

Belfast Celtic Society

Inland Revenue

Charity Number:

NIC 100177

Belfast Celtic Society

Annual Report & Financial Statements

For the year ended 31 March 2021

Belfast Celtic Society

Information

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Unit 3
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Committee Members

Pádraig Coyle (Chairperson)
Vincent Mc Donald (Secretary)
Frank Hennessey (Treasurer)
Eddie Whyte (Internet Coordinator)
Martin Flynn (Public Relations Officer)
Charlie Tully (Committee Member)
Davy Mc Kavanagh (Committee Member)
Daniel Taylor (Committee Member)
Raymond Bonnar (Committee Member)

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Report of the Committee

The committee members present their Annual Report along with the Financial Statements for the year ended 31 March 2021 which have been prepared in accordance with the Statement of Recommended Practice: Accounting and Reporting by the Charities Act (NI) 2008.

Committee Members

The following committee members manage the charity:

Pádraig Coyle (Chairperson)

Vincent Mc Donald (Secretary)

Frank Hennessey (Treasurer)

Eddie Whyte (Internet Coordinator)

Martin Flynn (Public Relations Officer)

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Organisation and Structure

The charity is unincorporated and has registered with The Charity Commission for Northern Ireland – Charity number NIC100177.

The charity is run and managed by the committee which consists of the chairperson and six other members.

The Society is governed by its constitution which was adopted at the Society's Inaugural General Meeting on 17 November 2003. The Charity is constituted by association of its members. There are no trustees as there is no requirement for trustees to be appointed.

Objectives and Activities

Belfast Celtic Society is a charity established in November 2003 to encourage an appreciation, knowledge and awareness among the general public of the historical and cultural heritage of Belfast Celtic Football and Athletic Club.

The main aims and objectives of the Belfast Celtic Society are to promote awareness of the history and cultural heritage of Belfast Celtic Football and Athletic Club. The Society arranges open lectures and public meetings; maintains a travelling photographic exhibition; has established a permanent collection of Belfast Celtic memorabilia and artefacts displayed at The Park Centre, Donegall Road, Belfast; collects filmed recordings of Belfast Celtic and actively uses the internet to raise awareness of the traditions of the Grand Old Team. The Society has applied for and has been granted charitable status as one of the main aims is to raise funds that go to charity.

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After a year of Covid and associated lockdowns and closures including our much cherished Museum at the Park Centre, so much of normal life continues to be on hold. On the other hand, Covid seems to have galvanized the Society's work, as like so many others we have been forced online. The use of Zoom has increased the number of committee meetings, stimulated a wealth of ideas for further activities and steps by which we can continue to preserve the legacy of the Grand Old Team.

We will be revisiting the Celtic Circles initiative and taking steps to establish an oral history and capture as many folk memories as possible. Last year I reported the four online lectures we had interest in the work that we do. The level of activity on the Society's Facebook page continues to reflect the great interest in the Grand Old Team. For those of you who have not taken the opportunity to view any of the online talks they can be accessed by clicking on the link below. More recently the committee established links with the Society of American Soccer History, which has the interesting acronym of (SASH), and our chairman Pdraig Coyle took part in an online seminar giving an enthralling if poignant account of the farewell tour of America in early summer of 1949. The highlight of the unbeaten tour was of course the humiliating defeat handed out to the Scottish International team, which resulted in the Scottish FA to resolve never again to play club sides. For more information follow link below to their website.

The Celtic influence on American football is of course synonymous with the history of their sport and with planning for the 2026 World Cup in the U.S. now well underway we hope to build on that interest in the months ahead. Closer to home the Society has become involved in an exciting educational project, which not only will help preserve the memory and legacy of the Grand Old team but more importantly support the education and development of our future citizens. Sean Fennell, a teacher in one of the local Irish Language schools in the Gaeltacht Quarter has written a resource text for primary school pupils retelling the story and tracing the legacy of Belfast Celtic. Through the financial support of the society, among a number of others, it is hoped to print and publish texts for distribution throughout the sector. Looking further forward it is hoped to explore the potential to extend this initiative throughout the entire primary school sector.

Finally, as ever the society remains indebted to the dedication and support of its committee and all its volunteers and by no means lastly, you our members for helping us to keeping the memory of the Grand Old Team alive.

Results

The results for the period and the charity's financial position at the year end are shown in the attached financial statements.

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Responsibilities of the Members

The members Report of the Committee and the financial statements are prepared in accordance with applicable law and regulations.

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

- Select suitable accounting policies and then 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 have 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 operation.

The members are responsible for keeping adequate accounting records that are sufficient to show and explain the Charity's transactions and disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities Act (NI) 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.

In so far as the members are aware:

- There is no relevant audit information of which the Charity's independent examiner is unaware; and
- The members have taken all steps that they ought to have taken to make themselves aware of any relevant audit information and to establish that the auditor is aware of that information.

Financial Review & Future Plans

At 31 March 2021 the Society has cash at bank and in hand of £1,797 and these funds will be used to further the objectives of the Society in future years.

The Society received funding from members subscriptions, donations and surplus funds generated from organised events. As a result of the Society's charitable status, gift aid is reclaimed by the society in respect of donations.

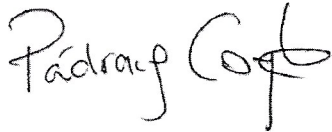
Expenditure is made to facilitate organised events, and the production and distribution of literature. Some expenditure is also incurred in acquiring items of memorabilia and artefacts.

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Financial Review & Future Plans (continued)

The Society will continue to pursue its objectives of studying and raising awareness and appreciation of the history and cultural heritage of Belfast Celtic Football and Athletics Club.

For and on behalf of Belfast Celtic Society:

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Pádraig Coyle". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial 'P' and a stylized 'C'.

Pádraig Coyle (Chairperson)

Date: 18 August 2022

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Independent Examiner's Report to the Members of Belfast Celtic Society

Year ended 31 March 2021

We have examined the financial statements of Belfast Celtic Society for the year ended 31 March 2021.

This report is made solely to the Charity's members, as a body in accordance with the Charities Act (NI) 2008. Our examination has been undertaken so that we might state to the charity's members those matters we are required to state to them in an examiner's report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, we do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the charity and the charity's members as a body, for our examination, for this report or for the opinions we have formed.

Respective Responsibilities of Members and Examiners

As the charity's members you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the Charities Act (Northern Ireland) 2008.

The Charity's Committee consider that an audit is not required for this year and that an independent examination is required. Our responsibility is to examine and express an opinion on the financial statements in accordance with the Charities Act (Northern Ireland) 2008.

It is our responsibility to:

- Examine the accounts under section 65 of the Charities Act (NI) 2008.
- Act in accordance with the general procedures as outlined in the General Directions given by the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland under section 65(9)(b) of the Charities Act,
- To state to the Members any particular matters which have come to our attention during the course of this examination.

Basis of Independent Examiner's Report to the Members of Belfast Celtic Society

We have examined your charity accounts as required under section 65 of the Charities Act and our 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.

Our 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 members concerning any such matters.

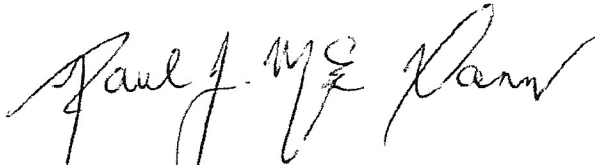
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Our role is to state whether any material matters have come to our attention giving us cause to believe:

1. That accounting records were not kept in accordance with 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

We have completed our examination and have no concerns in respect of the matters (1) to (4) listed above and in connection with the following the Directions of the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland, we have found no matters that require drawing to your attention.



Paul J. Mc Cann
For and on behalf of

Maneely Mc Cann
Chartered Accountants and Registered Auditor
Aisling House
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Date: 18 August 2022

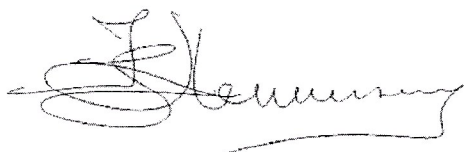
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Income and Expenditure Account
Year ended 31 March 2021

	31 March 2021	31 March 2020
Income	1,179	2,360
Expenditure	<u>(600)</u>	<u>(1,977)</u>
Surplus/(Deficit)	<u>579</u>	<u>383</u>

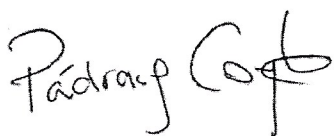
The Income and Expenditure Account above has been prepared by Frank Hennessey (Treasurer) on behalf of the Committee.

Further information is supplied in the Detailed Income and Expenditure Account.



Frank Hennessey (Treasurer)
Date: 18 August 2022

The Income and Expenditure above has been approved by the Committee.



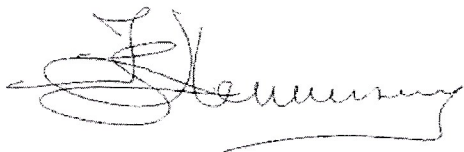
Pádraig Coyle (Chairperson)
Date: 18 August 2022

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Balance Sheet
As at 31 March 2021

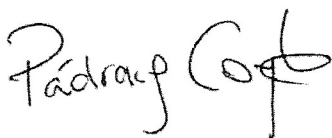
	Notes	2021		2020	
		£	£	£	£
Current assets					
Cash at bank and in hand		1,797		1,218	
Net assets			<u>1,797</u>		<u>1,218</u>
Reserves					
Brought forward at 1 April 2020			1,218		835
Surplus for the year			<u>579</u>		<u>383</u>
			<u>1,797</u>		<u>1,218</u>

The Balance Sheet above has been prepared by Frank Hennessey (Treasurer) on behalf of the Committee.



Frank Hennessey (Treasurer)
Date: 18 August 2022

The Balance Sheet above has been approved by the Committee.



Pádraig Coyle (Chairperson)
Date: 18 August 2022

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**Income and Expenditure account
For the year ended 31 March 2021**

	2021		2020	
	£	£	£	£
Income				
Receipts		<u>1,179</u>		<u>2,360</u>
		1,179		2,360
Expenses				
Printing, postage and stationery	-		314	
Bank charges	115		131	
Donations	-		-	
Heat, Light & Power	94		70	
Miscellaneous	29		18	
Museum expenses	362		-	
Memorabilia	-		414	
Jimmy Jones event	-		328	
Celtic Circles	-		90	
Belfast Celtic Cup	<u>-</u>		<u>612</u>	
		<u>(600)</u>		<u>(1,977)</u>
Net Surplus/(Deficit)		<u>579</u>		<u>383</u>

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Notes to the accounts
For the year ended 31 March 2021

1. Accounting policies

1.1 Basis of Accounting

The accounts are prepared in accordance with the Charities Act (NI) 2008.

The accounts have been prepared on a going concern basis which assumes the charity will continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future. The validity of this assumption depends upon continued support of funders.

1.2 Income

Incoming resources relate to donations which are credited to the Income Account when receivable.

	2021	2020
	£	£
Subscriptions	515	1,591
Donations	<u>664</u>	<u>769</u>
	<u>1,179</u>	<u>2,360</u>

Gift aid has not been reclaimed during the year as confirmed by Frank Hennessey (Treasurer). The Treasurer will lodge a claim to Revenue & Customs during the year to 31 March 2023 to recover any gift aid available.