

<u>Trustees' Report & Report on Public Benefit</u>	
Brantry Area Rural Development Association (Brantry BARD)	
Registered Office Address	Brantry Area Rural Development Association 65 Carrycastle Road The Brantry Dungannon BT70 1LT
Email Address	Brantrybard1@gmail.com
Charity Commission Number	NIC108656
Trustees	Colm Gildernew Louise Downey Gael Gildernew Fergus McAnallen Colette Murtagh Geraldine Gildernew Sean O'Donnell
First Constituted as an Unincorporated Body	June 1984
Brantry Area Rural Development Association is funded by	Mid Ulster District Council The National Lottery Community Fund The Community Foundation - Older People's Fund DAERA – Rural Micro Capital grant Donations and room bookings by service users
Beneficiaries	The charity's beneficiaries are primarily the inhabitants of the Brantry area and its environs There are no restrictions on who can benefit. There are no restrictions based on personal characteristic or who can take part in activities or use the Brantry BARD Centre
Financial Year this report relates to	1 January – 31st December 2023

Brantry BARD's Purpose	<p>The Association is established to relieve poverty and sickness and to promote the benefit of the inhabitants of the Brantry area and its environs without distinction of age, gender, disability, sexual orientation, nationality, ethnic identity, class, marital status, political or religious opinion. By associating the statutory authorities, voluntary and community sector organisations and the inhabitants in a common effort to advance education and to provide facilities in the interests of social welfare for recreation or other leisure time occupation. With the object of improving the conditions of life for the said inhabitants, and in particular the advancement of the arts, culture and heritage; and to encourage participation in arts, crafts and cultural activities.</p>
Brantry BARD's achievements	<p>During the year we have completed a comprehensive programme of activities and events that cater for all sections of our community and everyone from 0-100, these included</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Irish Traditional music classes • Irish traditional music sessions • Social gatherings • Irish language classes • Cumann Óige youth club • Jiving / dancing classes • Mindfulness classes • Walking group • Christmas fair • Flower arranging • Woodwork / wood turning activities • ICT Classes • Sewing workshops • Yoga classes • Traditional bread making workshops • Halloween events • Senior citizen Christmas dinner, music & entertainment • Bingo with supper • Senior Citizen Lunch club • Distribution of PHA & Brantry BARD keep warm packs to both children and adults. • Miscellaneous room and facility private booking • COSTA – Hosted COSTA's Local Rural Support Network open day • Facilitated Education Authority Youth Leader Training sessions

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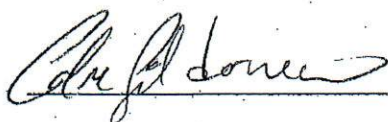
Brantry BARD trustees have had regard to the Commission's Public benefit requirement statutory guidance	Confirmed
Financial Position at year end	The Brantry BARD is in a very good financial position
Details of any fund held by the charity that was materially in deficit' at the end of the year and steps taken by the charity trustees to eliminate the deficit	There were no funds in material deficit
Funds held by the charity as a custodian trustee	None – Not applicable
Private benefit	There is no private benefit to any individual
Harm	No harm has flowed from any of our purposes
Serious incident reporting	There are no serious incidents to report
Vulnerable beneficiaries	Appropriate Policies, Procedures and Training are in place

STATEMENT OF COMPLIANCE

The Trustees have complied with their duty to have due regard to the Charity Commission Public Benefit Guidance when exercising any powers or duties to which the guidance is relevant.

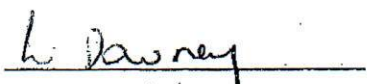
Signed

Colm Gildernew (Chair)



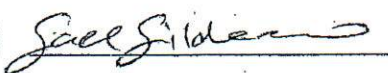
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Louise Downey (Secretary)



Date 16-10-24

Gael Gildernew (Treasurer)



Date 16/10/24

Statement of Trustees' Responsibilities

The Trustees are responsible for preparing the Trustees' Annual Report and the Financial Statements in accordance with the applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards.

The law applicable to charities in Northern Ireland requires the trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year. Under that law the trustees have prepared the financial statements in accordance with Generally Accepted Accounting Practice in the United Kingdom (accounting standards issued by the Financial Reporting Council in the UK, including Charities SORP (FRS 102). Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statements of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the United Kingdom and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) and promulgated by the Institute of Chartered Accountants in the United Kingdom and United Kingdom Law). Under that law the trustees must not approve the financial statements unless they are satisfied that they give a true and fair view of the state of the affairs of the charity and of the statement of financial activities of the charity for that period.

In preparing these financial statements, the trustees are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles in the Charities SORP;
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether the application of accounting standards has been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the Financial Statements;
- prepare the Financial Statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in business.


The trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and to enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities Act (Northern Ireland) 2008 and the Charity (Accounts and Reports) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2008. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

The trustees are responsible for the maintenance and integrity of the corporate and financial information included on the charities website. Legislation in the United Kingdom governing the preparation and dissemination of financial statements may differ from legislation in other jurisdictions.

Accountants

A resolution to re-appoint the Accountants, Noel Conn & Company, will be proposed at the annual general meeting.

By order of the Trustees


Ms Gail Gildernew
Trustee

16/10/24
Date