

# Bannside Stitchers

Northern Ireland · Charity number 107796

## Details

Status	Received
Registered	2021-05-17
Register	<a href="#">View on the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland register</a>

## Contact

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## Activities

**Purposes:** The Association is established for the advancement of education and to promote the preservation and protection of health among people (hereinafter called “the beneficiaries) in Portglenone and its surrounding rural environs (hereinafter called the “area of benefit”) by the provision of facilities in the interests of social welfare for recreation or other leisure-time occupation with the object of improving the conditions of life for people and in particular to: a. promote stitching among people in the area of benefit; b. encourage appreciation for and participation in community-based stitching activities among people in the area of benefit.

**What the charity does:** The advancement of education, The advancement of health or the saving of lives

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

**Who the charity helps:** Adult training, Mental health, Older people, Women

## Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-08-31	£14,707	£14,059	£0	0

## Trustees

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Name	Role	Appointed
Imelda Breslin		
Lynette Arbuthnot		
Mrs Annie Kearney		
Mrs Carmel Clarke		
Mrs Helen Shiels		
Mrs Philma Doherty		

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# Accounts

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## Bannside Stitchers

Summary 1<sup>st</sup> September 2024 – 31<sup>st</sup> August 2025

Balance C/F £12817.52

### INCOME

Members' Contributions	£ 9576.00	
PCP Funding	£ 4956.75	
Miscellaneous	£ 175.15	
Total	<u>£14707.90</u>	<u>£27525.42</u>

### LESS EXPENDITURE

Tutor	£7073.50	
Rent	£2867.00	
Trip	£2641.28	
Insurance	£ 292.69	
Workshop	£ 290.00	
Communications	£ 482.98	
Gifts and Donations	£ 104.00	
Refunds	£ 208.15	
Maintenance	£ 99.68	
		<u>£14059.28</u>

**Balance @ 2<sup>nd</sup> September 2025** £13466.14

Certified to be an accurate representation of club activity

Name	Position	Signature	Date
Philma Doherty	Treasurer	<i>PMB Doherty</i>	12/9/25
Imelda Breslin	Chairperson	<i>Imelda Breslin</i>	7/10/25
Karen Duffin	Independent Assessor	<i>Karen Duffin</i>	7/10/25

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Summary 1<sup>st</sup> September 2023 – 31<sup>st</sup> August 2024

Balance C/F £15765.93

**INCOME**

Class Donations £8287.55

£24053.48

**LESS EXPENDITURE**

Tutor £7020.00

Room Rent £1864.00

Insurance £ 272.64

Mobile £ 184.72

Consumables £ 203.95

Miscellaneous £1690.65

£11235.96

Balance @ 2<sup>nd</sup> September 2024 £12817.52

Certified to be an accurate representation of club activity

Name	Position	Signature	Date
Anne Williamson	Treasurer	<i>A Williamson</i>	16/9/24
Imelda Breslin	Chairperson	<i>Imelda Breslin</i>	24-9-24
Karen Duffin	Independent Assessor	<i>Karen Duffin</i>	24/9/24

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# Annual report

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## Bannside Stitchers

### Chairperson's Report 2024

Thank you all for coming today to our annual AGM.

Another busy crafting year has passed since our last AGM and three of our classes are at full capacity and one space available in the fourth, at the time of writing. We have welcomed Libby [Padgett] on to the committee and her agreement to come on board means that all four classes now have a committee member available.

Our first event since then, our Christmas Craft Fair, followed closely on the 2<sup>nd</sup> December. This was a fund-raising event, and several members booked tables to sell their own crafts. Some ladies donated items to the Stitchers Table, and the Refreshment Table proved very popular as well. The feedback was very positive, and we would think of doing it again, perhaps in alternate years, providing members had had enough time to build up their stock, and hold the fair in mid-November rather than the beginning of December.

Our Christmas Dinner, complete with Secret Santa, followed soon after, and was, as usual, well attended in The Wild Duck. A lovely meal, served with efficiency by the Wild Duck staff, was enjoyed by all.

In February we ran a Machine-Embroidery workshop, as we were becoming aware that our embroidery machine was under used due to lack of training. Lynette [Arbutnot] and her friend Jacinta [Diamond] volunteered their time to run this workshop, and it proved so popular that two four-week blocks of tuition were organised by them for later in the year. Lynette has said she could be available to help during Thursday class hours in the Community centre by arrangement. A small fee would be required to cover expenses.

In March we were at last to get the good news that we'd been successful in our application for Lottery Funding, although it would be Autumn before any funds could be distributed. Applying for the grant was an important task undertaken by the committee to help us keep the cost of the classes financially accessible to all.

In April, four committee members attended a 'Vulnerable Adults' training course in Cullybackey, which informed us how to update our own policy.

We have been able to negotiate a 10% Discount Card with The Factory Craft Shop in Wakehurst. If any new members haven't received one, please let a committee member know.

Our Summer trip took place on 15th June. Twenty-four ladies travelled to Carrickfergus Castle, and then on to 'The Craftswoman's Fabrics' at Kilroot. There were mixed reports back on this trip. We didn't have a guide at the castle, and the fabric shop seemed

unprepared for such a large number of eager fabric collectors. In future, it was felt that we should perhaps only have shopping venues on our trips.

Our end-of year coffee morning was held in June in 'The Library' section of Fullans' coffee shop. This was our opportunity to express our thanks to our tutors, Patsy [Gribbin], Caitriona [Mackle] and Rose- Marie, for their expertise and patience over the year, and also, to have an opportunity to enjoy meeting up with Stitchers from other classes. It was very well attended, and we decided to consider using this arrangement again.

Our former Treasurer Anne [Williamson], a founder member, who helped set up The Bannside Stitchers, has stood down from committee for personal reasons. We are sorry to lose Anne, as her help, advice and commitment over the years has been invaluable. We are extremely grateful to Philma [Doherty] who has stepped into the breach and agreed to be our new treasurer. She is currently getting to grips with this challenging role.

We are looking forward to our trip to the Titanic Exhibition Centre on Saturday 9th November for the biggest and best craft show in the UK, 'The Knitting and Stitching Show', similar to that formerly held in the RDS, Dublin, to which we've travelled in the past. Among the hundreds of exhibitors will be Diane from 'Sewing NI' who's based in Coleraine. Diane will be hosting our own Winter workshop on November 30<sup>th</sup>, in which many of us will be taking part.

Our communications secretary, Lynette, is as busy as ever getting information out to you all via WhatsApp or text, and we decided that a newsletter attached to each new session timetable could also be a useful means of providing general information.

We remember that several of our members lost close family relatives this past year, and on this occasion, we'd like to express our condolences again.

Before our Chair declares all situations vacant, I'd like to take this opportunity to thank our hardworking committee for all their efforts over the past year. In alphabetical order that's Annie, Carmel, Helen, Libby, Lynette, Nathana and Philma. These ladies have attended many meetings and undertaken all that was required of them to keep our group running smoothly. A lot goes on behind the scenes and they're always prepared to go the extra mile!

Thank you for giving your time to attend this AGM today.

Inelda Breslin  
CHAIR PERSON

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## Independent Examiner's Report on the Accounts

Report to the trustees/members of BANNSIDE STITCHERS

Charity No 107796

On Accounts for the year ended 31/8/24

### Responsibilities & Basis of 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) of the Charities Act. The 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 as required by 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 CCNI ARR07 – supporting document 15 August 2016
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 I have no concerns. I can confirm that I have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Signed Karen Duffin

Name KAREN DUFFIN

Date 10/12/2024

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# Accounts

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Please retain statement for future reference. To query any item contact the office shown above. VAT Registration number 466 2647 24

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**Your account summary for**

**3 August 2023 to 2 September 2023**

Account name: BANNISIDE STITCHERS	
Account number: 14223479 Sort Code: 090129	
BIC: ABBYGB2LXXX IBAN: GB59ABBY09012914223479	
Statement number: 009/2023	
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Balance brought forward from 2nd August statement	£16,032.99
Total credits:	£45.00
Total debits:	-£312.06
<b>Your balance at close of business 2 September 2023</b>	<b>£15,765.93</b>
Credit interest rate: No credit interest is paid on this account.	

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### Chairperson's Report- November 2023

Another busy crafting year has passed since our last AGM. Our five-year award of financial support from Lottery funding has ended, so we now need to operate with financial independence. To date we're managing to keep our four classes running at full capacity. Obviously, this means constraints, but we are hopeful that we could qualify again if support becomes available.

Our communications Secretary, Lynette, continues to be kept busy managing waiting lists and getting information and reminders out to the different WhatsApp groups.

At the end of November 2022 several members took part in a very enjoyable free-motion quilting workshop with expert tutor Caitriona Mackle, who is also our Tuesday night tutor.

Our Christmas Dinner date was slightly earlier than usual, but the Wild Duck were happy to accommodate us, and it was well supported. We enjoyed a beautiful meal along with Secret Santa in the conservatory.

We had planned a workshop on 'Inktense' colouring by Nancy from 'Nifty Needles' for March, but some heavy and unexpected snow meant that Nancy was unable to travel, so it had to be postponed until April. It was a very enjoyable workshop, though the work had to be finished at home.

To celebrate ten years of Bannside Stitchers we held a display of members' crafting in the Bank at the end of April. Claire from 'Crafty Mammy' brought along her pop-up shop, and all the visitors were impressed with the range of work on show. This wasn't a fund-raising event on this occasion, but members were able to sell items privately. The feedback was very positive, and everyone thought it was worth all the effort.

The summer outing in June was enjoyed by all. Shopping was high on the list at St George's market. We proceeded to Cultra Folk Park where we were taken on a tour of some of the houses, including Portglenone Bank. Our guide, Valerie, left us in the capable hands of Dressmaker Clare who showed us some lace and embroidery she was working on. This wasn't the event Valerie had planned for us as our visit coincided with a car show being held on the same day. By way of apology, she has offered to do a free workshop for those ladies who were on the trip. A date has yet to be arranged.

We held a lampshade-making workshop in June, led by tutor Marion Coupe. All the materials, including 'William Morris' or 'Liberty' fabrics, were supplied by Marion and the participants were delighted with the results.

Our 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Coffee Morning was held at the end of the summer session in the 'Bowlers' Room' at the Community Centre. We had a beautiful birthday cake and home-made scones to share and this was also our opportunity to thank our very talented and patient tutors, Patsy, Caitriona and Rose-Marie for all their hard work.

A Sewing -machine service day in the Community Centre was arranged for 16 members at the end of June and the two machines belonging to the Stitchers were also included.

While our sewing sessions for the year were over, Mary from 'Arthur Cottage' Cullybackey invited any members who were interested to contribute a red -and-white nine-patch square to become part of a quilt. This was to celebrate American Independence Day on July 4<sup>th</sup>. We were also welcome to come along to Arthur Cottage to try out our hand-quilting skills, once Mary had put the squares together. Several of our members were able to contribute squares and go along to the quilting bee.

Since the Lottery funding has come to an end, PEG has now had to say farewell to Andrea who assisted with the allocation of Lottery finances, and a small event to say goodbye was organised. All the groups who had been supported, including the Stitchers, were represented.

Organising a bus trip to the Stormont Quilt Fayre in September was proving very costly this year without funding, so members were encouraged to arrange to car-pool. Several ladies were able to make their way and enjoy a good day out.

Before our Chair declares all situations vacant, I would like to thank all the committee members for their hard work over the past year. Until you've been on committee you wouldn't realise how much work is involved. They are always prepared to go the extra mile to keep our classes running smoothly.

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# Dannside Stitchers

Summary 1<sup>st</sup> September 2022 – 31<sup>st</sup> August 2023

Balance C/F £14825.26

## INCOME

People & Communities Funding	£6496.00	
Class Donations	<u>£7580.90</u>	
		<u>£14076.90</u>

## LESS EXPENDITURE

Tutor	£6885.00	
Room Rent	£1374.00	
Insurance	£ 239.93	
Mobile	£ 180.00	
Workshops	£ 811.00	
Trips	£1764.40	
Consumables	£ 87.01	
Equipment	£ 16.00	
Celebrations	£ 849.80	
Miscellaneous	<u>£ 999.09</u>	
		<u>£13206.23</u>

Balance @ 2<sup>nd</sup> September 2023 £15765.93

Certified to be an accurate representation of club activity

Name	Position	Signature	Date
Anne Williamson	Treasurer	<i>Anne Williamson</i>	21/10/23
Imelda Breslin	Chairperson	<i>Imelda Breslin</i>	1-11-23
Karen Duffin	Independent Assessor	<i>Karen Duffin</i>	30/10/23