

Paisley Park Sportsplex

Northern Ireland · Charity number 107678

Details

Status Received

Company number [619321](#)

Registered 2020-08-11

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

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Activities

Purposes: To promote participation in sports and recreation activities by providing a multi-purpose sporting facility and other resources and amenities in Paisley Park for the benefit of adjacent communities in North and West Belfast (the 'area of benefit'). To advance community development and regeneration in the area of benefit by promoting co-operation and joint activities between sports, community, voluntary and statutory organisations, and to promote the development of sporting events, competitions and activities. To advance reconciliation and promote religious and racial harmony, equality and diversity, and social integration and cohesion for the benefit of the general public, particularly young adults and children, in the area of benefit through participation in sport and recreational activities, educational programmes and courses and events.

What the charity does: The advancement of citizenship or community development, The advancement of amateur sport, The advancement of human rights, conflict resolution or reconciliation or the promotion of religious or racial harmony or equality and diversity, Other charitable purposes

How the charity works: Community development, Sport/recreation, Urban development, Youth development

Who the charity helps: Children (5-13 year olds), General public, Interface communities, Men, Older people, Parents, Specific areas of deprivation, Voluntary and community sector, Volunteers, Women, Youth (14-25 year olds)

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-07-31	£29,940	£15,445	£0	0

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Drennan McBride		
John Larmour		
Mr Colin Mcilwaine		
Mr Ivan Thompson		
Mr John Haveron		
Mr Jonny Freeland		
Mr Robert Young		
Mr Thomas Waite		
Mrs Emma Hussey		
Ms Iris Mcilroy		
Stephen Andrews		
Thomas Pritchard		

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Accounts

Companies House - Registered Number NI 619321

Charities Commission NI - Registered Number 107678

PAISLEY PARK SPORTSPLEX LTD

Micro-entity accounts

y/e 31 July 2025

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Micro-entity Balance Sheet as at 31 July 2025

	<i>Notes</i>	<i>2025</i>	<i>2024</i>
		£	£
Fixed Assets	1.	0	0
Current Assets (Cash & Debtors)	2.	36,176	22,130
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year		<u>0.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>
Net Current Assets		<u>36,176</u>	<u>22,130</u>
Total Assets less current liabilities		<u>36,176</u>	<u>22,130</u>
Creditors: amounts falling due after more than one year		0.00	<u>0.00</u>
Total net assets		<u>36,176</u>	<u>22,130</u>
Reserves		<u>36,176</u>	<u>22,130</u>

- For the year ending 31 July 2024 the company was entitled to exemption under section 477 of the Companies Act 2006 relating to small companies
- The members have not required the company to obtain an audit in accordance with section 476 of the Companies Act 2006

Approved by the Board on 18 Feb 2026

And signed on their behalf by:

Stephen Andrews, Director (Chairman)

Notes to the Micro-entity Accounts for the period ended 31 July 2025

1. Employees

	2025	2024
Average number of employees during the period	0	0

Notes to Balance Sheet

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2. **Current Assets** – consist of

a. Cash at Bank	£ 36,175.66
b. Debtors	<u>£ 0.00</u>
c. Total Current Assets	£ 36,175.66

Paisley Park Sportsplex Annual Report

Paisley Park Sportsplex Ltd

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Board of Directors

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The six independent sports clubs in Paisley Park Sportsplex are:

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- 4. Albert Foundry Junior Football Academy**
- 5. Albertville Harriers**
- 6. Paisley Park Parkrun** which holds a 5km novice run every Saturday morning.

<u>Directors</u>	<u>Appointed</u>	<u>Represents</u>	<u>Termination</u>
Stephen Andrews, Chair	19 August 2018	Independent	
Drennan McBride	11 July 2013	Independent	
John Bennett Larmour	11 July 2013	Sen.Football Club	
Robert Young	3 May 2022	Sen.Football Club	
Victoria Jane Davis	19 August 2018	Running Club	Terminated 31.12.25
David Allen	19 August 2018	Running Club	Terminated 31.12.25
John Haveron	1 November 2020	Football Academy	
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Summary of Income and Expenditure y/e 31 July 2025

	Expenditure	Income
3G Pitch Income		+29,490
Grounds Maintenance	-7,656	
Insurance	-866	
Minor Maintenance	-2,838	
Euro Tournament Expenses	-179	
Portaloo	-1582	
Utilities (Elec, Gas, Water)	-1,943	
Ad Hoc Expenses	-380	
Balance c/f to Bank		+£14,045.57
Reserves at 31 July 2024		+£22,130.09
Bank/Reserves 31 Jul 2025		+£36,175.66

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PAISLEY PARK SPORTSPLEX LTD

Micro-entity accounts

y/e 31 July 2024

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Approved by the Board on 16 April 2025

And signed on their behalf by:

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Minor Maintenance	-5,125.00	
Insurance	-850.65	
Tournament Expenses	-426.76	
Balance Banked (Reserves)		<u>+22,130.09</u>

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Northern Ireland - Charity number 107678

Annual return

30th April 2025

Paisley Park Sportsplex Ltd

Independent Examiners 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 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.

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 the Northern Ireland, I have found no matters require drawing to your attention.



Name: Thomasina Hamilton

FIATI, Accountant Technicians Ireland

Paisley Park Sportsplex

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Accounts

: Albert Foundry Football Club : Albert Foundry Bowling Club : Cairn Lodge Boxing Club :
: Albertville Harriers : Albert Foundry Junior Football Academy :

Paisley Park Sportsplex Ltd
Accounts for Year ended 31st March 2023

INCOME Nil
EXPENSES NIL
ASSETS NIL
LIABILITIES NIL

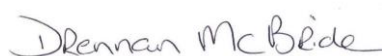
Paisley Park Sportsplex Ltd came about through an initiative by Department for Economy NI, as a co-operative organisation of the local groups who were using the sports facilities on site. It was ultimately aimed at becoming the Leaseholder and Manager of the historic Paisley Park Sports Ground on Belfast's West Circular Road.

While the local sports groups did meet monthly, and formally set up **Paisley Park Sportsplex Ltd**, which has become a Registered charity in N.Ireland, the Department for Economy, and latterly Department for Communities, still have full financial responsibility for the site. The **Paisley Park Sportsplex Ltd** Board is working towards the refurbishment of the older disused in disrepair 3G Pitch on the site which will then provide the Board with an income, to take full financial responsibility for site management.

Until then Paisley Park Sportsplex Ltd will not trade.

*Refurbishment, funded by Dept for Communities and Belfast City Council, of the 3G Pitch was completed July 2023, and **Paisley Park Sportsplex Ltd** began trading on 1st August 2023, with its own Bank Account.*

Yours faithfully



Treasurer

Vat Registration No. : pending
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Annual report

Paisley Park Sportsplex List of Directors and Annual Report ye 31 March 2023

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Plans were made for a fully grant funded £1.1 million upgrade and refurbishment, to the existing derelict **3G Football Pitch** on site. The **Paisley Park Sportsplex Board** were pleased with the progress of work and plans for the site, and their continuing aim was to eventually take over fully ‘licenced’ management both daily and financial of the whole site, once a funding stream had been secured via the opening of the new 3G Floodlight Artificial Football Pitch.

*The refurbishment, fully funded by Dept for Communities and Belfast City Council, of the **3G pitch** was completed in July 2023, and Paisley Park sportsplex commenced to trade on 1st Aug 2023.*

Paisley Park Sportsplex

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Annual return

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22nd January 2024

Re: Paisley Park Sportsplex Ltd

I can confirm that **no trading** took place by Paisley Park Sportsplex Ltd for **Accounting Period year ended 31st March 2023** and that their nil return is correct.

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