

Glenlough Community Choir

Northern Ireland · Charity number 108132

Details

Status	Received
Registered	2022-02-22
Register	View on the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland register

Contact

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Activities

Purposes: To advance the arts and culture by promoting the love of singing in the local communities in the Carnlough and Glenarm areas particularly among those who have not had choral experience or who have not been involved in singing for some time. To enhance physical, mental, social and emotional health by using a carefully worked out programme of vocal and physical exercises and a wide range of musical repertoire.

What the charity does: The advancement of health or the saving of lives, The advancement of the arts, culture, heritage or science, Other charitable purposes

How the charity works: Arts, Community development

Who the charity helps: General public, Mental health

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-06-30	£13,799	£8,346	£0	0

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Dr Lisa Black		
Mr James O'neill		
Mrs Kate Semple		

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Accounts for the Year Ended 30 June 2025

Profit and Loss Account for the year ended 30 June 2025

Income :

	£
Membership fee/donations	5,825
Christmas concert and activities	1,373
Summer Concert	4,340
Gift Aid	2,011
Other income	250

Total income	13,799

Expenses :

Hire of venue	(276)
Summer concert costs	(924)
Christmas concert costs	(300)
Big Sing costs	(114)
Pick me Up net cost	(176)
Musical director fees	(5,310)
Depreciation	(585)
Insurance	(188)
Bank Fees	(126)
Printer costs	(123)
Sumup costs	(27)
Other costs	(197)

Profit for the Year **£ 5,453**

I confirm that proper accounting records have been kept, and this profit and loss account is a true and fair presentation of the results of the GCC for the year ended 30 June 2025



Rosaleen O'Neill LLB FCA CTA

Glenlough Community Choir

Accounts for the Year Ended 30 June 2025

Balance Sheet as at 19 June 2025

Assets	£
Equipment	1,080
Cash at Bank	8,683
Debtors (Arts Council, Church Centre Cushendun)	1,259
Liabilities	
Creditors (Braid centre re Pick me Up)	(899)
Net Assets	<u>10,123</u>
Profit from Prior Periods	4,670
Profit in current Period	5,453
Total Reserves	<u>10,123</u>

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Accounts for the Nine Months to 30 June 2024

Profit and Loss Account for the Nine Months Ended 30 June 2024

	9m to 30 June 2024	year ended 30 Sept 2023
Income:	£	£
Membership Fees/Weekly Donations	4,964.20	3,749.11
Jubilee Grant	500	-
Summer Concert Proceeds	3,350	3,483.00
Other Income (donations and Ethel)	759.93	-
 Expenses :		
Hire of Venues	(373.68)	(487.43)
Pick me Up Choir Costs net of grant	(510.04)	(161.88)
Every Voice Festival costs	-	(1,080)
Musical Director Fees	(4,565.80)	(3,000)
Summer Concert Costs	(1,488.45)	(600)
Insurance	(181)	(144)
Depreciation	(391.18)	(521.58)
Bank Fees	(113.04)	(139.11)
Sumup Costs	(10.61)	-
Other expenses (incl Pop up)	(196.80)	-
 Profit for the Year	 <u>£1,743.53</u>	 <u>£1,098.11</u>

I certify that these accounts are a fair and true presentation of the activities of the Glenlough Community Choir for the nine months ended 30 June 2024

Rosalieen O'Neill

Rosalieen O'Neill LLB FCA CTA

Glenlough Community Choir

Accounts for the Nine Months to 30 June 2024

Balance Sheet as at 30 June 2024

Assets	£
Equipment	1,320.04
Cash	3,280.70
Debtors	130
Less : liabilities	(60)
Net Assets	<u>4,670.74</u>
Equity	£
Profit from prior Periods	2,927.21
Current Period Profits	1,743.53
Total Profit to Date	<u>4,670.74</u>

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Pick me Up Costs 2024

Music Director Costs	Braid Hire costs	Braid Catering	Christmas concert costs	Pick me up Rehearsal costs	Braid Musician Costs	MEA Contribution	Total
£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
5797.31	1138.13	568.6	800	656	550	-200	9310.04

Funding from Arts Council -8800

Cost to GCC of Pick me Up 510.04

Areas of Overspend

Braid centre Catering	-368.6
Taxis Leighinmhor event	-180
Pianist UTV Life	-100
Sheet music	-13.31
Braid centre other costs	-8.13
Ballygally no charge hall	160
	-
	<u>510.04</u>

Pick MeUp Costs 2023 (for info)

Music Director costs	Event Hire	Food Market Yard	Transport for Market Yard	Artists Market Yard & Xmas	Sound Engineer Market Yard	Access NI	Video Market Yard	Network Partner for Grant	Hire of Market Yard
£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
4,745.40	647.88	500.00	200.60	2,298.00	400.00	43.00	700.00	506.00	120.00
Total Costs									<u>10,160.88</u>

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Accounts for the Nine Months to 30 June 2024

Financial Report

Since we have changed the AGM to June, from October, to better align with the choir year, the accounts are now being produced through to 30 June in each year.

The 9 months to 30 June 2024 have generated a profit for GCC, largely driven by the success of the Summer Concert. This leaves us well positioned for the new choir year in September.

We held our Christmas concert and our main event in the Braid in April 2024, supported by funding from the Arts Council of Northern Ireland. We have incurred some net costs from the Braid /related Pick me Up events, the details are available in the choir accounts. This was our first year hosting such a large event, and we hope to apply all the learning from 2024, to make future events more cost efficient for GCC.

We are operating generally, in an environment of increasing cost challenges. The Agenda will address some of these challenges later on in our meeting, to enable the choir to continue to operate successfully, and to remain solvent.

I would like to thank everyone for their continuing support. I would also like to remind everyone that we still incur costs even when we rehearse via Zoom, and we need to get better at covering that cost.

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Annual report

Glenlough Community Choir Annual Report (from October 2023 to end of June 2024)

The committee, Chairperson Elizabeth Anne Wasson, Secretary Ann Tyler, Treasurer Jimmy O'Neill, Kate Semple, Rosie O'Neill, Lisa Black and Anne McCambridge the Music Director have met on Zoom eleven times since the last AGM

This is a brief summary of the activities of the committee. The Music Director's report provides further details of the events.

Banking

It has been agreed that the choir should have online banking to facilitate payments. The choir has now got a card reader which enables cashless payments to be made for donations and subscriptions. In addition, the choir has now got a QR code which may also be used for donations to the choir. All this contributes to making the job of treasurer much easier.

Events

The Choir performed in a concert in Keady near Crumlin on the 4th November 2023.

The Choir participated in the Annual Community Carol service held on the 10th December 2023 at the Church of Ireland, Largy Road, Carnlough.

The Christmas concert was held in the Church of Ireland in Glenarm on the 16th December 2023. Funding was obtained through the Arts Council and Lottery fund to include funding this concert as part of the introduction to the Pick me up choirs which met in the early weeks of 2024 and culminate with a Singing Day in the Braid centre in Ballymena on the 6th April 2024.

On the 15th February 2024 the choir held their rehearsal with a light entertainment evening at Carnlough library. This was well received.

On the 21st February 2024 UTV live camera and sound crew attended

the Hub to record the choir including Ballygally, Glenarm and Broughshane pick me up choir. This was to advertise the Big-Sing Day at the Braid centre in Ballymena and promote the idea of Pick me up choirs.

28th March 2024 the library in Carnlough saw another evening of performance by the choir.

17th April 2024 Glenlough choir and the Pick me up choirs sang for an audience from the Northern Health and Social care trust at Tullyglass Hotel. The conference was an opportunity for attendees to examine social prescribing as a way of promoting well-being and improving mental health in the area.

1st June 2024 The Market yard in Glenarm held a farmer's market. Tickets for the raffle and concert were for sale as well as other items of merchandise. The choir sang to provide a flavour of what was coming in the concert on the 15th June

Summer Concert 15th June. This was a very enjoyable evening, ending with a standing ovation. Anne is to be congratulated for the training of the choir and finding other musicians to elevate the concert to new heights.

AGM 20th June 2024

The choir has had a busy year, and the committee are to be congratulated for their hard work. These events would not run smoothly without them. Also thank you very much to all the choir members who are asked to provide donations for raffles, baked items for refreshments for concerts etc. We all work together as a team and the Choir is thriving.

Printing of Music

There have been discussions held regarding the legal use of sheet music. Some music is free of copyright and other songs have to be paid for and copied in limited numbers. Printing cost money and the committee have been looking into making grant applications for

funding to purchase music and or a printer so that we can use it for programmes, tickets, music, lyrics etc. Also, the legal use of music in performance. It may be that Anne can send us the music and each choir member prints their own at home before the rehearsals.

Future Plans

It is hoped to run a Christmas concert in December 2024

Anne is hoping to apply again to the Arts council for funding to run another Singing day in the Braid centre.

There is a possibility of collaborating with another choir to put on a concert.

It is hoped that a summer concert will be held next June 2025.

The diary is already filling so enjoy the Summer and come in great shape ready to sing with gusto! and enjoy making wonderful sounds with friends.

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Annual return

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Independent examiner's report to the charity trustees of Ballymena Floral Art Group

I report on the accounts of the charity for the nine months ended 30 June 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 particular items 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 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.

Rosaleen O'Neill LLB FCA CTA
Chartered Accountants of England and Wales.
3 July 2024

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Accounts for the Year to 30 September 2023

Profit and Loss Account for the Year Ended 30 September 2023

Income:	£
Membership Fees/Weekly Donations	3,749.11
Grants	9,999.00
Summer Concert Proceeds	3,483.00
Expenses :	
Hire of Venues	(487.43)
Pick me Up Choir Costs	(10,160.88)
Every Voice Festival costs	(1,080)
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Insurance	(144)
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Profit for the Year	<u>£1,098.11</u>

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Balance Sheet as at 30 September 2023

Assets	£
Equipment	1,711.23
Cash	3,405.98
Liabilities	(2,190.00)
Net Assets	<u>2,927.21</u>
Equity	£
Profit from prior Periods	1,829.10
Current Period Profits	1,098.11
Total Profit to Date	<u>2,927.21</u>

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Pick MeUp Costs

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Glenlough Community Choir Annual report 2022-23

The committee, Chairperson-Elizabeth Anne Wasson, Secretary, Ann Tyler, Treasurer Jimmy O'Neill, Kate Semple and Rosie O'Neill and the Music Director, Anne Mc Cambridge have met on 9 occasions on Zoom over the last year in a very busy and productive year. This is a brief summary of activities which the Music Director will describe in more detail in her report.

Representatives of the committee attended a North Antrim Community Network event at Tullyglass Hotel. A stall was set up with fliers about the choir and also advertising the forthcoming Christmas concert and pick me up choirs. Plans are being made to attend a similar event in November 2023

General housekeeping

3 committee members attended a course on Safeguarding Children and Adults at risk at the Larne community cluster group.

Policies on the safe handling, storage retention and disposal of disclosure information and on the recruitment of ex-offenders were adopted and Access NI was obtained through 'Volunteer now' obtained for the Music director.

Events

Plans were made to hold a Christmas concert in Glenarm Church of Ireland in 2022. The event was well received by members of the community and resulted in more members joining the choir in January 2023. More details are available from the Music Director's report.

Preparations were made for the choir to perform in Ballyeaston in February 2023 and another concert to be used as a fund raiser in the Glenlough Community Centre on 10th June. The latter also included a raffle and tombola with donations from individuals and local businesses. The success of this concert also resulted in more members joining the choir and also receiving invites for the choir to perform elsewhere in the future.

Funding was obtained from the Arts Council/Lottery fund to run the Christmas concert, pick me up choirs and the singing day in Larne in April 2023

Taster sessions for the pick me up choirs were run and pick me up choirs commenced in Carnlough, Glenarm, Broughshane and Ballygally. A singing day was held in the Market yard in Larne. (Further details from the Music director's

report). On the back of the success of this project, another grant request was submitted to the Arts Council by Anne Mc Cambridge for a similar project in early 2024 culminating with a singing day in the Braid centre in April 2024. This grant has been approved. Plans are already underway to book venues.

Plans were made to attend and perform at Every Voice Festival in Londonderry on 17th June 2023. An enjoyable day of workshops, singing and performing was had by all.

End of term social evening was held on 22nd June at the Twilight.

Future plans

The choir has been invited to perform at a concert in Craigyhill, Larne on the 14th October 2023 and in Killead near Crumlin in November 2023

The Community Carol service is to be held in Carnlough on the 10th December at the Church of Ireland. A Christmas concert is planned for the 16th December 2023 in Glenarm. A Summer Concert is in the early stages of planning for June 2024 in Carnlough.

Membership

Choir Membership has increased as a result of this year's varied and successful activities, the concerts and pick me up choirs. The numbers are now more than in pre-covid times although the choir at that stage was very much in its infancy. This is very promising for the development of the choir in the future and for planning other events and collaborating with other music groups.

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Chartered Accountants of England and Wales.
14 October 2023