

Annual Report & Report on Public Benefit

Bawn Silver Band

46 Castletown Rd, Aughnacloy BT69 6ED

Registered with the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland NIC 102943

REPORTING PERIOD
December 2016

01 January 2016 to 31

TRUSTEES *Chairperson Cyril Marshall*

Secretary / Treasurer Leslie McCammon

Vice Chair Trevor Lockhart

PURPOSES

Bawn Silver Band has been in existence since 1948.

The main purpose of The Band is to promote Brass Band Music.

To preserve the existence and repertoire of Brass music.

To encourage people to develop their instrumental and musical skills and talents.

To advance knowledge and promote Ulster-Scots heritage through brass band music.

Membership to the band is open and inclusive in keeping with section 75.

BENEFICIARIES

The members of Bawn Silver Band all benefit from their membership of the band.

They have all increased their knowledge of music and developed their individual instrumental and musical skills and talents.

In addition to their forty plus rehearsals per year the band

carries out a wide range of performances. these range from street music festivals when several hundred people will be present.

An annual community festival attracts approx two thousand people.

The band performs an annual concert for approx two hundred and fifty people as well as at a number of old peoples residential homes.

So it can be seen there are very significant beneficiaries in respect of Bawn Silver Band.

ACTIVITIES

As stated above Bawn Silver Band is active the year round with forty plus weekly rehearsals.

The band will play to at least a dozen live audiences during the year.

One such example is an annual community festival which attracts up to two thousand people.

A number of street music festivals each attracting several hundred spectators.

The band is often called upon to engage in many of the public civic events in the community.

The band also engages in at least one band concert per year and plays seasonal music in a number of old peoples residential homes.

During the year the band successfully claimed a micro grant enabling them to purchase thirty new chairs for their own use.

They also engaged in private fund raising so as to pay for tuition expenses which are virtually two thousand pounds annually.

ACHIEVEMENTS

HOW	MAIN	ACTIVITIES	HAVE	BENEFITED
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We as a management committee are satisfied we have delivered the objectives to our beneficiaries. The band members themselves have developed their musical skills and ability to play brass band musical instruments. Membership age ranges from seven years to eighty five years.

As stated above the band has 'played' to a very wide ranging audience consisting of hundreds of people who have all enjoyed our brass band music. of people a wide range.

We acknowledge and appreciate the community support including financial support at our annual Bawn Silver Band concert.

The committee at all times have had regard for the Public Benefit Guidance as issued by the Charity Commission (NI) in all decisions where the guidance was relevant.

Financial position has been maintained in accordance with guidelines as set out in our constitution.

FINANCIAL REVIEW AT END OF YEAR

FINANCIAL POSITION AT END OF YEAR: Our treasurer is meticulous ensuring no improprieties.

As can be seen we have a very limited cash flow and all monies received is ultimately for the benefit and continued existence of Bawn Silver Band.

We have no outstanding debts or liabilities at the end of the financial year.

RESTRICTIONS ON WHO CAN BENEFIT

There are no restrictions on who can benefit. The band performs for cross community and cross border organisations.

There are no restrictions to membership

There are no restrictions based on personal characteristics.

PUBLIC BENEFIT

The direct benefits which flow from the activities of Bawn Silver Band extend to a significant number of people in the Bawn and surrounding area. The band has contributed to improving the quality of life for its membership who are admitted in compliance with section 75.

Other Benefits included ..educational, and personal development through engaging and leading in all of the various band activities.

PRIVATE BENEFIT

There is no private benefit to any individual.

HARM

No harm has flowed from any of our Purposes.

SERIOUS INCIDENT REPORTING

There are no serious incidents to report.

VULNERABLE BENEFICIARIES

Appropriate Policies, Procedures and Training are in place such as Child Protection Policy and vulnerable adult awareness.

STATEMENT OF COMPLIANCE

The Trustees have complied with their duty to have due regard to the Charity Commission NI's Public Benefit Guidance when exercising any powers or duties to which the guidance is relevant.

The success of The Bawn Silver Band is due in no small part to the voluntary commitment from each of the individual band members and support from the entire general public.

Signed: Cyril Marshall Chairperson
Date: 20/3/2020