

AGHAVILLY ACCORDION BAND

Charity Reference No: NIC 103 104

Report for Financial Year 1 April 2022 – 31 March 2023

Band Purpose

The band shall encourage its members to demonstrate a commitment to artistic excellence and the education of young musicians.

Charity Trustees 2022-2023

Eric Agnew

Mark Elder

Jeffrey Lawson

The above-named trustees will remain in position for 2023-2024

A meeting of the Trustees and Members of Aghavilly Accordion Band was held on Wednesday 21 June 2023. The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting and thanked them for attending. The audited accounts of the band were presented and discussed. Members were pleased that the band was in a sound financial position.

Expenditure during the year 2022-2023 was principally associated with instrument repairs, uniform upgrades, purchase of some small second-hand accordions for learners and tuition expenses. Members are indebted to Mr Graeme Parr for verifying the accounts and the Secretary agreed to personally thank him.

The Chairman was pleased to state that Band Practices are now taking part on a regular basis, and he requested a good attendance at all practices.

The Chairman was delighted to report that Mrs Olive Scott is proving to be an excellent tutor and she enjoys a good working relationship with Band Members.

The Chairman was pleased that a learner's class had started in November 2022, and seven learners are presently learning the accordion. Most have no previous musical knowledge and it will be a long-term project.

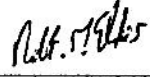
The Band held a very successful concert with support from the Ulster Scots Agency on 31st March 2023. The audience thoroughly enjoyed the programme played by the Band and other Artists. Band Funds were boosted as a result of voluntary donations.

As well as the usual Cultural engagements, the Band was privileged to play at a Musical Tattoo on 10th July 2022 at the City of Armagh Rugby/Football Club, finishing off the night by joining up in a massed Band of Silver, Pipe and Flute.

The Band also led the praise for the religious service at the 12th July demonstration in Armagh, as well as the act of Remembrance before the main parade. It was also a pleasure for the Band to play at a former member's 95th Birthday party.

The Secretary/Treasurer reported that the Band's banking arrangements with the Orchard Credit Union Ltd, The Old Savings Bank, 1 Victoria Street, Armagh are continuing to work well.

Members were satisfied with how the present Office Bearers fulfilled their duties and as they are willing to remain in Office the meeting was brought to a close with the Chairman thanking everyone for contributing to the Band's success.

CHAIRMAN:  SECRETARY: 