

Girona Community Orchestra

Northern Ireland · Charity number 108752

Details

Status	Received
Registered	2022-05-20
Register	View on the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland register

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Activities

Purposes: The Society is established to promote the benefits of the inhabitants of the Borough Council Area of Causeway Coast & Glens and its surrounding districts in the Counties of Antrim and Londonderry/Derry, without distinction of age, gender, disability, sexual orientation, nationality, ethnic identity, political or religious opinion by developing and maintaining the public education in and appreciation of the art and science of orchestral and instrumental music in all aspects by the presentation of public concerts and recitals and by such other ways as the Society through its committee shall determine from time to time.

What the charity does: The advancement of education, The advancement of the arts, culture, heritage or science

How the charity works: Arts, Cultural, Education/training

Who the charity helps: Children (5-13 year olds), General public, Older people, Youth (14-25 year olds)

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-08-31	£1,392	£1,377	£0	0
2023-08-31	£6,558	£4,051	£0	0

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Alys		
Carolyn Bell		
Dr Peter Langton		
Laura Wragg		
Ms Susan Ross		
Rachel McBride		

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Accounts

Receipts and payments accounts

For the period
from

01/09/2024

To

31/08/2025

Section A Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Endowment funds	Total funds	Last year
	to the nearest £	to the nearest £	to the nearest £	to the nearest £	to the nearest £
A1 Receipts					
Memberships	800	-	-	800	849
Uniforms	158	-	-	158	-
Donations	-	-	-	-	-
Concert tickets	400	-	-	400	1,017
Raffle	111	-	-	111	140
Tea money	122	-	-	122	157
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
A1 Sub total (Gross income for the Annual Return)	1,392	-	-	1,392	2,143
A2 Asset and investment sales (see tables 1 and 2 in section 7 of the guidance).					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
A2 Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	1,392	-	-	1,392	2,143
A3 Payments					
Rent	540	-	-	540	-
Insurances	239	-	-	239	213
Concert expenses	228	-	-	228	830
Bank charges	38	-	-	38	44
Outings	-	-	-	-	-
Equipment	121	-	-	121	586
Music	13	-	-	13	301
Sundry	198	-	-	198	287
	-	-	-	-	-
A3 Sub total	1,377	-	-	1,377	2,251
A4 Asset and investment purchases (see tables 1 and 2 in section 7 of the guidance)					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
A4 Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total payments	1,377	-	-	1,377	2,251
Net of receipts/(payments)	15	-	-	15	-
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	5,333	-	-	5,333	5,441
Cash funds this year end	5,348	-	-	5,348	6,333

Section B Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the period

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Endowment funds	Total funds	Last year
		to nearest £	to nearest £	to nearest £	to nearest £	to nearest £
B1 Cash funds	Cash at bank	5,348	-	-	5,348	5,333
		-	-	-	-	-
		-	-	-	-	-
	Total cash funds	5,348	-	-	5,348	5,333
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	OK	OK	OK	OK	OK
B2 Other monetary assets	Details	to nearest £	to nearest £	to nearest £	to nearest £	to nearest £
		-	-	-	-	-
		-	-	-	-	-
		-	-	-	-	-
		-	-	-	-	-
B3 Investment assets	Details		Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)	Last year
				-	-	-
				-	-	-
				-	-	-
		Total		-	-	
B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use	Details		Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)	Last year
				-	-	-
				-	-	-
				-	-	-
				-	-	-
		Total		-	-	
B5 Liabilities	Details		Fund to which liability relates	When due (optional)	Amount due (optional)	Last year
				-	-	-
				-	-	-
				-	-	-
		Total		-	-	
Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of the trustees	Signature		Print Name		Date of approval	
	<i>Rachel Mc Bride</i> <i>C. Bell</i>		RACHEL MCBRIDE CAROLYN BELL		8/5/26 9/5/26	

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Accounts

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Receipts and payments accounts

For the period from	01/09/2022	To	31/08/2023	
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Section A Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds to the nearest £	Restricted funds to the nearest £	Endowment funds to the nearest £	Total funds to the nearest £	Last year to the nearest £
A1 Receipts					
Memberships	760	-	-	760	880
Grant income	-	4,620	-	4,620	-
Donations	40	-	-	40	1,150
Concert tickets	860	-	-	860	-
Raffle	87	-	-	87	-
Tea money	191	-	-	191	79
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
A1 Sub total (Gross income for the Annual Return)	1,938	4,620	-	6,558	2,109
A2 Asset and investment sales (see tables 1 and 2 in section 7 of the guidance).					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
A2 Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	1,938	4,620	-	6,558	2,109
A3 Payments					
Rent	-	576	-	576	1,008
Insurances	184	-	-	184	163
Concert expenses	-	892	-	892	12
Bank charges	49	-	-	49	86
Outings	-	1,137	-	1,137	20
Equipment	-	594	-	594	-
Music	-	481	-	481	-
Sundry	138	-	-	138	55
	-	-	-	-	-
A3 Sub total	371	3,680	-	4,051	1,344
A4 Asset and investment purchases (see tables 1 and 2 in section 7 of the guidance)					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
A4 Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total payments	371	3,680	-	4,051	1,344
Net of receipts/(payments)	1,567	940	-	2,507	765
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	2,934	-	-	2,934	2,169
Cash funds this year end	4,501	940	-	5,441	2,934

Section B Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the period

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £	Total funds to nearest £	Last year to nearest £
B1 Cash funds	Bank	4,501	940	-	5,441	2,930
	Cash at hand	-	-	-	-	4
		-	-	-	-	-
	Total cash funds	4,501	940	-	5,441	2,934
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	OK	OK	OK	OK	OK

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £	Total funds to nearest £	Last year to nearest £
B2 Other monetary assets	None held	-	-	-	-	-
		-	-	-	-	-
		-	-	-	-	-
		-	-	-	-	-
		-	-	-	-	-
	Total					

Categories	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)	Last year
B3 Investment assets	None held		-	-	-
			-	-	-
			-	-	-
			-	-	-
	Total		-	-	-

Categories	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)	Last year
B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use	None held		-	-	-
			-	-	-
			-	-	-
			-	-	-
			-	-	-
			-	-	-
			-	-	-
			-	-	-
			-	-	-
	Total			-	-

Categories	Details	Fund to which liability relates	When due (optional)	Amount due (optional)	Last year
B5 Liabilities	None held			-	-
				-	-
				-	-
				-	-
	Total			-	-

Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees

Signature	Print Name	Date of approval
	Carolyn Bell	02/05/2024

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Receipts and payments accounts

For the period from

01/09/2023

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31/08/2024

Section A Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Endowment funds	Total funds	Last year
	to the nearest £	to the nearest £	to the nearest £	to the nearest £	to the nearest £
A1 Receipts					
Memberships	849	-	-	849	790
Grant income	-	-	-	-	4,520
Donations	-	-	-	-	40
Concert tickets	1,017	-	-	1,017	860
Raffle	140	-	-	140	87
Tea money	137	-	-	137	191
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
A1 Sub total (Gross income for the Annual Return)	2,143	-	-	2,143	6,558
A2 Asset and investment sales (see tables 1 and 2 in section 7 of the guidance).					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
A2 Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	2,143	-	-	2,143	6,558
A3 Payments					
Rent	-	-	-	-	576
Insurances	213	-	-	213	184
Concert expenses	830	-	-	830	892
Bank charges	44	-	-	44	49
Outings	-	-	-	-	1,137
Equipment	-	596	-	596	594
Music	-	301	-	301	481
Sundry	224	43	-	267	138
	-	-	-	-	-
A3 Sub total	1,311	940	-	2,251	4,051
A4 Asset and investment purchases (see tables 1 and 2 in section 7 of the guidance)					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
A4 Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total payments	1,311	940	-	2,251	4,051
Net of receipts/(payments)	832	940	-	108	2,507
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	4,501	840	-	5,441	2,934
Cash funds this year end	5,333	-	-	5,333	5,441

Section B Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the period

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £	Total funds to nearest £	Last year to nearest £
B1 Cash funds	Cash at bank	6,333	-	-	6,333	5,441
		-	-	-	-	-
		-	-	-	-	-
		-	-	-	-	-
	Total cash funds	6,333	-	-	6,333	5,441
	(Report balances with receipts and payments accounts)	OK	OK	OK	OK	OK
B2 Other monetary assets	Details	to nearest £	to nearest £	to nearest £	to nearest £	to nearest £
		-	-	-	-	-
		-	-	-	-	-
		-	-	-	-	-
		-	-	-	-	-
			Total			
B3 Investment assets	Details		Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)	Last year
				-	-	-
				-	-	-
				-	-	-
			Total			
B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use	Details		Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)	Last year
				-	-	-
				-	-	-
				-	-	-
				-	-	-
				-	-	-
			Total			
B5 Liabilities	Details		Fund to which liability relates	When due (optional)	Amount due (optional)	Last year
				-	-	-
				-	-	-
				-	-	-
			Total			

Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees

Signature

Carolyn Bell
Carolyn Bell

Print Name

CAROLYN BELL
CAROLYN BELL

Date of approval

8/5/24
8/5/24

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Annual report

Trustees' Report

For the year ended 31st August 2024

Reference and administrative details

Charity no.	108752
Registered office	29 Loughan Hill Ballymena BT43 5LR
Trustees	The trustees who served during the year and up to the date of this report: Carolyn Bell (Chairperson) Francesca Graham Dr Peter Langton Rachel McBride (Treasurer) Chanelle McCauley (Secretary) Susan Ross Laura Wragg

The reference and administrative information set out on page 1 forms part of this report. The financial statements comply with current statutory requirements, our Constitution and the Statement of Recommended Practice – Accounting and Reporting by Charities, effective from January 2019.

Trustees' Report

For the year ended 31st August 2024

Structure, governance and management

Our orchestra is governed by our Constitution and is managed by our committee of 7 trustees, elected at our AGM by the orchestra members. We are mostly funded by member subscriptions, concert ticket fees and by hamper raffles held at our concerts. We are an unincorporated association.

Objectives and activities

The orchestra's purposes are to benefit the inhabitants of the Causeway Coast and Glens (and beyond), promoting community involvement, musical practice and performance, education, understanding and appreciation of music. We meet once weekly. This past year our members have continued to benefit from our rehearsals, performances, social outings and the opportunity to spend a day rehearsing and playing with the Ulster Orchestra.

Achievements and performance

We have continued to bring people together to enhance their love of music, involving our members, local school pupils, care home residents and our concert audiences.

We received our new 'uniform' of sweatshirts and polo shirts with our updated logo (designed by an orchestra member). The money for these had been set aside from our National Lottery Grant.

In September we gained a few new violinists, including pupils of Rachel, our treasurer, and a new bassoonist (a student from the Ulster University). We also recently gained a new cellist (again, a university student).

Our AGM saw Jimmy step down from the committee (after very many years of steadfast service) and Susan stepped up to become our new trustee.

The Christmas Concert at Flowerfield, 8th December was well received, according to feedback, and we all enjoyed performing for friends, family and other audience members from the area. It was our great pleasure to have young violinists from Dalriada Grammar School joining us this term to play at Christmas and to have a local pianist to play solos and to play some orchestral pieces with us. Orchestra members contributed to the raffle hampers.

We had an enjoyable Christmas social outing on 14th December in a local restaurant. Most of our members were able to attend.

In January 2024 our student cellist left the ranks for work reasons, but we gained a new flautist.

In February, some of our members attended the Ulster Orchestra 'Come and Play' and they were enthused and delighted to have participated...very motivating.

In March and April, we performed in Coleraine and Portstewart Festivals, achieving good comments and high scores. Both adjudicators were impressed that our orchestra was a viable, thriving organisation as there are so few amateur orchestras in N.I. They were happy to see local musicians coming together to create music, especially commenting on the range of ages. This serves, in part, to illustrate our purposes and public benefits.

Our concert in Flowerfield on 17th May was another success and again was well received. We performed two short pieces composed by one of our trustees, Laura. Violin pupils from a local primary school gave a delightful performance, enhancing the evening greatly. We were delighted once again to have the services of our local pianist, Amanda. She clearly enjoys being part of our orchestra. The hamper raffle helped raise funds, once again.

On 23rd May, we enjoyed another social outing at a local restaurant, rounding off the term. Such events allow us the opportunity to get to know each other better.

Trustees' Report

For the year ended 31st August 2024

Behind the scenes there has been a lot of work carried out by the trustees for the benefit of the orchestra, its members and the community in general: organising music and performances, the acquisition of new t-shirts/jumpers, conducting roles, involving and rehearsing local school children, keeping the finances, social media updates and social activities. Finally, and especially, all our members continued to demonstrate dedication in attending practices, despite other commitments they may have had.

Public Benefit Statement

The trustees confirm that they had due regard in determining their activities to The Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit.

This past year our members have continued to benefit from our rehearsals, performances, social outings and the opportunity to spend a day rehearsing and playing with the Ulster Orchestra. Our local community has benefitted from our two concerts and two festival performances. Teenagers from a local school had the benefit of rehearsing and performing with us. Some local primary school pupils benefitted from the experience of performing as guests at our concerts. These primary and secondary pupils are tutored by an orchestra member. The benefits are evidenced by the feedback from our members, our guest pianist, Flowerfield Arts Centre, two festival adjudicators, the general public (audience members) and from participating pupils and their parents.

No harm has occurred and there has been no private benefit.

Financial Benefit

Total income for the year was £2143 compared to £6558 in the previous year. The Lottery Grant had been used almost totally by August 2024, thereby depleting our financial resources.

Total expenditure was £2251 compared to £4051 in the previous year. This relates to the lack of external funding this year, although £940 Lottery Funding was carried forward.

Trustees' Report

For the year ended 31st August 2024

The charity currently holds £5333 in reserves at the year end. The trustees consider that they have sufficient free reserves at the year end to continue in operation for the foreseeable future, and that the charity remains a going concern.

Statement of responsibilities of the trustees

The trustees are responsible for preparing the trustees' report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards, including Financial Reporting Standard 102: the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and the Republic of Ireland (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

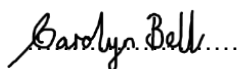
The law applicable to charities in Northern Ireland requires the trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year, giving a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charity and the incoming resources and application of resources, including the net income or expenditure, of the charity for the year. In preparing those financial statements the trustees are required to:

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

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

The trustees have no beneficial interest in the charity.

Approved by the trustees and signed on their behalf by:



Carolyn Bell – Trustee Chair, September 1st 2023 to August 31st 2024

Date: 8th May 2026

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Annual return

Independent examiner's report to the charity trustees of Girona Community Orchestra

I report on the accounts of the Trust for the year ended 31 August 2024, which are set out on pages 1 to 2.

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; and
- state whether particular matters 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 any such matters.

My role is to state whether any material matters have come to my attention giving me cause to believe:

- that accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 63 of the Charities Act;
- that the accounts do not accord with those accounting records;
- that the accounts do not comply with the accounting requirements of the Charities Act; and
- 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.

Signed: *Ellen McDowell*

Date: 08/05/2026

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