

**Annual Report & Report on Public Benefit**

**Bush Community Cultural Group**

Public Address

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11 Beechill Park, Bush, Dungannon, Co Tyrone, BT71 6QY

Registered with the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland NIC103084

Constituted as an Unincorporated Association in 2002  
Bush Community Cultural Group is funded by :  
Mid Ulster District Council  
Northern Ireland Housing Executive Cohesion Unit

**REPORTING PERIOD**

**1 NOVEMBER 2022 – 31 OCTOBER 2023**

**TRUSTEES**

David McFarlane    Chairperson  
Angela Stinson    Acting secretary  
Carson Crooks    Treasurer  
Anne Eldon  
Phyllis Crooks  
Elizabeth Burns  
Lorraine McFarlane  
Nigel Sinnamon

**PURPOSES**

The Association is established :

- (a) To promote a local educational resource;
- (b) To promote and preserve the culture and heritage of local people, including Ulster-Scots;
- (c) To promote cultural confidence and civic pride, bolster morale of the community, and harness the abilities of local people in particular those who reside in the Bush Community area, regardless of age, sex, race, political, religious or other opinion.

**BENEFICIARIES**

The charity's beneficiaries are primarily the people living in and around the Bush area of Dungannon South Tyrone within Mid Ulster District.

**ACTIVITIES**

Things are slowly getting back to a normal timetable following Covid.

We received an extra grant from the council enabling us to update and increase all of our Christmas decorations.

The tree switch on was again a great success with many new families that have recently moved into the area attending and also joining in the Carol singing.

Some of our members made up teams and took part in a local table quiz (always a great night of fun and learning )

The local councillor keeps in touch regularly to keep us informed of upcoming events and also notifications of any grants opening up.

The elderly are still a priority and have been checked on by committee members regularly.

**ACHIEVEMENTS**

**HOW MAIN ACTIVITIES HAVE BENEFITED BENEFICIARIES**

There has been a big increase in the number of young people supporting this event.

A lot of these young people are in the local flute band and spent a lot of their practice time learning Christmas carols so that they could also play music around the tree switch on.

So nice to see such a range of age groups taking part in this.

Advertisement of this event in local paper and social media was an important talking point for the residents.

Senior residents again were so grateful for the friendship and support they received from the group members.

#### **FINANCIAL REVIEW AT THE END OF THE YEAR**

**FINANCIAL POSITION AT THE END OF THE YEAR:** The organisation remains in a strong financial position with a healthy balance and cash flow.

**OUTSTANDING DEBTS OR LIABILITIES:** There were no outstanding debts or liabilities.

**RESERVES POLICY:** The group ensures adequate funds are in place to continue operating on an ongoing basis.

**FUNDS IN MATERIAL DEFICIT & STEPS TAKEN TO MITIGATE:** There were no funds in material deficit.

**FINANCIAL MITIGATION:** The Trustees ensure the organisation's finances were managed prudently and on an ongoing basis.

**FUNDS HELD BY THE CHARITY AS A CUSTODIAN TRUSTEE:** None – Not applicable.

#### **RESTRICTIONS ON WHO CAN BENEFIT**

There are no restrictions on who can benefit.

We do not charge any fees.

There are no charges to access any services.

There are small charges to access fundraising events.

There are no restrictions based on personal characteristics.

#### **PUBLIC BENEFIT**

The direct benefits which flow from this purpose include : education,training,health and well being outcomes, improved community relations and reduced levels of stress,anxiety and social isolation,through the promotion of culture,arts, heritage and Ulster Scots language,music and dance,recreation,education and training.

These benefits are made known through the feedback from attendees at our events via evaluation forms, surveys, verbal feedback and evaluation of activities.

There is no harm anticipated from this purpose.

The charity's beneficiaries are primarily the inhabitants of the Bush village and its surrounding environs within our Council area.

Our own trustees receive information , services and activities in the same way as other beneficiaries, and are assigned support, information and services in the same way.

#### **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 POCVA Policy and Procedures.

#### **STATEMENT OF COMPLIANCE**

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

Signed  David McFarlane Chairperson

Date 1/08/2024 .