

# **Bready & District Ulster Scots Development Association**

## **Company Limited by Guarantee**

### **Trustees' Annual Report (Incorporating the Director's Report)**

#### **Year ended 31 March 2023**

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The trustees, who are also the directors for the purposes of company law, present their report and the unaudited financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31 March 2023.

#### **Reference and administrative details**

<b>Registered charity name</b>	Bready & District Ulster Scots Development Association
<b>Charity registration number</b>	101765
<b>Company registration number</b>	NI046528
<b>Principal office and registered office</b>	231 Victoria Road Bready Strabane Co. Tyrone BT82 0EB

#### **The trustees**

Mr N Allen  
Mr. IA Henderson  
Mr SR Kelly  
Mr K McFarland  
Rhonda Shannon

<b>Independent examiner</b>	Keith McElhinney Chartered Accountant 42A Clooney Terrace Waterside Londonderry BT47 6AP
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#### **Structure, governance and management**

The Charity is managed by an Executive Committee which consists of all the appointed trustees, and the selection of any new Trustees is dealt with by that Committee.

The Charity was incorporated on 16 May 2003, and is governed by its Memorandum and Articles of Association dated at that time.

#### **Objectives and activities**

The purposes of the Charity can be summarised as follows;

" To facilitate the examination, exploration and appreciation by all of Ulster Scottish history, heritage and culture

" To promote Culture confidence and civic pride, bolster morale of the community and harness the abilities of local people

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##### **Objectives and activities *(continued)***

" To promote and preserve the culture and heritage of local people, and assist in social and economic well being through local development programmes

" To encourage the establishment, maintenance and development of other community associations within the area of benefit, providing support, information and advice in furtherance of this objective

Main Activities to further the Charity`s purposes for the public benefit

Bready and District Ulster Scots own and manage the Sollus Centre which provides a space and support for connected groups which brings 300 people from the community into the centre weekly. We deliver outreach tuition programs in Ulster Scots Music and Highland dance to over 500 children in various schools and community groups in the North West, as well as programs for good relations departments in local councils, promoting Ulster Scots Culture. We offer guidance on funding opportunities, governance, event planning and training needs as well as assisting member groups to access funding from a range of sources. Deliverance of talks and workshops to a wide range of audiences including local history groups and community organisations, as well as local heritage tours in the local area. Present interactive history, language and music workshops in schools. Produce educational material on a range of relevant topics as well as maintain an informative and current website and social media presence Provide, manage and resource local historical artifacts and databases that are used to assist visitors to research their heritage and links with the area.

##### **Achievements and performance**

The main focus of the group continues the development of Ulster Scots throughout the North West, as normality returns we have delivered history, language cultural workshops in the hall and with our outreach activities these workshops have been delivered across the region. With our Dance and piping project back teaching in schools, meaning we were able to exceed our target of approx 800 receiving dance and musical tuition.

We have been lucky that our many volunteers have remained and are now busy with an increase in numbers in those young people attending our dance classes in the hall, and with increased number of showcase events and invitations from other groups for the dancers to entertain has seen the hall back to its busiest with rehearsals since before Covid.

Happily, the use of our hall during the day is increasing, despite many groups/ organisations still using online meetings, we have been able to this due to the use of our new audio/video equipment to host hybrid meetings in the main hall one of the very few in the Council area. We continue to fundraise to maintain the activities we are delivering at the moment, and with the support of all the user groups we continue to meet the challenge.

##### **Financial review**

The Charity incurred a deficit for the year to 31 March 2023 of £8,754 (2022: deficit £905), and at 31 March 2023 had net assets of £443,207 (2022: £451,961). As at 31 March 2023 the Charity had no funds in material deficit

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## **Small company provisions**

This report has been prepared in accordance with the provisions applicable to companies entitled to the small companies exemption.

The trustees' annual report was approved on 12 December 2023 and signed on behalf of the board of trustees by:



Mr K McFarland  
Trustee