

ARDS BLAIR MAYNE PICKLEBALL CLUB

Northern Ireland · Charity number 107653

Details

Status	Received
Registered	2021-10-15
Register	View on the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland register

Contact

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Activities

Purposes: The club is established to advance the amateur sport of Pickleball by raising awareness of, and promoting community participation in healthy recreation by providing Pickleball coaching and facilities, particularly in the Ards and North Down Borough Council area, without regard to age, gender, sexual orientation, ability, disability, ethnic identity, nationality, religion or political opinion.

What the charity does: The advancement of amateur sport

How the charity works: Sport/recreation

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

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2024-12-31	£31,381	£23,601	£0	0

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
David Mcmillan		
Mark Smith		
Mr Miles Tallentire		
Mrs Bridget Nodder		
Mrs Kerry Hamilton		
Mrs Siobhan Mcadam		
Ms Hannah Mcadam		

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Receipts and payments account for the year ended 31 December 2024

	Unrestricted Funds 2024 £	Restricted Funds 2024 £	Total Funds 2024 £	Total Funds 2023 £
Receipts				
Grants	3,224	-	3,224	0
Playing fees	17,484	-	17,484	12,295
Club clothing	1,165	-	1,165	1,272
Membership	2,060	-	2,060	505
Tournament	5,845	-	5,845	510
Charity event	-	-	-	0
BBQ / Pickle party	435	-	435	435
Xmas lunch	1,309	-	1,309	998
Coaching Clinics	280	-	280	0
Sundry Income	13	-	13	0
Total receipts	31,381	-	31,381	16,015
Payments				
Court fees	15,576	-	15,576	11,214
Club clothing	1,206	-	1,206	1,354
Tournament Expenses	1,495	-	1,495	184
Bank fees	308	-	308	136
Insurance	196	-	196	157
Advertising, stationery etc.	189	-	189	133
Equipment costs	1,585	-	1,585	1,266
Sports Forum Affiliation etc	274	-	274	25
Social Events: BBQ / Pickle party	0	-	0	721
Social Events: Xmas Lunch	1,394	-	1,394	1,004
Donations re 2022	0	-	0	205
Sundry expenses	153	-	153	0
Coaching fees	800	-	800	0
Coaching Clinics	240	-	240	0
Hosting visiting clubs	185	-	185	0
Total payments	23,601	-	23,601	16,399
Net receipts / (payments)	7,780	-	7,780	(384)
Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-
Cash funds last year end	3,378	-	3,378	3,762
Cash funds this year end	11,158	-	11,158	3,378

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Statement of assets and liabilities as at 31 December 2024

	Unrestricted Funds 2024 £	Restricted Funds 2024 £	Total Funds 2024 £	Total Funds 2023 £
Bank & cash balances				
			10,372	3,257
Paypal			611	0
Cash on hand			175	121
Other assets (unrestricted funds)				
Play equipment (estimated value)			1,800	1,800

Approved by the trustees on 26 March 2025 and signed on their behalf by:

Siobhan McAdam

Treasurer

Bridget Nodder

Secretary

Ards Blair Mayne Pickleball Club

Notes to the financial statements

- 1 Restricted fund at 31/12/24 of £650 re Grant income. Related expenses in the form of equipment and court fees allocated against this balance in 2025.
- 2 2024 was the Club's 5th anniversary year - numerous celebrations including an internal club and external tournament were held in the year. The club was supported by both local businesses and pickleball companies along with the club members and friends who attended the events. These events across the year raised a surplus of £3,350 for the club funds.

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Receipts				
Grants	-	-	-	1,350
Playing fees	12,295	-	12,295	7,737
Club clothing	1,272	-	1,272	2,280
Membership	505	-	505	280
Tournament	510	-	510	-
Charity event	-	-	-	405
BBQ / Pickle party	435	-	435	306
Xmas lunch	998	-	998	895
Paddles	-	-	-	375
Club fundraising	-	-	-	64
Total receipts	16,015	-	16,015	13,692
Payments				
Court fees	11,214	-	11,214	7,100
Club clothing	1,354	-	1,354	2,157
Tournament Expenses	184	-	184	-
Bank fees	136	-	136	89
Insurance	157	-	157	112
Advertising, stationery etc.	133	-	133	28
Equipment costs	1,266	-	1,266	1,281
Sports Forum Affiliation	25	-	25	25
Social Events: BBQ / Pickle party	721	-	721	215
Social Events: Xmas Lunch	1,004	-	1,004	915
Donations re 2022	205	-	205	-
Hosting visiting clubs	-	-	-	84
Paddles sold	-	-	-	375
Club keyrings	-	-	-	33
Total payments	16,399	-	16,399	12,414
Net receipts / (payments)	(384)	-	(384)	1,278
Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-
Cash funds last year end	3,762	-	3,762	2,484
Cash funds this year end	3,378	-	3,378	3,762

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Statement of assets and liabilities as at 31 December 2023

	Unrestricted Funds 2023 £	Restricted Funds 2023 £	Total Funds 2023 £	Total Funds 2022 £
Bank & cash balances			3,257	3,351
Bank current account			121	411
Cash in hand			3,378	3,762
Other assets (unrestricted funds)				
Play equipment (estimated value)			1,800	1,200

Approved by the trustees on 18 March 2024 and signed on their behalf by:

Siobhan McAdam

Treasurer

Bridget Nodder

Secretary

Ards Blair Mayne Pickleball Club

Notes to the financial statements

1. Deficit of £384 includes the donation of monies received in 2022 of £205 to The Barn Animal Rescue.
2. With the introduction of the PPC in 2023, fees were effectively reduced to £3.33 per 2 hour session for the majority of members which is no longer sustainable given the increase in court fees. Therefore, the committee put to the AGM an increase in fees which was agreed by all, the committee would therefore expect the year ended 31 December 2024 to return to a surplus.
3. The bank balance at 31 December 2023 includes a contingent liability of £300 re Movilla School court fees for the 2023 year and £749 re the payment of equipment received in 2023.

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Annual report

CHAIRPERSONS ANNUAL REPORT 2023

Our club continues to thrive - almost too well, as we have had no option but to cap our membership numbers to ensure sufficient court time for our members.

We are blessed within the club, having a Committee who volunteer their time and significant expertise to ensure the smooth and professional running of our club. Each one has taken the lead throughout the year in various aspects of our club - the variety and complexity is impressive and frightening in equal measure.

This year I am pleased to announce that other club members have stepped up to help with running the table/box, league spread sheets, inter club tournaments, trophies, social events and of course coaching. I will not name them all in this report but I can assure you all their input was appreciated. Members who identify things to do are invaluable to a large club like ours.

To satisfy the appetite for Pickleball we have now managed to source multiple venues to offer Pickleball almost every day of the week! This is obviously a double edged sword for the organisers but we continue to refine venues and types and

standards of play. Still some work to be done but I think we are starting to get the balance right.

Membership sits around the 125 (frozen) and current fees are £15 per year.

One of our greatest assets is our SPOND booking and communication App - its initial launch was slightly problematic but an educational drive throughout the club and a large dose of patience from more computer literate committee members seems to be winning.

Club members of all standards have represented our club in various tournaments and events throughout the year - Irish Nationals, Irish Masters, Irish Open, Lisburn, lishasharragh, Valley LC. All tournaments bring an opportunity not only to showcase our ever increasing Pickleball skills but also to socialise within the greater Pickleball community with old and new friends.

The highlight of the year was undoubtedly the performances at the English Open in Telford in August 2023 where Gracie and Harry Hamilton won their category with a show stopping performance. Gracie also partnered Suzanne winning silver in the Ladies Doubles. The stellar performances at this prestigious event has catapulted our clubs reputation throughout the Pickleball community.

Special congratulations also to Jonathan, David, Cathy, Suzanne, Paul, Colin, Keith, Hannah for their FLEG Holding moments throughout the year - apologies for any omissions. Also thanks to Joe and most recently Heidi for encouraging those wishing to practice their core skills.

All this success has been supported by our media reporting in both traditional and social media - big thanks to Hannah and Paul C for their sharp professional reporting. The second edition of our Pickled Words (July 2023) edition was issued - well done to all contributors.

Club Insurance remains updated and in place. Members injuries during the year were thankfully infrequent and treatable.

Our successful Outreach work continues as and when needed - 1st Ards Presbyterian, Andrews Memorial PS, Movilla School, Aurora LC, Jordanstown PGCE class.

Non Pickleball events were varied and enjoyable.- Dog outings, Marathon running, Friends of Cancer Coffee Mornings, Evie to Tanzania, Harry Football/ rugby, Gracie (netball), Annual Pickleball Party @Cloud 9, Christmas Party and Dinner.

Our Club identity was assisted by new kit orders - most welcome before Christmas - the items were well presented and reasonably priced.

At the time of writing, plans are underway to run 2 Club Tournaments to celebrate the clubs 5th Anniversary. A sub group has been set up to organise the events and gain sponsorship.

**Matt Bishop
Outgoing Chair**

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Independent Examiners Report
for the year ended 31 December 2023

Independent examiner's report to the charity trustees of Ards Blair Mayne Pickleball Club

I report on the accounts of the Ards Blair Mayne Pickleball Club for the year ended 31 December 2023, which are set out on pages 5 to 7.

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 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 Ireland under section 65(9)(b) of the Charities Act.

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.

Name: Donna Davison

Relevant profession: Accountant

Company: Stanley Woods & Company Certified Accountants
Alexander House
49/51 Church Street
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BT23 4AN

Date: 18 March 2024

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Receipts				
Grants	1,350	-	1,350	-
Playing fees	7,737	-	7,737	2,155
Club clothing	2,280	-	2,280	390
Membership	280	-	280	5
Tournament	-	-	-	446
Charity event	405	-	405	-
BBQ	306	-	306	-
Xmas lunch	895	-	895	-
Paddles	375	-	375	-
Club fundraising	64	-	64	94
Total receipts	13,692	-	13,692	3,090
Payments				
Court fees	7,100	-	7,100	1,697
Club clothing	2,157	-	2,157	368
Tournament Expenses	-	-	-	242
Bank fees	89	-	89	3
Insurance	112	-	112	90
Advertising, stationery etc.	28	-	28	144
Equipment costs	1,281	-	1,281	50
Sports Forum Affiliation	25	-	25	-
Social Events: BBQ	215	-	215	-
Social Events: Xmas Lunch	915	-	915	-
Hosting visiting clubs	84	-	84	-
Paddles sold	375	-	375	-
Club keyrings	33	-	33	-
Total payments	12,414	-	12,414	2,594
Net receipts / (payments)	1,278	-	1,278	496
Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-
Cash funds last year end	2,484	-	2,484	1,988
Cash funds this year end	3,792	-	3,762	2,484

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Statement of assets and liabilities as at 31 December 2022

	Unrestricted Funds 2022 £	Restricted Funds 2022 £	Total Funds 2022 £	Total Funds 2021 £
Bank & cash balances			3,351	2,450
Bank current account			411	34
Cash in hand			3,762	2,484
Other assets (unrestricted funds)				
Play equipment (estimated value)			1,200	50

Approved by the trustees on 16 March 2023 and signed on their behalf by:

Siobhan McAdam

Treasurer

Bridget Nodder

Secretary

Ards Blair Mayne Pickleball Club

Notes to the financial statements

1. Surplus of £1,277 includes the money raised for charity at our Christmas social event of £405, to be split between Guide Dogs NI and The Barn Animal Rescue. Therefore, the true surplus of club funds is £872.
2. The bank balance at 31 December 2022 includes a contingent liability of £250 re Movilla School court fees for the 2022 year.

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Annual report - 2022

The committee of Ards Blair Mayne Pickleball Club are pleased to submit their report and accounts for the period 1 January 2022 to 31 December 2022.

Chair's annual report on behalf of the committee

I took over the Chairperson role from Sheelagh Foy when personal circumstances took her to live in Spain. Taking over at this time was difficult, the COVID pandemic was still a major issue and getting back to play safely was a challenge. Folk had really had enough of the restrictions but safety was our main concern and as the club COVID Officer I regularly issued COVID reminders.

Luckily I had the backing and support of a great committee; Siobhan, Hannah, Miles, Kerry and Bridget. Each had their own special skill set which has been utilised with a large slice of enthusiasm to make our club into the success we have become.

Our meteoric growth gave us a series of challenging and problematic issues to address throughout this year.

The grading issue was a running theme - how do we deal with players of varying standards wanting competitive play and social play - so difficult, but we rolled with the blows/ comments and have tried to offer appropriate organised play with appropriate court time to the various types of players. To date we have succeeded shown by the numbers of attendees at every club session run.

To help us achieve this we sought additional court time outside of our main base of Ards Blair Mayne given the lack of additional availability in the centre. Regent House school was trialled during the summer of 2022, we later moved to Movilla High School and established contacts with Comber LC too. Alongside our increased court time the committee recognised a need to improve general pickleball standards by offering coaching to various playing levels - beginners/improvers has been very successful. This self-help/self-taught facility is impressive considering our new young sport lacks a local/ national governing body who would normally organise and supply coaching, and fully qualified local coaches are not currently an option.

Hannah has continued to research our options with grading methodology and has refined our approach with graded league play monthly at our Saturday session to allow players of similar ability to play each other in a competitive manner.

Growing numbers is both a great reflection on our club and a headache for organisers of sessions. The committee have trialled numerous solutions to limit the adverse effect of excess numbers at sessions. In January 2022 the average attendance at our sessions was 20, this has now grown to a capped 32.

The playing App SPOND was researched by Hannah and is now utilised to offer appropriate sessions, location, play structure to all members. Again this has been a major successful innovation.

One such grant of £1,350 has enabled us to purchase a ball machine, offer training to players, three sets of new nets (available to members for private play) and a lot of new balls.

2022 was the Club's first year of full play without pandemic restrictions closing the facilities used to enable sessions. The Committee understood members needed constant information and a club Newsletter was established.

The club also carried out “outreach” work around the Province to encourage the growth of pickleball. Many groups and associations have benefitted from our helping hand - Larne, Falls Rd Women’s Group, BB Movilla and GBNI.

With so few pickleball clubs in NI most outside organised play were friendly affairs and great friends and contacts have been made in Lisburn/Larne. Further afield the great COVID spreader event, The Scottish Open in Glasgow went well (apart from the COVID) and further competitive trips to the Irish Nationals/Open are planned in 2023.

Throughout 2022 social events were an important and regular feature of the annual calendar. Highlights included;

- BBQ at the McAdam Farm
- Christmas Charity Film Show (£400+ to our member centric charities)
- Christmas Lunch/music/drinks

Thanks to Kerry for organising and supplying Tesco Freebies.

We continue to improve our pickleball equipment and cultivate relationships with the ABM management. Provision of court dividers, extra seating and curtain lifting have gone a long way to enhance our playing conditions.

The club corporate image was also addressed during the year with our club badge now appearing on an array of items such as t shirts, hoodies, caps and hats. Both locally and internationally these items have helped Ards Blair Mayne Pickleball Club be recognised as a leading club and increase awareness of our sport.

Coming up to date in 2023, our sessions can now be paid by cash, card and now pre-paid cards - this is a great benefit to our members and ensures session progress slickly.

Our recent club tournament was an unqualified success evidencing a clear and obvious rise in the standards of play throughout the club. It would be very poor of me, not to mention the ultimate winners of the advanced level tournament, Gracie and Harry Hamilton who exhibited a magnificent standard of play sweeping all before them. Our club trophies are the envy of all other clubs, their innovative design and the use of broken pickleballs makes them a valuable addition to players. A great environmental initiative by Miles, with the bonus of bringing 2 back home as winner of the intermediate level tournament alongside his wife and playing partner Stephanie.

2022 was a significant year for our club establishment and growth and as we look to the next phase of the club over the incoming year I would like to highlight the main reason for our success, the love of the sport. All those that help run the club in the background, at sessions, supporting events etc thank you for your effort and determination. As an organisation solely run by volunteers - when we first attended we only came to play but we now operate probably the largest Pickleball club in Ireland with over 100 members – we can be proud of our achievements to date and I look forward to seeing the club continue to flourish.

Matt Bishop

Chairman

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Date: 13th September 2023