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**Trustees Report January 2025 and Financial
Statements for the year ended 31st March 2024**

Charity Number 103120

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Reference and administration information:

Charity Name: Hamilton's Bawn Silver Band

Charity Registration Number: 103120

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Management Committee (Trustees)

Mrs Jacie Spence	Trustee
Mr David Bingham	Treasurer / Trustee
Mrs Tracey Anderson	Secretary /Trustee
Mr David Nicholl	Chair / Trustee
Mr Norman Nicholl	Trustee
Mr Robert Nicholl	Trustee
Mr Samuel Bingham	Trustee

Bankers: First Trust

Scotch Street

Dungannon

Structure, Governance and Management

The Charity is under the control of LOL 47 and the trustees as detailed in the Bands Constitution. The Charity is registered as a charity under the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland from 12th August 2015. The trustees are listed above.

Aims and Objectives

We work to educate the public in the Musical Arts, particularly the art of brass band playing and to further the development of public appreciation and taste in the said art by the

presentation of concerts and other activities. The band will where possible answer any reasonable request for service within our community.

Public Benefit

To promote the playing of brass band music in a variety of different forms and to promote understanding and appreciation for brass band music. The direct benefit which flows from this first purpose is that the cultural lives of the general public of Hamiltonsbawn, Armagh and indeed all areas of Northern Ireland where we play will be enriched with high quality musical performances. This benefit can be evidenced by feedback from the general public who have attended our concerts or seen us perform at other musical events. This purpose will not lead to any harm and results in no private benefit.

2. To provide a high standard of training for all band members and learner members by providing regular band practices and extra tuition when it is required. Further practice is gained by taking part in regular private and public musical engagements and also by taking part in brass band contests. The direct benefit which flows from purpose 2 is that our members will attain a higher standard of musical appreciation and develop enhanced playing skills which they in turn can use to coach the junior section of the band. This purpose will not lead to any harm however there is a minimal private benefit as we pay minimal expenses to a musical conductor for tuition. This benefit is incidental and is necessary to ensure the benefit is provided to our beneficiaries.

3. To enhance the musical interests of the public not only in our own village and surrounding area but to Northern Ireland as a whole. This can be demonstrated by the fact that we take part in events not just run in our local area but throughout the whole of Northern Ireland. This purpose will not lead to any harm and results in no private benefit.

4. To foster good relationships with other musical organisations within the Armagh area and further afield. The direct benefit which flows from purpose 4 is that good relationships are forged with other musical organisations and allows for musical collaboration with them regardless of gender, age, ethnicity, religion or sexuality. It also allows for our musicians to play with another band and gain the experience of playing with other musicians learning new techniques and allows for musicians from other bands to guest play with us on occasions at different local events and concerts. This purpose will not lead to any harm and results in no private benefit.

5. To increase and stimulate local interest in the musical and cultural development of the band. The direct benefit which flows from purpose 5 is the enrichment of the cultural lives of the local community in which our members reside and also of our audiences. This benefit is evident by the continual support we get from the public before and after any event that we attend or organise. We have in the past formed a junior band which has participated in events separate to the Band. All of these children come from the local area and many would not have had the opportunity to learn and play a musical instrument. We currently have 6 junior players at present. By partaking in band activities they are learning about team work,

the value of practicing and taking part in events and self-discipline to set aside time each week for home practice. This purpose will not lead to any harm and results in no private benefit.

Statement of Public Benefit

The direct benefit from our public benefit is an increased awareness in the local community of brass music. There has also been an increase in our membership and an increase in demand for the Band to take part in musical events. These events are from both sides of the Community and cover a wide range of ages.

The beneficiaries are the general public who attend the events that we take part in or run and also our members and their families.

This year we have attended a variety of events which have included concerts, church services, local parades and carol services. These events have been held in Protestant and Roman Catholic Churches thus ensuring those from both sides of the community can hear our music. In Dec 23 we once again took part in the Armagh Georgian Day and played on Scotch Street to a large number of attendees. We also had the opportunity to play in Armagh RC Cathedral at Lisanally Special School Christmas service. In May 2023 we held a presentation evening to award long service medals to 3 members who had service of 40 years, 65 years and 70 years.

On Behalf of the Trustees

Tracey Anderson 13/01/2025

Secretary / Trustee

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Financial Review

The source of the Charities income has been from donations and band dues.

Statement of assets and liabilities for Hamilton's Bawn Silver Band for the financial year ending 31st March 2023.

The charities assets for the financial year was £23,600 this includes, musical instruments, uniforms and music.

At the end of the financial year Hamilton's Bawn Silver Band has no current outstanding liabilities

Signed on Behalf of the Trustees

Tracey Anderson 13/01/2025

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Statement of Trustees Responsibilities

The trustees are responsible for the day to day running of Hamilton's Bawns Silver Band and for preparing the trustees annual report and the financial statements in accordance with the applicable UK laws and accounting standards.

The law applicable to charities in NI requires the trustees to prepare statements for each financial year. Under that law the trustees have prepared the financial accounts in accordance with generally accepted accounting practices in the UK.

In preparing these statements the trustees are required to

- Select a suitable accounting policy and apply consistently
- Observe the methods and principals in the charities SORP
- Make judgements and estimates that are legal and prudent
- State whether the application of accounting standards have been followed
- Prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume the charity will continue in business

The trustees are responsible for keeping proper and accurate accounting records. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and must take reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and any other irregularities.

The accounts have been prepared by the Charities Treasurer Mr David Bingham along with Mr Jonathan Agnew Chartered Global Management Accountant

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