

St Eugene's Brass and Reed Band
Trustees' Annual Report

for the year ended 31 March 2023

We, the trustees of St Eugene's Brass and Reed Band, present our report below. The Financial Statements for the year ended 31 March 2023 follow on page 7, and they are preceded by the Report of the Independent Examiner.

Structure, governance and management

St Eugene's Brass and Reed Band is a Northern Ireland based charity and is registered with the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland. The registration number is 102779. The charity is also registered with HM Revenue & Customs. The HMRC Charities reference is XT34362.

The principal place of business for the charity is Old Culmore School, Tamlaght Road, Omagh.

The charity was established under a Constitution which details the objects and powers of the charity. The charity is managed by a Committee that are elected by the members at the AGM. The Committee shall consist of a Chairperson, Secretary, and Treasurer and not less than three, or not more than five other members. No position on the Committee shall be held by any one person for more than 3 consecutive years except in exceptional circumstances by agreement of a majority of the members in attendance at the Annual General Meeting.

OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

Charitable Purposes

The purpose of St Eugene's Band, Omagh shall be to advance an awareness, understanding and appreciation of music for all of those interested within the local community by:-

- a) actual participation within the band in the playing of a musical instrument.
- b) offering those who are interested in becoming playing members the opportunity of learning to play a musical instrument through learner classes, where these can be shown to be viable.
- c) offering those who do not wish to become learners or playing members the opportunity to become associate non-playing members of the band and in so doing create a greater awareness of music in general.
- d) undertaking concerts and providing musical entertainment on behalf of charities, councils, local communities and public bodies.

How the charity works

- We undertake public performances at many community events.
- We visit local schools to introduce children to music and musical instruments.
- We provide music to a large number of religious congregations at their events and ceremonies.
- We play music to patients at many local nursing homes to create well being.

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Public Benefit statement

The benefit that flows from this purpose is the promotion of enjoyment, better understanding and general advancement of the arts and sciences, in particular the art and science of music for the benefit of band members and the general public in Northern Ireland and further abroad through touring, through exposure and participation in the arts and science of music, whether as audience members or physical participants.

These benefits are evidenced through coverage by local press, by acknowledgements of performances at charitable functions, by photo and video documentation, website and Facebook recording and regular reporting of charitable activities and financial performance in annual reports and financial accounts.

There is no history of harm throughout our 130 plus year history. However strong steps are in place to avoid any possibility through strict adherence to our Child Protection Policy, our Health and Safety Policy and our Code of Conduct for all members. We also have in place Public Liability Insurance.

The charity's beneficiaries are its playing members and the general public in Northern Ireland and occasionally outside Northern Ireland through touring and concerts.

Taxation Status

The organisation is a registered charity, and we have therefore claimed exemption from tax.

Achievements and performance

We are progressing on our objectives and targets and believe our work is providing a great benefit to the local community especially in the wake of the Covid-19 pandemic and the current economic downturn.

The band was able to resume concerts and shows as Covid-19 restrictions eased. Work also resumed on the upkeep and maintenance of the hall which included fencing to the premises and painting of the building.

Financial review

The charity had resumed relatively normal activities and saw an increase in both income and expenditure in the year ended 31 March 2023. This increase in income allowed the band to carry out repair work to the premises without dipping into reserves. The net assets remained relatively stable at £89,004.

The trustees believe the charity is in a strong financial position. We are confident its reserves are of a sufficient level to be able to continue the activities of the charity and to serve its beneficiaries for many years to come.

The unrestricted reserves are available for use at the discretion of the trustees in furtherance of the general objectives of the charity.

Finance reserves are set aside to protect the charity against drops in income. The balance in the charity's bank accounts at the balance sheet date is £16,847.

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Independent Examiner

At the annual general meeting it was proposed that Tyrone Accountancy Services Ltd would be re-elected as independent examiners for the incoming year.

Trustees

The trustees of the organisation during the financial period and the period up to the date of the approval of these financial statements were:

Patrick O'Kane
Hazel Richards
Michael Reynolds
Bill Dunne
John Boyle
Ron Moore

Statement of Trustees' Responsibilities

The trustees are responsible for preparing the Annual Report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and regulations.

The trustees are required to prepare financial statements for each financial year. In preparing the financial statements, the trustees are required to:-

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent; and
- prepare the financial statements on a going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the organisation will continue in business.

The trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records that disclose, with reasonable accuracy at any time, the financial position of the organisation and that enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the requirements of The Regulator for Charities in Northern Ireland. They are also responsible to safeguarding the assets of the organisation and hence taking reasonable steps for the presentation and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

Statement of Trustees' Confirmations

In the case of each of the persons who are trustees at the time when the report is approved, the following applies:

- a) so far as each trustee is aware, there is no relevant information of which the charity's independent examiner is unaware; and
- b) each trustee has taken all the steps that he or she ought to have taken as a trustee in order to make himself or herself aware of any relevant information and to establish that the organisation's independent examiner is aware of the information.



Patrick O'Kane

8 March 2024



Arthur Rainey (treasurer)