

Ballymena Floral Art Group

Northern Ireland · Charity number 108727

Details

Status Received

Registered 2022-06-17

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

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Activities

Purposes: The purpose of Ballymena Floral Art Group is to advance the education of individuals in the creative art of flower arranging. To advance education in floral art and design for the benefit of the public in Ballymena and the surrounding areas by providing opportunities for the public to learn and appreciate all aspects of floral art and design.

What the charity does: The advancement of education

How the charity works: Arts, Education/training

Who the charity helps: Adult training, General public, Men, Older people, Physical disabilities, Sexual orientation, Women

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-04-30	£6,000	£6,394	£0	0

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Miss Barbara Irwin		
Mrs Adeline Cherry		
Mrs Avril Kidd		
Mrs Colleen Hamill		
Mrs Elizabeth Jane Mcclean		
Mrs Heather Hume		
Mrs Julie Carlisle		
Mrs Karen Elizabeth May Frew		
Mrs Linda Calderwood		
Mrs Rosslind Nan Mcgookin		

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Lorna Boyle

Lorna Boyle FCCA
Association of Chartered Certified Accountants
16 May 2025

Ballymena Floral Arts Group

Trustees, advisors and other information

TRUSTEES

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Mrs Rosalind Nan McGookin
Mrs Karen Elizabeth May Frew
Mrs Adeline Catrina Cherry
Mrs Heather Hume
Ms Barbara Irwin
Mrs Betty McClean
Mrs Julie Carlisle
Mrs Colleen Hamill
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Ballymena Floral Art Group

Income and Expenditure Account For the year ended 30 April 2025

	2025
	£
Income	
Membership Fees	2,410
Miscellaneous	112
Donations from Table Sales	200
Flower Arranger magazines	449
Bank interest earned	47
Annual Dinner	1,160
NIGFAS Open Day Ticket Sale	40
Visitors	96
Raffle	1,187
HMRC Gift Aid	299

Total Income	6,000

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Income and Expenditure Account For the year ended 30 April 2025

	2025
	£
Expenditure	
Annual Dinner	1,014
Room Hire	660
Insurance	141
NILFAS expenses	677
Demonstrators	1,637
Travel	55
Flowers	294
Refreshments	431
Printing, Postage and stationery	140
Sundry Expenses	258
Magazines	445
Caretaker Gift	30
Vouchers	120
Charitable Donations	400
Show Entry Fees	47
Garden Visit	45

	6,394
 Excess of Income over Expenditure /(Expenditure over Income)	 ----- (394)

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Balance Sheet As at 30 April 2025

Fixed Assets	£	£
Fixture & Fittings		-
Current Assets		
Cash at bank	9,490	
Cash in hand		
Current Liabilities		
Other Creditor or accruals	(22)	
Excess of current assets over current liabilities		9,468
Total assets less current liabilities		9,468
Net Assets		9,468

Retained Reserves

Profit and Loss at the beginning of year	9,490
Add excess of income over expenditure (Deduct Expenditure over income)	(22)
Capital Employed	9,468

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Rosaleen O'Neill LLB FCA CTA
Chartered Accountants of England and Wales.
14 May 2024

Ballymena Floral Art Group

Income and Expenditure Account For the year ended 30 April 2024

	2024 £
Income	
Membership fees	1,592
Miscellaneous	205
Donations from sales table	135
Flower Arranger magazines	461
Bank interest earned	49
Annual dinner	1,280
Ticket sales	1,158
Visitors	49
Garden visit	900
Raffle	1,142
HMRC charities refund	

Total income	6.971

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Income and Expenditure Account For the year ended 30 April 2024

	2024
	£
Expenditure	
Printing, postage and stationery	81
Annual dinner	1,113
Room hire	380
Insurance	133
Computer expenses	80
Donations	300
NIGFAS expenses	1,153
Demonstrators	2,469
Garden visit	218
Travel	453
Sundry expenses	129
Flowers	95
Accounting services	300
Refreshments	205

Total expenditure	7,109
Excess of Income over Expenditure /(Expenditure over Income)	-----
	(138)

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Balance Sheet

As at 30 April 2024

Fixed assets	£	£
Fixtures and fittings		-
Current assets		
Cash at bank	9,861	
Cash in hand		

	9,861	
Current Liabilities		
Other creditors and accruals	(40)	

Excess of current assets over current liabilities		9,821

Total assets less current liabilities		9,821

Net assets		9,821
		=====
Retained Reserves		
Profit and Loss account at beginning of year		9,959
Add excess of income over expenditure/ (Deduct Expenditure over income)		(138)

Capital Employed		9,821
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Annual report

Ballymena Floral Art Group – Report to Charity Commission

Date- from 1/5/2023 to 30/4/2024

Contact Address

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62 Largy Road, Carnlough
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Charity Trustees

Mrs Gladys (Vice- President), Mrs Karen Frew (Chairman), Mrs Heather Hume, Mrs Ross McGookin, Mrs Avril Kidd, Miss Barbara Irwin, Mrs Betty McClean, Mrs Julie Carlisle, Mrs Colleen Hamill, Mrs Adeline Cherry.

The Club is governed by its Constitution as adopted on 17th May 2022 by members in the Annual General Meeting.

Purposes

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To advance education in floral art and design for the benefit of the public in Ballymena and the surrounding areas by providing opportunities for the public to learn and appreciate all aspects of floral art and design.

Main activities in support of the Club's purposes

May 2023: Annual General meeting, position of those remaining and new members on the committee:

President: Sandra Carson (inactive due to ill health), Vice President: Gladys Smyth OBE, Chairman: Karen Frew, Vice Chairman: Heather Hume, Secretary: Ross McGookin, Treasurer: Avril Kidd, Assistant Treasurer: Barbara Irwin, Sales Table: Colleen Hamill, Julie Carlisle, Flower Arranger Rep. Adeline Cherry and new member as Media Officer Mrs Elizabeth McClean:

The election was followed by a floral demonstration 'Signs of the Seasons' by John Paul Deacan.

June 2023: The Club's Annual outing was a visit to Ann Johnston garden in Kilkootry, Omagh where we were treated to a tour of Ann's wonderful garden followed by tea/coffee.

September 2023: The club meetings resumed again in West Church Hall. On the first night back after the summer break, members pay their dues for another year and are issued with the membership cards and the programme for the year. An announcement was made in advance of this meeting to invite visitors and friends for a free evening in the hope they would wish to join the club. Each month the club hold a sales table with floral art sundries run by two committee members. This gives member the opportunity to purchase floral art items at competitive prices.

The floral demonstrated on the night was provided by Marie Cairns, titled 'The Arrival of Autumn'.

A competition is held every month when members can compete on the show bench and are awarded points for entering and coming 1st, 2nd and 3rd. Points awarded each month are added up at end of competition year and trophies are presented at the Annual Dinner. This month's title was 'The Colour Orange' which was judged by Marie Cairns.

October 2023: The demonstration for this meeting was 'Oh, woodn't it be lovely' by Shirley Moore. The October competition was 'Autumn Glory' judged by Shirley. For the first time in our club we had a plant stall with plants donated by some members. This gave all members the opportunity to purchase plants suitable for flower arranging and to encourage them to develop their gardens. The plant stall brought in £135 for club funds.

November 2023: This is an Open Night when we raise funds for a chosen charity each year and when members of the general public are invited to attend. The chosen charity this year was for Air Ambulance with a donation of £300. The demonstration title 'Ying and Yang' was presented by South African Malcolm Kitt and Greg Baptie. This was a highly amusing double act.

December 2023 : A Christmas workshop was run by Michael Doherty giving several options for members to create one of their choice which Michael then judged and points awarded.

January 2024: This meeting was cancelled due to the inclement weather.

February 2024: A cheque for £300 was presented to the Air Ambulance Association representative, who gave us a talk on their service and explained that it takes £6,000 per day to run the service. After all business was conducted we had a demonstration by Roberta Orr titled 'Light, Camera, Action'. The competition on the evening was 'Fun with Foliage'

March 2024: This was a fun night when a number of committee members set up tables with different activities e.g. Dingbat Quiz, identify plants, identify containers from the different eras in flower arranging, practice in plant manipulation

April 2024: The Annual club dinner was held in Leighinmohr House Hotel for members and invited guests. After business and the dinner members were entertained to a demonstration by Mrs Barbara Megarry titled 'Inspired by The Season'. The floral competition on the evening was titled 'Elegance' and the Ivan Watt Memorial Trophy was presented to the winner.

How activities have provided a benefit to its beneficiaries

The beneficiaries are members of Ballymena Floral Art Group and their friends together with members of the general public who attend meetings and public events such as the Open Night and garden visit. Our chosen charity for the year was the ' Air Ambulance ' which received a donation from the Club. In addition our members organise the floral competition at Ballymena Agricultural Show and actively encourage young people to take part by sponsoring prizes for all entries in the junior section.

Signed

.....*Gladys Danyth*..... Vice President
.....*Karen*..... Chairman
.....*Rosevee McJoke*..... Secretary
.....*Annal Kiddy*..... Treasurer

Date

.....*21st June 2024*.....
.....*21st June '24*.....
.....*21st June 24*.....
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