

ANNUAL MONITORING RETURN FOR ARDGLASS FESTIVAL ASSOCIATION

1. The Charity is known as Ardglass Festival Association.

2. Charity Commission Number is 103326.

3. The Association's purpose is:-

- encourage appreciation for and active participation in community-based arts and recreation activities;
- encourage and stimulate artistic creativity by the provision of artistic performances, training and support;
- provide, assist in providing or secure the provision of educational and recreational opportunities for the social welfare and benefit of the community in Ardglass and surrounding areas.

4. The Trustees – Management Committee – as at 31st August 2018 are:-

Mr. Gerard Casey – Treasurer.

Mr. Paul O Shea – Chairperson.

Mrs. Jane Johnson – Vice-Chairperson.

Mrs. Roisin Dorrian – Secretary.

Mr. Jason Curran – Programme Officer.

Miss Caoilfionn Smith – Press Officer.

Miss Jocelyn O' Shea – Sponsorship Officer.

Mr. Sean Keogh – Technical Officer.

5. This report is for the Financial Year 1st Sept. – 31st August 2018.

6. During the year the Association organised a wide range of activities :-

October – AGM; November - Halloween Fancy Dress & Disco {children}.

December – Christmas Tree and Festive Street Light 'switch-on'; Carol singing; Santa Grotto.

April – Easter Egg Hunt.

August – Ardglass Summer Festival – a 5-day project involving a variety of events to promote inclusivity by accommodating all members of the local Ardglass community, their visiting relatives and the many tourists. The events included a Scavenger Hunt, Golf, Senior Citizens' Event, Fun Run, Teddy Bears' Picnic, Talent Show, Pub Quiz, Bonny Baby Contest, Sand Design, Cycle Races, Kite

Competition, Raft Races, Historical Tours, Skittles, Viking Boat Trips, Family Fun Day, Float & Fancy Dress Parade, Boules, Prawn-Tailing, Bubble Football, Trip to Aqua Park and a Village Clean-up.

Association meetings are held usually on a monthly basis but prior to major functions they become fortnightly or even more regular if required.

7. The Association has regard to the Commission's Public benefit whereby:-

1. The purposes of the Association are demonstrated and are beneficial to the whole community;
2. The public benefits are for the whole community in terms of social welfare, creativity, recreation and leisure-time occupation.

Positive feedback from members of the community via cards of gratitude, personal contact and social media were very encouraging and uplifting.

8. Our Financial status is strong.

The Opening Balance at 1st September 2017 was £3594.11.

Our Total Income was £8423.86

Our Total Expenditure was £9108.66.

Closing Balance at 31st August 2018 was £2909.31

The Association has no funds in deficit.

Signed:

Edward Casey

Dated:

9/6/18

COMMITTEE REPORT 2018

Following the AGM in October, the committee was immediately discussing plans for a Halloween event. The local council was approached regarding the provision of a beacon structure, but unfortunately there wasn't one available. Posters re a Halloween Fancy Dress & Disco were distributed and displayed in local primary schools and public outlets. The event was well attended with the children {and some parents} wearing a variety of costumes, many of which were made with household materials.

Due to the lengthy process of acquiring the license for the erection of festive street lights, the sequence of steps had been initiated before the AGM and was successfully completed prior to the December 'switch on'. The siting of the Christmas tree in the Community Garden proved popular and the participation of the two local school choirs and the use of the snow machine contributed to the festive atmosphere. The distribution of treats and glow-sticks and a performance by the Friendship Band was appreciated by the large crowd.

Once again, the committee liaised with the O'Shea family to incorporate the Santa Grotto as part of the annual Christmas Fayre to raise funds for Marie Curie, in memory of their deceased family member, Marie-ann.

In April, starting at the Community Centre, the children, accompanied by adults, went in search of hidden laminated images of chicks {150} hidden around the village. The child who returned with the most 'chicks' was awarded a small trophy. All the children {and adults} participating received a chocolate cream egg.

The 5-day Summer Festival was held during the first week in August. The children's events as usual, were very popular with record attendances at the Sand Design, Teddy Bears' Picnic, Cycle Races, Bubble Football and Talent Show events. Following feedback from the residential homes, the Senior Citizens' Event involving afternoon tea and sandwiches, instead of a 3-course meal, was thoroughly enjoyed by all, with music, reminiscent of their youth, encouraging them to fully participate in the singing. The Parade was once again held on a Friday evening {following the disappointing unavailability of Bands last year on the Sunday parade}. The inclusion of pipers {in addition to two other bands} was fully appreciated by the large crowds spectating. The winning float was from Ardview House {Residential Home}. Even though Ardglass is a coastal village, many residents had never experienced actually going out on the water. The free family Viking boat trips gratefully provided this opportunity with a constant stream of volunteer crew members. Teenagers who availed of the free trip to the Aqua Park, Carryduff thoroughly enjoyed the water sports.

ASSETS

Portable Stage {3 sections} – stored in Community Centre and for community use.

Megaphone

Festive Street Lights

Festive Tree Lights

20 x Litter Picks

20 x High Visibility jackets

2 x Portable Tables

Snow Machine {for Christmas event}

8 x Walkie-Talkies {battery-operated}

Santa Claus outfit

2 x Elf outfits.

Costumes – Mickey Mouse, Minnie Mouse & Giant Prawn.

Street bunting

2 x Set of Boules

LIABILITIES

Electricity {Festive Street Lighting} - £93.36

Insurance -£470.00.

Trustee Declaration

Please state:

Name of organisation: ARDBASS FESTIVAL ASSOCIATION

Each of the undersigned declares that:

- He/she is willing to act as a charity trustee and is fully aware of the organisation's purposes as set out in the governing document; and
- He/she is not disqualified from acting as a charity trustee of any charity for any of the reasons or on any of the grounds listed in section 86(1) of the Charities Act (Northern Ireland) 2008.

We jointly declare that:

- The funds of the organisation are, or immediately upon registration as a charity will be, held in an account in the name of the charity;
- The information contained on the application form and this trustee declaration form is true, complete and correct; and
- We understand that to knowingly or recklessly make a false statement is a criminal offence under section 25(1) of the Charities Act (Northern Ireland) 2008.

Organisations working with vulnerable people or children

If your organisation currently works or will work with vulnerable people or children, you must complete this part of the declaration.

To avoid confusion mark the appropriate box with a tick ✓ (not a cross)

A	We jointly declare that we have read and understood the Commission's guidance on Access NI checks.	✓
B	We jointly declare that we are satisfied that we have made the necessary checks required to safeguard our beneficiaries.	✓

Trustee declaration

Trustee Name (Print)	Trustee signature	Date (DD/MM/YYYY)
Paul O Shea	Paul O Shea	9/6/19
Roisin Dorrian	Roisin Dorrian	9/6/19
JOCELYN O'SHEA	Jocelyn O'Shea	9/6/19
CADILFIONN SMITH	Cadilfionn Smith	9/6/19
SEAN KEOGH	Sean Keogh	9/6/19
Jason Curran	Jason Curran	9/6/19
GERARD CASEY	Gerard Casey	9/6/19
Jane Johnston	Jane Johnston	9/6/19