

# Royal Scottish Country Dance Society Belfast Branch

Northern Ireland · Charity number 108858

## Details

Status	Received
Registered	2022-09-28
Register	<a href="#">View on the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland register</a>

## Contact

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## Activities

**Purposes:** The objects of the Local Association shall be: (a) To preserve and further the practice of traditional Scottish Country Dancing; (b) To provide or assist in providing instruction in the dancing of Scottish Country Dances; (c) To promote the enjoyment and appreciation of Scottish Country Dancing by any suitable means; (d) Generally to do such other things as are or may be considered by the Local Association to further the foregoing objects of the Society in the district or area to which it relates.

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

**How the charity works:** Arts,Cultural

**Who the charity helps:** General public

## Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-03-31	£24,476	£27,603	£0	0

## Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Aileen M Patterson		
Barbara Wilson		
John Campbell		
Linda Harley		
Mrs Anne Graham		
Mrs Carol Campbell		
Mrs Eileen Allen		
Mrs Gwynne Donnell		
Mrs Rosemary Greer		

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# Accounts

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Audited

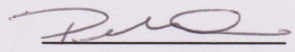
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Accounts for year ended 31 March 2025

Income	2024-25	2023-24	Expenditure	2024-25	2023-24
<b>General</b>					
RSCDS HQ - subscriptions	2,913.00	2,860.00		- 2,885.00	- 2,860.00
Belfast Branch - fees	1,548.00	1,656.00			
Grants & Donations	152.60	2,012.45			
MBBF	0.00	895.30			
<b>Classes</b>					
Class fees	7,505.52	8,608.50	Halls - Branch Classes	- 4,743.00	- 4,184.00
			Teaching- Branch Classes	- 3,864.90	- 4,055.00
<b>Events</b>					
Summer dances	468.50	1,125.00		- 195.00	- 1,064.23
St Andrews Ball	1,730.00	1,545.00		- 1,163.41	- 1,958.85
2024 Weekend School	3,662.50	160.00		- 2,821.80	- 805.80
2025 Day School	20.00			- 365.94	
Burns, St Patrick's, SarahEwan	1,236.51	165.00		- 949.00	- 65.00
Demonstrations	1,348.80	1,084.70		- 1,475.85	- 1,064.46
<b>Administration</b>					
Sanitizers & Liquid					
Catering					
Insurance				- 145.00	- 119.00
HQ AGM				- 300.00	- 300.00
Committee halls				- 180.00	- 180.00
Printing, postage, stationery				- 258.54	- 120.34
Miscellaneous		250.00		- 1,053.65	- 430.80
Travel	1617.50	330.00		- 1,700.00	
Teaching aids, website, videos				- 611.50	- 486.07
Books CDs	2,050.00	180.00		- 4,890.71	
Interest	223.45	150.59			
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>24,476.38</b>	<b>21,022.54</b>		<b>-27,603.30</b>	<b>-17,693.55</b>
Surplus / deficit	<u>-3,126.92</u>	<u>3,328.99</u>			

Chairperson  
Linda Harley

Auditor  
Pamela Hubbard

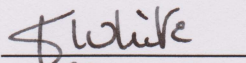


Date

Date

16 May 2025

Treasurer  
Jessica White

  
28.4.25

Date

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# Accounts

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Accounts for the year ended 31 March 2024

Income	2023-24	2022-23	Expenditure	2023-24	2022-23
<b>General</b>					
RSCDS HQ - subscriptions	2,860.00	2,943.00		- 2,860.00	-2,943.00
Belfast Branch - fees	1,656.00	1,552.00			
Grants & Donations	2,012.45	20.00			
MBBF	895.30	2,932.40			-2,861.20
<b>Classes</b>					
Class fees	8,608.50	7,716.00	Halls - Branch Classes	- 4,184.00	-4,229.00
			Teaching- Branch Classes	- 4,055.00	-4,080.00
<b>Events</b>					
Summer dances	1,125.00	713.50		- 1,064.23	-409.54
St Andrews Ball	1,545.00	2,432.50		- 1,958.85	-2,849.95
75th Anniversary		3,810.50			-4,807.00
2024 Weekend School	160.00			- 805.80	
Burns night & St Patrick's Ceilidh	165.00	863.00		- 65.00	-492.99
Demonstrations	1,084.70	1,370.00		- 1,064.46	-1,135.45
<b>Administration</b>					
Insurance				- 119.00	-471.00
HQ AGM				- 300.00	-300.00
Committee halls, filming sessions				- 180.00	-270.00
Printing, postage, stationery				- 120.34	-93.27
Miscellaneous	250.00			- 430.80	-829.85
Travel	330.00				-60.00
Teaching aids, website, videos - MBBF		0.00		- 486.07	
Books CDs	180.00	16.00			
Interest	150.59	13.47			
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>21,022.54</b>	<b>24,382.37</b>		<b>- 17,693.55</b>	<b>-25,832.25</b>
Surplus / deficit	<u>3,328.99</u>	<u>-1,449.88</u>			

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**Balance Sheet as at 31 March 2024**

	2023-24	2022-23	Assets	2023-24	2022-23
<b>Liabilities</b>					
Balance brought forward	34,800.94	39,183.22	Current account	16,418.93	9,482.60
Surplus/loss for the year	3,328.99	-1,449.88	Myra Beattie Fund	20,775.27	21,554.98
Transfer from MBBF	-895.30	-2,932.40	NS&I account	-	3,588.73
			Petty cash	40.43	174.63
Balance carried forward	<u>37,234.63</u>	<u>34,800.94</u>		<u>37,234.63</u>	<u>34,800.94</u>

I have examined the attached Income and Expenditure account and Balance Sheet, and confirm that they are a true and fair reflection of the records supplied.  
I am not aware of any material discrepancies which require to be

Chairperson Linda Harley *Linda Harley* Auditor Pamela Hubbard  
 Date 29.5.24 Date 14.05.24  
 Treasurer Jessica White *J White*  
 Date 29.04.24 Date

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# Annual report

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# Trustee Annual Report

Charity Name : Royal Scottish Country Dance Society Belfast Branch

Charity no. 108858

This report relates to financial year: 2023-2024

The principal address of the charity is 68 Church Road, Belfast BT16 2LW

The following individuals served as charity trustees during the year:

Linda Harley, Chairman

John Campbell, Hon Secretary

Jessica White, Hon Treasurer

Heather McKaig, Trustee

Colin Barnes, Trustee

Rosemary Greer, Trustee

Anne Graham, Trustee

Gwynne Donnell, Trustee

The branch was established in 1946, and was registered as a Charity on 28 September 2022. The Charity is governed by a Constitution. The Charity is constituted as an unincorporated association.

The Charitable purposes of charity are the benefits of preserving and furthering the practice of traditional SCD are raising public awareness, learning new skills and remaining faithful to this traditional form of dance while at the same time responding to the demands of a living and growing tradition. Further benefits are improved mobility and social interaction. b. The benefits of providing instruction in the dancing of SCD are increasing the knowledge and skill of dancers. It is well established that regular physical activity can improve health. SCD can help maintain/improve mobility, prevent disease eg high blood pressure, obesity, heart disease, type 2 diabetes and some forms of cancer. As a weight-bearing exercise, SCD has been shown to help reduce the risk of osteoporosis. c. The benefits of promoting the enjoyment and appreciation of SCD are improved mental health in that it can prevent/reduce depression, promote/maintain positive self-esteem, be of benefit to the bereaved and reduce risk of Alzheimer's disease or other forms of dementia. The social component of SCD promotes teamwork, empathy and develops a sense of community and enjoyment, encourages further participation and long-term involvement in physical activity. This form of dance does not require participants to be accompanied by a partner and benefits both single and partnered attendees alike. Research has shown that SCD is superior to many other forms of physical activity in building levels of fitness and that it is an effective

recreational exercise for particular types of fitness in later life. d. The benefits of raising wider public knowledge and awareness of SCD are increased participation in SCD in Northern Ireland.

To further these purposes for the public benefit, we carried out the following activities:

- Held weekly, fortnightly and monthly dance classes across the greater Belfast area and promoted the same via our website.
- Held a St Andrews dance with music provided by Marian Anderson and her band.
- Marked the centenary of the RSCDS with a special "Roaring Twenties" dance.
- Celebrated the coronation of His Majesty King Charles III with a themed evening dance
- Performed demonstrations at various venues including at the Railway Preservation Society of Ireland, all of which included public participation.
- Entered the Society's "Virtual festival", with a routine based on a Dancing Through Life theme

The main achievements of the charity in the year were:

- Number of members – new members were generated
- Number of classes maintained
- Migrated to a new website to aid public communication
- Produced 2 issues of our newsletter "Dancing Matters"

The trustees have read the Commission's Public Benefit requirement statutory guidance, and have had regard to this when running the charity.

A review of the charity's financial position at the end of the year:

In the financial 20[23 ]to 20[ 24]. The Charity had an income of £[ 21022] and an expenditure of £[17693 ].

There are no funds held by the charity that are materially in deficit.

Signature

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Print Name

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J CAMPBELL

Date

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# Annual return

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## **Independent examiner's report to the charity trustees of Royal Scottish Country Dance Society Belfast Branch**

I report on the accounts of the Royal Scottish Country Dance Society Belfast Branch for the year ended 31 March 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 Charity Commission for Northern Ireland under section 65(9)(b) of the Charities Act
- state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

### **Basis of examiner's statement**

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. 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
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.

Pamela Hubbard  
Chartered Accountant  
22 Kilmory Gardens  
17 October 2024