

ArdBone Festival

Northern Ireland · Charity number 109227

Details

Status Received

Registered 2023-01-19

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

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Activities

Purposes: The Object of the Charity is to provide social inclusion and community cohesion for individuals and families in highly deprived areas of Ardoyne and the Marrowbone. ('the beneficiaries'), through, but not limited: - To organise and fulfil cost effective community events throughout the year for families and individuals on low incomes. - Encouraging families/individuals to get involved environmental, educational, cultural, historical events throughout the festival. This is expressed in different forms such as creative arts, dance, drama, music and sport. - To secure adequate funding which will allow us to develop. - We also aim to work alongside other local organisations within the area to build and develop more effective working relations.

What the charity does: The advancement of citizenship or community development

How the charity works: Advice/advocacy/information,Arts

Who the charity helps: Children (5-13 year olds),Ethnic minorities,General public,Older people,Physical disabilities,Voluntary and community sector

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-03-31	£58,779	£56,319	£0	0

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Miss Niamh Burns		
Mr Brendan Madden		
Mr Conor Brown		
Mr Patrick Larkin		
Mr Paul Mccusker		
Mr Sean Murphy		
Mr Stephen Konrad		

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Financial Statements
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Trustees' Report
For the Period Ended 31/03/25

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Structure, Governance and Management

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Our financial performance has been sound. Total income includes new funding and costs have been managed to ensure a small surplus for the year.

This report was approved by the Committee on 29 January 2026 and signed on its behalf by

Signed *Conor Brown*

Name Conor Brown

Ardbone Festival

Independent Examiner's Report to the Members of Ardbone Festival

I report on the accounts of the charity for the year ended 31/03/25, which are set out on pages 6 – 11.

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Independent examiner's statement

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Statement of Financial Activities for the period ended 31/03/25

	Notes	2025		Total	2024
		Restricted Funds	Unrestricted Funds		
		£	£	£	£
Incoming Resources					
Donations	2	0	17,957	17,957	7,755
Grant		40,822	0	40,822	19,750
Other Income		<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	0	<u>275</u>
Total Income		40,822	17,957	58,779	27,780
Expenditure					
Charitable Activities					
Equipment		5,748	0	5,748	14,272
Marketing		0	1,486	1,486	2,383
Security		0	6,038	6,038	5,500
Programme		34,651	3,498	38,149	3,415
Stationery		0	0	0	120
Misc		0	0	0	0
Insurance		423	0	423	182
Consultancy		0	2,595	2,595	360
Maintenance		0	0	0	300
Training		0	924	924	127
Expenses		0	0	0	140
Bank Charges		0	57	57	47
Accounts		<u>0</u>	<u>900</u>	900	<u>900</u>
Total Expenditure		40,822	15,497	56,319	27,746
Net Incoming/(Outgoing) Resources		-0	2,460	2,460	34
Net Movement of Funds in the Period		-0	2,460	2,460	34

There are no recognised gains or losses other than the profit or loss for the above financial year.
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Balance Sheet As at 31/03/25

	Notes	2025 £	£	2024 £
Fixed Assets				
Tangible Assets			0.00	0
Current Assets				
Debtors	5	0		0
Cash at bank and in hand		3,924		564
		3,924		564
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year				
	6	1,800		900
Net Current Assets			2,124	-336
Total Assets less current liabilities			2,124	-336
Creditors: amounts falling due after more than one year				
Deferred grant income			0	0
Net Assets			2,124	-336
Capital and Reserves				
Reserve Fund			-336	0
General Funds			2,460	-336
Total Funds			2,124	-336

The trustees' statements are shown on page 12 which forms part of **this Balance Sheet**

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Balance sheet (continued)

**Trustees' statement
for the year ended 31/03/25**

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Notes to the financial statements For the year ended 31/03/25

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1.2 Incoming resources

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Grants, including grants for the purchase of fixed assets, are recognised in full in the Statement of Financial Activities in the year in which they are receivable.

1.3 Resources Expended

Resources expended are recognised in the year in which they are incurred.

Management and administration costs are those incurred in connection with administration of the charity and compliance with constitutional and statutory requirements.

1.4 Fixed Assets and Depreciation

Tangible fixed assets other than freehold land are stated at cost less depreciation. Depreciation is provided at rates calculated to write off the cost less estimated residual value of each asset over its expected useful life, as follows:

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2. Grant Income	2025	2024
	£	£
Government and other Grants	40,822	19,750
3. Operating gain/(deficit)	2025	2024
Operating gain is stated after charging:	£	£
Depreciation and other amounts written off	0	0
Accountant's remuneration	900	900
4. Employees	2025	2024
Number of employees		
The average monthly number of employees (excluding the Directors) during the year were:	0	0
5. Debtors	2025	2024
Trade Debtors	0	0
Other Debtors	0	0
6. Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	2025	2024
	£	£
Trade creditors	0	0
Other Creditors	1,800	900
Other taxes and social security costs	0	0
Accruals and deferred income	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
	1,800	900

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		Restricted Funds £	Unrestricted Funds £	
Incoming Resources				
Donations	2	0	7,755	7,755
Grant		19,750	0	19,750
Other Income		<u>0</u>	<u>275</u>	<u>275</u>
Total Income		19,750	8,030	<u>27,780</u>
Expenditure				
Charitable Activities				
Equipment		14,250	22	14,272
Marketing		0	2,383	2,383
Security		5,500	0	5,500
Programme		0	3,415	3,415
Stationery		0	120	120
Misc		0	0	0
Insurance		0	182	182
Consultancy		0	360	360
Maintenance		0	300	300
Training		0	127	127
Expenses		0	140	140
Bank Charges		0	47	47
Accounts		<u>0</u>	<u>900</u>	<u>900</u>
Total Expenditure		19,750	7,996	<u>27,746</u>
Net Incoming/(Outgoing) Resources		0	34	<u>34</u>
Net Movement of Funds in the Period		0	34	34

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Balance Sheet As at 31/03/24

	Notes	£	2024	£
Fixed Assets				
Tangible Assets				0.00
Current Assets				
Debtors	5	0		
Cash at bank and in hand		<u>934</u>		
		934		
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	6	900		
Net Current Assets				<u>34</u>
Total Assets less current liabilities				34
Creditors: amounts falling due after more than one year				
Deferred grant income				0
Net Assets				<u>34</u>
Capital and Reserves				
Reserve Fund				0
General Funds				<u>34</u>
Total Funds				<u>34</u>

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	£
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Depreciation and other amounts written off	0
Accountant's remuneration	900
4. Employees	2024
	2024
Number of employees	
The average monthly number of employees (excluding the Directors) during the year were:	0
5. Debtors	2024
	2024
Trade Debtors	0
Other Debtors	0
6. Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	2024
	£
Trade creditors	0
Other Creditors	900
Other taxes and social security costs	0
Accruals and deferred income	<u>0</u>
	900

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Annual report

The Ardbone Community Festival 2023 Trustee Annual Report

Introduction

The Ardbone Community Festival has continued to thrive in 2022/2023, serving as a central pillar for community engagement, celebration, and support in the Ardoyne area. Over the course of this year, the connection for many individuals and families in one of Northern Ireland's most disadvantaged areas, as identified by the Northern Ireland Statistics and Research Agency (NISRA).

This report provides an overview of the achievements, challenges, and key activities of the Ardbone Community Festival, along with a reflection on our first year as a registered charity. It highlights the successful funding efforts, the dedication of volunteers, and the positive impact on the community through a wide array of events, debates, trips, and creative activities.

Charity Status and Governance

2022 marked a significant milestone for the Festival as we achieved official charity status. This has enabled us to operate with greater transparency and accountability, while also opening doors to additional funding opportunities and long-term sustainability. We are pleased to report that our first year as a charity has been both successful and rewarding, thanks to the tireless work of our volunteer team and the continued support from the community.

Funding and Financial Support

A cornerstone of the Festival's success has been the strong financial backing received from various funding bodies and organisations. Throughout the year, we submitted successful applications to several key funders, which have played a crucial role in supporting the Festival's diverse activities. These include: Belfast City Council, Department for Foreign Affairs, Big Lottery Fund, The Flax Trust, Local Credit Unions and Fundraising Events.

These financial contributions have been instrumental in enabling us to provide accessible and affordable events to the local community, ensuring that no one is excluded due to financial limitations.

Challenges and Looking Ahead

While the 2023 Festival year has been a resounding success, we are mindful of the ongoing challenges faced by the community. Ardoyne remains one of the most deprived areas in Northern Ireland, and the need for affordable, accessible, and inclusive community services is greater than ever. As we move forward, we remain committed to addressing these needs and ensuring that the Festival continues to serve as a source of joy, inspiration, and opportunity for all.

In the coming year, we aim to:

- Expand our funding base to ensure long-term sustainability.
- Enhance the diversity of events and activities on offer.
- Strengthen partnerships with other local organisations to maximise the Festival's impact.
- Continue to support and develop our dedicated volunteer team.

Volunteer Contribution

The Festival has been driven by the dedication and passion of our volunteer team, consisting of seven individuals who have worked tirelessly throughout the year to bring our vision to life. These volunteers have played a critical role in organising and facilitating events, managing logistics, and engaging with community members. Their commitment and hard work have been indispensable.

Conclusion

The Ardbone Community Festival continues to be a vital force within the Ardoyne and Bone community. Our first year as a registered charity has been an exciting and fulfilling chapter, and we look forward to building on this success in the years to come.

We would like to take this opportunity to thank all those who have contributed to the success of the Festival. Your ongoing support is invaluable and deeply appreciated.

Signed,
The Trustees of The Ardbone Community Festival
January 2025

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