

Coleraine Ulster Scots Regeneration Group – Charity number 102814

Trustees Report - 2016

About the Charity

Our group manages a community resource centre which provides a focal hub for the local Ulster Scots and Orange communities. Various cultural and historical workshops are run allowing people to learn about local history, the history and heritage of the Orange Order and the contribution of Ulster Scots locally and world-wide.

Training is also facilitated to provide members of local voluntary and community groups with the necessary skills to achieve their purpose; this is delivered in partnership with various organisations.

We also hold exhibitions and tuition classes in the centre and it is used by many local organisations, including other cultural groups, the local bands association and marshalling forum to hold meetings and training sessions.

Visitors to the centre can learn about our culture and heritage through items on display in the centre, our large collection of books available for research purposes and various publications which are freely available.

We work in partnership with other local organisations, including the Loyal Orders and other cultural groups to organise a range of events including community festivals and exhibitions; these events give the general public an opportunity to learn about the culture and heritage of the area and the loyal orders and attendant culture.

How the charity is funded

In January we held a Big Breakfast in the centre to raise funds towards centre running costs.

Partnership working with Coleraine Festival Committee continued on the Centenary of the Somme commemoration project. We assisted them to organise a Centenary of the Somme Commemoration Dinner and the proceeds of the raffle were donated to the centre in appreciation for the level of support we were providing through the centre for their project.

Coleraine Festival Committee held their annual Ulster Scots Summer School in the centre in August and this generated a small income towards costs.

Donations were received from local District Loyal Orange Lodges in respect of support which had been given to various lodges throughout the year and training which had been provided.

Administration information

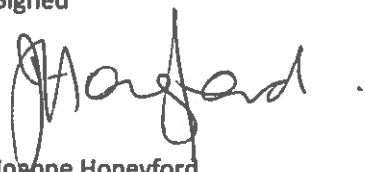
During 2016 the group was based in Coleraine Ulster Scots Resource Centre, located on the upper two floors of Coleraine Orange Hall, meeting monthly. The trustees are as follows: Robert McIlreavy, Thomas Stirling, Joanne Honeyford, Ivan Morrison, Henry Millen, John Caldwell, Lorna McAfee, Kevin Pearce, Hopkin Stewart.

Activities undertaken and the furtherance of the Charities purposes

The purposes of the charity are to promote and preserve the Ulster Scots culture and heritage; to promote and preserve the Orange culture and heritage; to advance knowledge, awareness and

The group appreciates the help they have received from the various groups who use the centre and the continued commitment of members in the face of increasing difficulty.

Signed

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Joanne Honeyford', with a small dot at the end.

Joanne Honeyford