development

**Who the charity helps:** Adult training,Children (5-13 year olds),General public,Men,Older people,Women,Youth (14-25 year olds)

## Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-01-31	£27,310	£15,259	£0	0

## Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Miss Ruth Eileen Binding		
Mr Morris Cameron		
Mr Peter Graham		
Mr Robin Shanks		
Mr Roy Samuel Bennett		
Mr Ryan Samuel Mcfaul		
Mr Timothy Glover		
Mr William Johnstone		
Mrs Niamh Mcfaul		
Mrs Suzanne Alexander		

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# Accounts

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### **Third Carrickfergus Silver Band**

#### **Income and Expenditure Account for the year ended 31/01/2025**

<b><u>No 1 Account</u></b>	<b><u>2024</u></b>	<b><u>2023</u></b>
<b>Income</b>		
Members Donations	8150.00	7050.00
Engagements	5698.50	4570.00
Donations (inc VPs)	4045.60	1541.34
Fundraising (See Note 1)	3207.61	3363.87
HMRC Gift Aid Claims	2617.50	4012.97
Grants (See Note 2)	3082.82	2926.53
Buy-A-Brick Campaign	0.00	4000.00
Bank Interest	7.70	114.82
G&H Williams Concert Donations / Receipts	0.00	962.50
Misc (See Note 3)	165.84	788.90
Bus (Omagh)	260.00	0.00
Hall Hire	75.00	0.00
<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>	<b><u>27310.57</u></b>	<b><u>29330.93</u></b>
<b>Expenditure</b>		
Conductor	5400.00	5450.00
Equipment (See Note 4)	1088.17	1296.80
Uniforms (See Note 5)	3339.50	0.00
Band Insurance	838.09	871.33
Bank Fees	52.42	79.42
Hall Utilities (See Note 6)	955.96	948.24
Hall Expenses	0.00	215.56
Guest Conductor	509.00	525.00
Hall Hire (See Note 7)	376.80	423.55
Music	67.95	0.00
G&H Williams Concert Expenses	0.00	2080.13
Miscellaneous (See Note 8)	859.44	1825.95
Entry Fees / Affiliation Sub (See Note 9)	712.00	388.50
Bus (Omagh)	560.00	0.00
Mark Bingham Bursary	500.00	0.00
Loan Repayment	0.00	15000.00
<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURE</b>	<b><u>15259.33</u></b>	<b><u>29104.48</u></b>
<b>EXCESS OF INCOME OVER EXPENDITURE</b>	<b><u>12051.24</u></b>	<b><u>226.45</u></b>

#### **Account Reconciliations**

**2024**

**2023**

**No1 Account**

<b>Opening Balance 01/02/2024</b>	<b>£8,054.49</b>	<b>£6,403.95</b>
Income	27310.57	29225.02
Transfer from BIA	0.00	11000.00
<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>	<b><u>35365.06</u></b>	<b><u>46628.97</u></b>
Expenditure	15259.33	29074.48
Transfer to BIA	8000.00	9500.00
Transfer to Youth Band A/C	5000.00	0.00
<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURE</b>	<b><u>28259.33</u></b>	<b><u>38574.48</u></b>
<b>Closing Balance 31/01/2025</b>	<b><u>£7,105.73</u></b>	<b><u>£8,054.49</u></b>

**2024****2023****Business Investment Account**

<b>Opening Balance 01/02/2023</b>	<b>£4,105.91</b>	<b>£5,500.00</b>
<b>Income</b>		
From No 1 Account	8000.00	9500.00
Bank Interest	119.72	105.91
<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>	<b><u>12225.63</u></b>	<b><u>15105.91</u></b>
<b>Expenditure</b>		
To No 1 Account	0.00	11000.00
<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURE</b>	<b><u>0.00</u></b>	<b><u>11000.00</u></b>
<b>Closing Balance 31/01/2024</b>	<b><u>£12,225.63</u></b>	<b><u>£4,105.91</u></b>

**2024****2023****Youth Band Account Account**

<b>Opening Balance 01/02/2023</b>	<b>£467.50</b>	<b>£497.50</b>
<b>Income</b>		
From No 1 Account	5000.00	0.00
Concerts	1855.00	
Dues	320.00	
Instrument Sales	1120.00	0.00
<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>	<b><u>8762.50</u></b>	<b><u>497.50</u></b>
<b>Expenditure</b>		
Bank Fees	36.60	30.00
Instrument Purchases	2676.00	0.00
<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURE</b>	<b><u>2712.60</u></b>	<b><u>30.00</u></b>
<b>Closing Balance 31/01/2024</b>	<b><u>£6,049.90</u></b>	<b><u>£467.50</u></b>

### Combined Reconciliation

		<u>2024</u>		<u>2023</u>
<b>Opening Balance</b>				
No1 A/C	8054.49		6403.95	
Bus Inv A/C	4105.91		5500.00	
Youth A/C	467.50	<b>12627.90</b>	497.50	<b>12401.45</b>
<b>Excess of Income</b>				
No1 A/C	12051.24		150.54	
Bus Inv A/C	119.72		105.91	
Youth A/C	582.40	<b>12753.36</b>	-30.00	<b>226.45</b>
<b>Closing Balance</b>				
No1 A/C	7105.73		8054.49	
Bus Inv A/C	12225.63		4105.91	
Youth A/C	6049.90	<b>25381.26</b>	467.50	<b>12627.90</b>
<b>Combined Closing Balance at 31/01/2025</b>		<b><u>£25,381.26</u></b>		<b><u>£12,627.90</u></b>

### Notes to the Accounts

#### 1. Fundraising

Lottery	2730.00
Easy Fundraising	267.61

	Grand National Sweep	210.00	<b>3207.61</b>
<b>2. Grants</b>	Scientific & Lit Trust	2540.00	
	MEABC	542.82	<b>3082.82</b>
<b>3. Misc</b>	Uniform Refund	165.84	<b>165.84</b>
<b>4. Equipment</b>	Signs	216.00	
	Stand Lights	460.19	
	Bongo Stand	63.98	
	Valve Stems	240.00	
	Mutes	108.00	<b>1088.17</b>
<b>5. Uniforms</b>	Waistcoats	3241.58	
	Covers & Hangers	97.92	<b>3339.50</b>
<b>6. Utilities</b>	ESB Electric	273.67	
	NI Water	362.29	
	Oil	320.00	<b>955.96</b>
<b>7. Hall Hire</b>	JVC	275.00	
	Dobbs Room	101.80	<b>376.80</b>
<b>8. Misc</b>	Charity Donation	220.00	
	Gifts/Flowers	267.50	
	Christmas Dinner x 2	70.00	
	A Blackledge Flight	173.94	
	Lunch (Practice day)	108.00	
	Donation: Armagh OB	20.00	<b>859.44</b>
<b>9. Entry Fees/Affiliation</b>	BBNI Affiliation (x2)	100.00	
	NIBA Affiliation (x2)	204.00	
	BBNI Solos Entry (x2)	163.00	
	BBNI Spring Contest	80.00	
	BBNI FMT Entry (x2)	120.00	
	NIBA Entry	45.00	<b>712.00</b>

**Statement of Assets and Liabilities for the year ended 31/01/2025**

<u>Bank &amp; Cash Deposit:</u>	<u>On Hand</u>	<u>Total</u>
No 1 Account	£7,105.73	£7,105.73
Business Investment	£12,225.63	£12,225.63
Youth Band	£6,049.90	£6,049.90
Cash	£0.00	£0.00
<b><u>Sub Total</u></b>	<b>£25,381.26</b>	<b>£25,381.26</b>
 <b><u>Other Assets</u></b>		
Property/Land	£150,000.00	£150,000.00
Instrument Inventory	£138,495.00	£138,495.00
Library	£15,000.00	£15,000.00
Misc Equipment	£5,000.00	£5,000.00
Gift Aid Accrued	£2,617.50	£2,617.50
 <b><u>Sub Total</u></b>	 <b>£311,112.50</b>	 <b>£311,112.50</b>
<b><u>Total (A)</u></b>	<b>£336,493.76</b>	<b>£336,493.76</b>
 <b><u>Liabilities</u></b>		
Loan for Hall Purchase	£0.00	£0.00
 <b><u>Total (B)</u></b>	 <b>£0.00</b>	 <b>£0.00</b>
 <b><u>Net Worth (A-B)</u></b>	 <b>£336,493.76</b>	 <b>£336,493.76</b>

**Independent Examiner**

**Signature**

**Date**



**31st January 2025**

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# Accounts

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## **Third Carrickfergus Silver Band**

### **Income and Expenditure Account for the year ended 31/01/2024**

<b><u>Consolidated Accounts</u></b>	<b><u>2023</u></b>	<b><u>2022</u></b>
<b>Income</b>		
Members Donations	7050.00	7640.00
Engagements	4570.00	6590.12
Donations (inc VPs)	1541.34	2444.90
Fundraising (See Note 1)	3363.87	6495.00
HMRC Gift Aid Claims	4012.97	2146.42
Grants (See Note 2)	2926.53	3355.00
Buy-A-Brick Campaign	4000.00	1500.00
Bank Interest	114.82	23.75
G&H Williams Concert Donations / Receipts	962.50	0.00
Misc (See Note 3)	788.90	0.00
Crowdfunder	0.00	841.83
Bus (Omagh/Armagh)	0.00	1330.00
Insurance Refund (See Note 3)	0.00	38.15
Hall Hire	0.00	64.00
Amazon Smile / Easy Fundraising (See Note 1)	0.00	201.66
<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>	<b><u>29330.93</u></b>	<b><u>32670.83</u></b>
<b>Expenditure</b>		
Conductor	5450.00	4450.00
Equipment (See Note 4)	1296.80	10495.00
Band Insurance	871.33	854.53
Entry Fees / Affiliation Subs	388.50	95.00
Bank Fees	79.42	89.27
Hall Utilities (See Note 5)	948.24	850.12
Hall Expenses (See Note 6)	215.56	11019.75
Guest Conductor	525.00	350.00
Hall Hire (See Note 7)	423.55	0.00
Music	0.00	74.79
G&H Williams Concert Expenses	2080.13	0.00
Miscellaneous (See Note 8)	1825.95	820.00
Bus (Omagh/Armagh)	0.00	2625.00
Fundraising Expenses	0.00	820.00
Loan Repayment	15000.00	25000.00
<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURE</b>	<b><u>29104.48</u></b>	<b><u>57543.46</u></b>
<b>EXCESS OF INCOME OVER EXPENDITURE</b>	<b><u>226.45</u></b>	<b><u>-24872.63</u></b>

	<u>2023</u>	<u>2022</u>
<b><u>No1 Account</u></b>		
<b>Opening Balance 01/02/2023</b>	<b>£6,403.95</b>	<b>19774.08</b>
Income	29225.02	32638.14
Transfer from BIA	11000.00	17512.69
Transfer from Youth Band A/C	0.00	0.00
<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>	<b><u>46628.97</u></b>	<b><u>69924.91</u></b>
Expenditure	29074.48	57513.41
Transfer to BIA	9500.00	6000.00
Transfer to Youth Band A/C	0.00	7.55
<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURE</b>	<b><u>38574.48</u></b>	<b><u>63520.96</u></b>
<b>Closing Balance 31/01/2024</b>	<b><u>£8,054.49</u></b>	<b><u>£6,403.95</u></b>

	<u>2023</u>	<u>2022</u>
<b><u>Business Investment Account</u></b>		
<b>Opening Balance 01/02/2023</b>	<b>£5,500.00</b>	<b>17000.00</b>
<b>Income</b>		
From No 1 Account	9500.00	6000.00
Bank Interest	105.91	12.69
<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>	<b><u>15105.91</u></b>	<b><u>23012.69</u></b>
<b>Expenditure</b>		
To No 1 Account	11000.00	17512.69
<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURE</b>	<b><u>11000.00</u></b>	<b><u>17512.69</u></b>
<b>Closing Balance 31/01/2024</b>	<b><u>£4,105.91</u></b>	<b><u>£5,500.00</u></b>

	<u>2023</u>	<u>2022</u>
<b><u>Youth Band Account Account</u></b>		
<b>Opening Balance 01/02/2023</b>	<b>£497.50</b>	<b>500.00</b>
<b>Income</b>		
From No 1 Account	0.00	7.55
Donation	0.00	20.00
Bank Interest	0.00	0.00
<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>	<b><u>497.50</u></b>	<b><u>527.55</u></b>
<b>Expenditure</b>		
Bank Fees	30.00	30.05
To No1 A/C	0.00	0.00
To BIA	0.00	0.00
<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURE</b>	<b><u>30.00</u></b>	<b><u>30.05</u></b>
<b>Closing Balance 31/01/2024</b>	<b><u>£467.50</u></b>	<b><u>£497.50</u></b>

**Combined Reconciliation**

		<u>2023</u>		<u>2022</u>
<b>Opening Balance</b>				
No1 A/C	6403.95		19774.08	
Bus Inv A/C	5500.00		17000.00	
Youth A/C	497.50	<b>12401.45</b>	500.00	<b>37274.08</b>
<b>Excess of Income</b>				
No1 A/C	150.54		-13370.13	
Bus Inv A/C	105.91		-11500.00	
Youth A/C	-30.00	<b>226.45</b>	-2.50	<b>-24872.63</b>
<b>Closing Balance</b>				
No1 A/C	8054.49		6403.95	
Bus Inv A/C	4105.91		5500.00	
Youth A/C	467.50	<b>12627.90</b>	497.50	<b>12401.45</b>
<b>Combined Closing Balance at 31/01/2023</b>		<b><u>£12,627.90</u></b>		<b><u>£12,401.45</u></b>

**Status of Loan for Band Hall Purchase**

Monies Received	01/12/2020	<b>40000.00</b>
Repayment Made	04/12/2022	<b>-25000.00</b>
Repayment Made	22/01/2024	<b><u>-15000.00</u></b>
<b>Balance Owing</b>	<b>01/02/2024</b>	<b>£0.00</b>

## Notes to the Accounts

<b>1. Fundraising</b>			
	Lottery	2435.00	
	Magnets	110.00	
	Jewellery	335.00	
	Mugs	275.00	
	Easy Fundraising	178.09	
	Amazon	<u>30.78</u>	
			<b>3363.87</b>
<b>2. Grants</b>			
	ACNI	1840.87	
	MEABC	<u>1085.66</u>	
			<b>2926.53</b>
<b>3. Misc</b>			
	Sale of Marquee	750.00	
	Insurance Discount	<u>38.90</u>	
			<b>788.90</b>
<b>4. Equipment</b>			
	Trombone Mutes	181.15	
	Horn/Baritone Mutes	610.65	
	Cornet Mutes/Stands	<u>505.00</u>	
			<b>1296.80</b>
<b>5. Utilities</b>			
	ESB Electric	153.67	
	NI Water	192.19	
	Oil	390.00	
	Broadband	<u>212.38</u>	
			<b>948.24</b>
<b>6. Hall Expenditure</b>			
	Water Heater	95.98	
	Plumber	100.00	
	Decorations	<u>19.58</u>	
			<b>215.56</b>
<b>7. Hall Hire</b>			
	JVC	375.00	
	Dobbs Room	<u>48.55</u>	
			<b>423.55</b>
<b>8. Misc</b>			
	Donation	1000.00	
	Gifts/Flowers	673.35	
	Accompanist	43.00	
	Donation: RNIB (BC)	50.00	
	Donation: Armagh OB	20.00	
	USA Flags for Contest	<u>39.60</u>	
			<b>1825.95</b>

**Statement of Assets and Liabilities for the year ended 31/01/2024**

<u>Bank &amp; Cash Deposits</u>	<u>On Hand</u>	<u>Total</u>
No 1 Account	£8,054.49	£8,054.49
Business Investment	£4,105.91	£4,105.91
Youth Band	£467.50	£467.50
Cash	£0.00	£0.00
<b><u>Sub Total</u></b>	<b>£12,627.90</b>	<b>£12,627.90</b>

**Other Assets**

Property/Land	£120,000.00	£120,000.00
Instrument Inventory	£138,495.00	£138,495.00
Library	£15,000.00	£15,000.00
Misc Equipment	£5,000.00	£5,000.00
Gift Aid Accrued	£4,012.97	£4,012.97
<b><u>Sub Total</u></b>	<b>£282,507.97</b>	<b>£282,507.97</b>
<b><u>Total (A)</u></b>	<b>£295,135.87</b>	<b>£295,135.87</b>

**Liabilities**

Loan for Hall Purchase	£0.00	£0.00
<b><u>Total (B)</u></b>	<b>£0.00</b>	<b>£0.00</b>

**Net Worth (A-B)**                      £295,135.87                      £295,135.87

**Independent Examiner**

**Signature**

**Date**

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**31st January 2024**

**Third Carrickfergus Band**

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# Annual report

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# Third Carrickfergus Band

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## Trustees Annual Report for period ending 31<sup>st</sup> January 2024

### Registered Charity NIC 107508

The Third Carrickfergus Band incorporates the activities of two bands, the Third Carrickfergus Band, and the Third Carrickfergus Youth Band. Both bands are governed by the Third Carrickfergus Band Constitution/Rules and other critical governance documentation and managed by committees/trustees containing band members elected at Annual General Meetings.

Despite a very challenging environment locally in terms of brass bands we have managed to improve our playing strength personnel wise and maintain a very good attendance at rehearsals and engagements. It has, however, been more challenging from a Youth Band perspective, as attracting younger players has been particularly difficult, but we have continued to attract older and more experienced players to counter this, which continues to change the dynamic of the group. Paradoxically this has enabled us to improve musically with the younger members benefiting from the experience and ability of these new members. Consequently, both bands are now in a very strong position and continue to grow both in numbers and musically. We no longer use the term Youth Band however, and now refer to this band as the Third Carrickfergus Training Band to more accurately reflect the spread of ages and abilities. This has not detracted from our efforts on youth development, and we continue to look for opportunities to generate interest amongst the younger cohort.

The Senior Band has had another full cycle of contests, managing to be consistent and competitive throughout the year in all competitions and continues to be recognized amongst the very top brass bands in the country. We have also completed a very full and engaging calendar of public concerts and civic events, the highlight being a joint concert with our Youth Band with guest soloists Glyn and Helen Williams from the world-renowned Cory Band from Wales. We also started a new collaboration with the wonderful vocal group Concordia from Star of the Sea Roman Catholic Church which we hope will turn into a regular event at Christmas. This fits perfectly with our desire to build relationships with other local arts/music groups and support our local community going forward.

Members from both our Senior and Youth Bands continue to support the Summer Schools in both Armagh and Fermanagh as they strive to develop brass playing throughout the province. Both these events have been vital in providing a pipeline of young brass players for the movement and the organizers are to be commended for their efforts in such a challenging environment creatively and financially.

Finally, we again would like to thank all our wonderful members, sponsors and supporters as we had another incredible year financially managing to pay off the balance of the loan to purchase our new band hall. This exceeded all our expectations and is a testament to the strength of our organization that we are now the proud owners of our band hall and surrounding land, debt free and have already started on an instrument replenishment fund to ensure we continue to grow and serve the public.

## **Public Benefit Statement**

The direct benefit that flows from the purpose is that by playing and learning brass band music the cultural lives of our members and the general community across N. Ireland who hear us will be enhanced due to participating or listening to high quality live musical performance. The direct benefit that flows from the purpose is the consistent and continuous education and development of our members to achieve a high level of musical attainment with the promotion of high levels of self-esteem and in particular the targeted and accelerated development of our newer, younger, and less experienced members. We pride ourselves on being an integral part of the local community and the direct benefit that flows from the purpose is the promotion of Carrickfergus as an area that cherishes the Arts and produces high class musicians and ensembles with performances and events of artistic value. As part of our community spirit the direct benefit that flows from the purpose is with the sharing of players, music, instruments, and facilities with other bands in the locale and to reach out, connect and build relationships with other types of musical groups and organisations (choirs, schools, churches etc.) in the community. The direct benefit that flows from the purpose is the enrichment of the lives of our members with camaraderie, education and entertainment whilst supporting their physical and mental health needs. Furthermore, community life is enriched through our members being part of the local community and our many public performances. The benefits of the purpose are demonstrated by the high levels of attendance at rehearsals and the attraction of new players to the group. Feedback from the general public, audience numbers at public performances are further indicators of the public benefit. The benefits of the purpose can be evidenced by our progression within the local brass band grading system to the highest level. Individual progression can be demonstrated with internal promotion within and between the sections of both bands. The benefits of the purpose are demonstrated with the number of concerts we perform throughout the province and the regular participation in contests. The Purpose is demonstrated with the inclusive nature of our organisation and our policy not to discriminate on any basis. The joint concerts we have with other local groups. The Purpose is demonstrated by the number of members who have graduated as music teachers or gone on to a professional career in music. There is no harm arising from any of our purposes. The charity's beneficiaries are the firstly the members of the band (both Youth and Senior), the families who indirectly benefit from their development and finally the general public who follow and listen to the band in public performances. The only private benefits flowing from our purposes are firstly the payment of expenses to our musical director and occasionally travel and professional fees to a professional band trainer. We also offer a small bursary to Youth members going on to pursue a career as a professional musician. These costs are incidental and necessary to ensure the full benefit of our purposes are derived.

## **Summary of Public Benefits**

We bring together members of the community from all levels of society for a collective musical experience. Our purpose is to provide a facility for any person to play or learn to play a brass or percussion instrument to the best of their abilities and to pass on our knowledge and experience to the next generations of musicians to keep the tradition of brass bands alive in our community. We offer support from a group of volunteers who give their time freely on either a one-to-one basis or as part of a group.

## **Administrative Details**

### **Governing Document**

Third Carrickfergus Band Constitution and Rules adopted in January 2016

### **Charity Address**

70, Woodburn Rd,  
Carrickfergus  
Co. Antrim  
BT38 8PS

### **Charity Trustees**

<b>Chairperson:</b>	Will Johnston
<b>Vice Chairperson:</b>	Niamh Burgess
<b>Secretary:</b>	Morris Cameron
<b>Treasurer:</b>	Roy Bennett
<b>Librarian:</b>	Peter Graham
<b>Equipment Officer:</b>	Ryan McFaul
<b>Committee Member:</b>	Suzanne Alexander

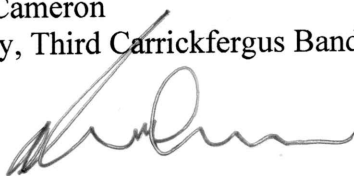
### **Summary**

The band comprises of Trustees as indicated in detail on the Charities Commission NI website and summarised above and are the Executive Committee of the band as elected at the Annual General Meeting.

### **Declaration**

The Trustees of the Third Carrickfergus Band declare that they have approved the Trustees Report. The accounts have been prepared in accordance with the band's constitution and have been independently reviewed by a qualified person in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Commission NI and are available to view on the Charities Commission NI website.

Morris Cameron  
Secretary, Third Carrickfergus Band



**Third Carrickfergus Band**

Northern Ireland - Charity number 107508

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# Annual return

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## **Independent examiner's report to the charity trustees of Third Carrickfergus Band**

Please find below my report on the accounts of the Third Carrickfergus Band for the period, year ended 31<sup>st</sup> January 2024.

### **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) of the Charities Act
- state whether issues 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.

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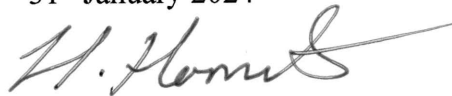
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I have completed my examination and have no concerns in respect of the matters (1) to (4) listed above and, in connection with following the Directions of the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland, I have found no matters that require drawing to your attention.

Name: Mr. Harry Hamilton  
Title/Relevance: Treasurer, Woodburn Orange Hall Committee  
Address: 4, Oakwood Rd.  
Carrickfergus  
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Date: 31<sup>st</sup> January 2024

Signed:



**Third Carrickfergus Band**

Northern Ireland - Charity number 107508

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# Accounts

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## **Third Carrickfergus Silver Band**

### **Income and Expenditure Account for the year ended 31/01/2023**

<b><u>Consolidated Accounts</u></b>	<b><u>2022</u></b>	<b><u>2021</u></b>
<b>Income</b>		
Dues	7640.00	5830.00
Bank Interest	23.75	37.08
Donations Towards New Hall Work	0.00	3175.00
Donations (inc VPs)	2444.90	2000.00
Building Work Single Donation	0.00	6500.00
Amazon Smile / Easy Fundraising	201.66	76.14
Various Grants	3355.00	13691.80
Buy-A-Brick Campaign	1500.00	14500.00
Engagements	6590.12	1530.00
Fundraising (see note 5)	6495.00	2788.00
HMRC Gift Aid Claims	2146.42	4296.57
Crowdfunder	841.83	2765.56
Bus (Omagh/Armagh)	1330.00	0.00
Insurance Refund	38.15	27.53
Hall Hire	64.00	0.00
<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>	<b><u>32670.83</u></b>	<b><u>57217.68</u></b>
<b>Expenditure</b>		
Rent	0.00	120.00
Bank Fees	89.27	27.15
Entry Fees / Affiliation Subs	95.00	552.30
Conductor	4450.00	2240.00
Guest Conductor	350.00	0.00
Instruments / Recording Equipment / Repairs	10495.00	1388.50
Music	74.79	0.00
COVID-19 Equipment / Supplies	0.00	7444.80
Hall Purchase	0.00	65000.00
Hall Expenses (see note 1)	11019.75	13647.38
Hall Utilities (see note 2)	850.12	546.88
Instrument Insurance	854.53	616.56
Miscellaneous (see note 4)	820.00	127.00
Bus (Omagh/Armagh)	2625.00	0.00
Fundraising Expenses (see note 3)	820.00	0.00
Loan Repayment	25000.00	0.00
<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURE</b>	<b><u>57543.46</u></b>	<b><u>91710.57</u></b>
<b>EXCESS OF INCOME OVER EXPENDITURE</b>	<b><u>-24872.63</u></b>	<b><u>-34492.89</u></b>

	<u>2022</u>	<u>2021</u>
<b><u>No1 Account</u></b>		
<b>Opening Balance</b>	<b>19774.08</b>	<b>52026.45</b>
Income	32638.14	57217.68
Transfer from BIA	17512.69	68093.00
Transfer from Youth Band A/C	0.00	492.17
<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>	<b><u>69924.91</u></b>	<b><u>177829.30</u></b>
Expenditure	57513.41	91710.57
Transfer to BIA	6000.00	66335.65
Transfer to Youth Band A/C	7.55	9.00
<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURE</b>	<b><u>63520.96</u></b>	<b><u>158055.22</u></b>
<b>Closing Balance</b>	<b><u>£6,403.95</u></b>	<b><u>£ 19,774.08</u></b>

	<u>2022</u>	<u>2021</u>
<b><u>Business Investment Account</u></b>		
<b>Opening Balance</b>	<b>17000.00</b>	<b>10605.09</b>
<b>Income</b>		
From No 1 Account	6000.00	66335.65
From YB A/C	0.00	8150.42
Bank Interest	12.69	1.84
<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>	<b><u>23012.69</u></b>	<b><u>85093.00</u></b>
<b>Expenditure</b>		
To No 1 Account	17512.69	68093.00
<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURE</b>	<b><u>17512.69</u></b>	<b><u>68093.00</u></b>
<b>Closing Balance</b>	<b><u>£5,500.00</u></b>	<b><u>£ 17,000.00</u></b>

	<u>2022</u>	<u>2021</u>
<b><u>Youth Band Account Account</u></b>		
<b>Opening Balance</b>	<b>500.00</b>	<b>9151.92</b>
<b>Income</b>		
From No 1 Account	7.55	9.00
Donation	20.00	0.00
Bank Interest	0.00	2.67
<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>	<b><u>527.55</u></b>	<b><u>9163.59</u></b>
<b>Expenditure</b>		
Bank Fees	30.05	21.00
To No1 A/C	0.00	492.17
To BIA	0.00	8150.42
<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURE</b>	<b><u>30.05</u></b>	<b><u>8663.59</u></b>
<b>Closing Balance</b>	<b><u>£497.50</u></b>	<b><u>£500.00</u></b>

**Combined Reconciliation**

		<u>2022</u>	<u>2021</u>
<b>Opening Balance</b>			
No1 A/C	19774.08	52026.45	
Bus Inv A/C	17000.00	10605.09	
Youth A/C	500.00	<u>9151.92</u>	<b>71783.46</b>
<b>Excess of Income</b>			
No1 A/C	-13370.13	-32252.37	
Bus Inv A/C	-11500.00	6394.91	
Youth A/C	-2.50	<u>-8651.92</u>	<b>-34509.38</b>
<b>Closing Balance</b>			
No1 A/C	6403.95	19774.08	
Bus Inv A/C	5500.00	17000.00	
Youth A/C	497.50	<u>500.00</u>	<b><u>£37,274.08</u></b>
<b>Combined Closing Balance at 31/01/2023</b>		<b><u>£12,401.45</u></b>	<b><u>£ 37,274.08</u></b>

**Status of Loan for Band Hall Purchase**

Monies Received	01/12/2020	<b>40000.00</b>
, Repayment Made	04/12/2022	<b><u>25000.00</u></b>
<b>Balance Owing</b>	01/02/2023	<b>£15,000.00</b>

**Statement of Assets and Liabilities for the year ended 31/01/2023**

<b><u>Bank &amp; Cash Deposits</u></b>	<b><u>On Hand</u></b>	<b><u>Total</u></b>
No 1 Account	£6,403.95	£6,403.95
Business Investment	£5,500.00	£5,500.00
Youth Band	£497.50	£497.50
<b><u>Total</u></b>	<b>£12,401.45</b>	<b>£12,401.45</b>
 <b><u>Other Assets</u></b>		
Property/Land	£120,000.00	£120,000.00
Instrument Inventory	£138,495.00	£138,495.00
Library	£15,000.00	£15,000.00
Misc Equipment	£5,000.00	£5,000.00
Gift Aid Accrued	£2,146.42	£2,146.42
<b><u>Total</u></b>	<b>£280,641.42</b>	<b>£280,641.42</b>
 <b><u>Liabilities</u></b>		
Loan for Hall Purchase	£15,000.00	£15,000.00
	£15,000.00	£15,000.00

**Independent Examiner**

**Signature**



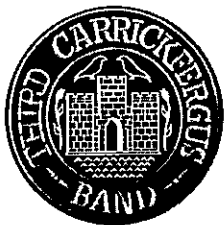
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# Annual report

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### Trustees Annual Report for period ending 31<sup>st</sup> January 2023

#### Registered Charity NIC 107508

The Third Carrickfergus Band incorporates the activities of two bands, the Third Carrickfergus Band, and the Third Carrickfergus Youth Band. Both bands are governed by the Third Carrickfergus Band Constitution/Rules and other critical governance documentation and managed by committees/trustees containing band members elected at Annual General Meetings.

Thankfully over the last year we have started to see a return to pre-Covid activity levels although it has been more challenging from a Youth Band perspective than our Senior Band, as there has been some player attrition within the younger cohort. To counter this we have attracted more adults (parents primarily) into the Youth Band which has changed the dynamic somewhat but has enabled us to improve musically and the younger members have benefited from the experience and ability of the new members. Consequently, both bands are now in a very strong position and continue to grow both in numbers and musically.

The Senior Band has now had a full cycle of contesting culminating in our best result of 2<sup>nd</sup> place in our annual NIBA Championship Brass contest last October. We managed to be competitive throughout the year in all contests and have established ourselves at the very top of N. Ireland banding. We have also completed a very full and engaging calendar of public concerts including a wonderful collaboration at Christmas with the immensely popular local choir Cappella Caeciliana in First Church Belfast. Furthermore, we had a very successful joint concert with Carrickfergus Grammar School which attracted a large audience of new and existing supporters and hopefully managed to inspire some of the musicians of the future from our local community.

We are very proud of the fact we had a record number of members from both bands who attended the annual Fodens Summer School in Armagh in August. This is an annual event that has been running now for 20 years where the conductor and several soloists from one of the premier bands in the world come across to N. Ireland for a week of intensive rehearsals and workshops, followed by a public performance in Armagh on the Saturday night. Incredibly rewarding for all involved!

During the year we welcomed a Ukrainian Refugee to the band for several months. Pavlo was a professional trumpet player back in his native Kyiv before being displaced with his family to Newtownards because of the conflict. Although speaking very little English Pavlo integrated very well with the group and brought so much to us from a cultural and musical perspective. We found the experience very rewarding and were very proud to make him feel at home with the band and to have helped him integrate into our community in N. Ireland.

Finally, we again would like to thank all our wonderful sponsors and supporters as we had another fantastic year financially managing to reduce the outstanding loan to purchase our new band hall from £40000 to £15000 leaving us well on track to clear our debt within a five-year period after purchase!

## **Public Benefit Statement**

The direct benefit that flows from the purpose is that by playing and learning brass band music the cultural lives of our members and the general community across N. Ireland who hear us will be enhanced due to participating or listening to high quality live musical performance. The direct benefit that flows from the purpose is the consistent and continuous education and development of our members to achieve a high level of musical attainment with the promotion of high levels of self-esteem and in particular the targeted and accelerated development of our newer, younger, and less experienced members. We pride ourselves on being an integral part of the local community and the direct benefit that flows from the purpose is the promotion of Carrickfergus as an area that cherishes the Arts and produces high class musicians and ensembles with performances and events of artistic value. As part of our community spirit the direct benefit that flows from the purpose is with the sharing of players, music, instruments, and facilities with other bands in the locale and to reach out, connect and build relationships with other types of musical groups and organisations (choirs, schools, churches etc.) in the community. The direct benefit that flows from the purpose is the enrichment of the lives of our members with camaraderie, education and entertainment whilst supporting their physical and mental health needs. Furthermore, community life is enriched through our members being part of the local community and our many public performances. The benefits of the purpose are demonstrated by the high levels of attendance at rehearsals and the attraction of new players to the group. Feedback from the general public, audience numbers at public performances are further indicators of the public benefit. The benefits of the purpose can be evidenced by our progression within the local brass band grading system to the highest level. Individual progression can be demonstrated with internal promotion within and between the sections of both bands. The benefits of the purpose are demonstrated with the number of concerts we perform throughout the province and the regular participation in contests. The Purpose is demonstrated with the inclusive nature of our organisation and our policy not to discriminate on any basis. The joint concerts we have with other local groups. The Purpose is demonstrated by the number of members who have graduated as music teachers or gone on to a professional career in music. There is no harm arising from any of our purposes. The charity's beneficiaries are the firstly the members of the band (both Youth and Senior), the families who indirectly benefit from their development and finally the general public who follow and listen to the band in public performances. The only private benefits flowing from our purposes are firstly the payment of expenses to our musical director and occasionally travel and professional fees to a professional band trainer. We also offer a small bursary to Youth members going on to pursue a career as a professional musician. These costs are incidental and necessary to ensure the full benefit of our purposes are derived.

## **Summary of Public Benefits**

We bring together members of the community from all levels of society for a collective musical experience. Our purpose is to provide a facility for any person to play or learn to play a brass or percussion instrument to the best of their abilities and to pass on our knowledge and experience to the next generations of musicians to keep the tradition of brass bands alive in our community. We offer support from a group of volunteers who give their time freely on either a one-to-one basis or as part of a group.

## **Administrative Details**

### **Governing Document**

Third Carrickfergus Band Constitution and Rules adopted in January 2016

### **Charity Address**

70, Woodburn Rd,  
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### **Charity Trustees**

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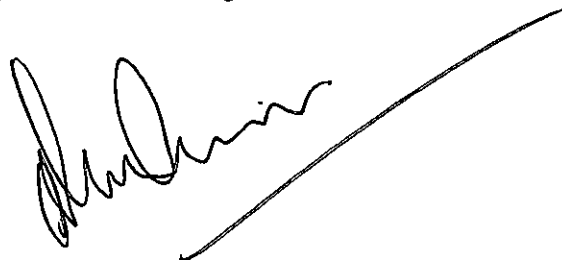
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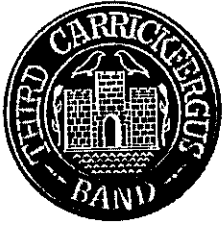
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Date: 31<sup>st</sup> January 2023

Signed:

