

**REGISTERED CHARITY NUMBER**  
N Ireland: 103326

**REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES AND  
RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNTS  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2023  
FOR  
ARDGLASS FESTIVAL ASSOCIATION**

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FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2023**

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# ARDGLASS FESTIVAL ASSOCIATION

## REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2023

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The trustees present their report with the financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31 August 2023.

### OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

#### Objectives and aims

##### Purpose of charity

The purposes of the charity are:

- To encourage appreciation for and active participation in community-based arts and recreation activities
- To encourage and stimulate artistic creativity by the provision of artistic performances, training, and support
- To 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

#### Significant activities

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

- **September 2022** — AGM at St Nicholas School
- **October 2022**- Halloween Fancy Dress, Haunted House and Pumpkin patch at St Nicholas School
- **December 2022** — Community Christmas Tree and Lighting installed, Switch on event and School Carol service, Christmas Craft Fair and Santa Grotto, Cross Community Carol service.
- **August 2023** — 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 Event, 10km and 5km Race & Fun Run, Roller skating, Dance Display, Yoga, Teddy Bears' Picnic, Pub Quiz, Sand Design, Cycle Races, Raft Races, Family Fun Day, Float & Fancy-Dress Parade,

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

#### Beneficiaries

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.

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### OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

#### Public benefit

The trustees are confident that the charitable aims of Ardglass Festival Association satisfy the principles of public benefit as defined in the Charities Act. They have referred to the guidance contained in the Charity Commission's general guidance on public benefit when reviewing the aims and objectives and in planning its future activities.

#### How the charity activities deliver public benefit

The charitable activities focus on supporting the needs of people in the community and are undertaken to further the charitable purposes for the public benefit.

The principal aim of the charity is to provide and encourage participation in community based recreational and artistic activities.

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#### **ACHIEVEMENT AND PERFORMANCE**

##### **Charitable activities**

Following our AGM in September thoughts turned immediately to planning for the next 12 months, and a framework was put in place to arrange 3 events throughout 2022 and 2023, namely Halloween, Christmas, and Summer Festival. At Halloween the St Nicholas School Hall and Garden were booked to provide a pumpkin patch and Haunted house experience, while there was also a fancy dress competition, face painting, arts and crafts and wee bug and Beasties demo. This was a hugely successful event.

Christmas involved several events and many man hours erecting and removing Trees and lighting, there was a grand light switch on and carol service at the Ardglass Marina with other family attractions and entertainment available on the night. There was a Christmas Craft Fair held in St Nicholas' School hall with a Santa's Grotto available for all children, and finally there was a Cross Community Carol Service, with all events extremely well attended.

The Summer seen the return of our 5 Day Summer festival in August with a jam-packed programme of events for all the family opening with our ever-popular 10km & 5km Road races and ending with a Float Parade around the village leading to a Family Funday at the Meadow with inflatables, fair ground attractions and food and beverage vans. The above events were financed by various fundraising events including Quiz and Bingo nights, Donations, and business sponsorship while several grants were successfully applied for and secured.

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#### **ACHIEVEMENT AND PERFORMANCE**

##### **Charitable activities**

An AGM is held each year and people are encouraged to attend. The AGM provides a financial summary of the years activities and plans are put in place for the upcoming year. Attendees are encouraged to make suggestions for artistic and educational activities which they feel would make a positive impact on the community.

#### **FINANCIAL REVIEW**

##### **Financial position**

The financial position of the charity can be found on pages 7 and 8.

##### **Principal funding sources**

The principal funding sources for the charity are currently from donations and fundraising activities.

##### **Reserves policy**

Due to the unpredictability of the income receivable by the charity it is the policy of Ardglass Festival Association to maintain a balance on unrestricted funds to cover emergency situations that arise from time to time and to also enable the charity to continue to deliver its service effectively.

The present level of reserves available to the charity is £5,581.

#### **FUTURE PLANS**

The charity plans continuing the activities outlined above in the forthcoming years subject to satisfying funding arrangements.

#### **STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT**

##### **Governing document**

The charity is controlled by its governing document and constitutes an unincorporated charity.

##### **Recruitment and appointment of new trustees**

A broad mix of skills are represented on the Management Committee and all Trustees are chosen on the basis of their willingness to serve, ability, governance experience and support of the ethos, mission and philosophy of the organisation.

##### **Risk management**

The trustees have a duty to identify and review the risks to which the charity is exposed and to ensure appropriate controls are in place to provide reasonable assurance against fraud and error.

#### **REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS**

##### **Registered Charity number**

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**REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS**

**Principal addresses**

3 St Nicholas' Walk  
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BT30 7UT

**Trustees**

Paul O'Shea  
Roisin Dorrian  
Jocelyn O'Shea  
Michele Enright  
Christopher Feenan  
Marcy Milligan  
Martina Ross  
Ben Carvill  
Sean Laird

**Independent examiner**

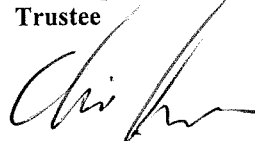
M.B.McGrady & Co  
Chartered Accountants  
Rathmore House  
52 St Patricks Avenue  
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Approved by order of the board of trustees on 26/06/2024 and signed on its behalf by:

**Paul O'Shea**  
Trustee



**Christopher Feenan**  
Trustee



**ARDGLASS FESTIVAL ASSOCIATION**

**INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES**

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I report on the accounts for the year ended 31 August 2023 as set out on pages seven to ten.

**Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner**

As the charity's trustees you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the Charities Act (Northern Ireland) 2008.

It is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under Section 65 of the Charities Act
- follow the procedures laid down in the General Directions given by the Charity Commission (under Section 65(9)(b) of the Charities Act); and
- state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

**Basis of the independent examiner's report**

I have examined your charity accounts as required under section 65 of the Charities Act and my examination was carried out in accordance with the General Directions given by the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland under section 65(9)(b) of the Charities Act.

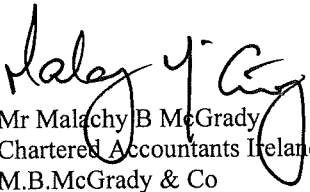
My examination included a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also included consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts and seeking explanations from you as charity trustees concerning any such matters.

My role is to state whether any material matters came to my attention giving me cause to believe:

1. The accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 63 of the Charities Act
2. That the accounts do not accord with those accounting records
3. That the accounts do not comply with the accounting requirement of the Charities Act
4. That there is further information needed for a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

**Independent examiner's statement**

I have completed my examination and have no concerns in respect of the matters (1) to (4) listed above and, in connection with following the Directions of the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland, I have found no matters that require drawing to your attention.

  
Mr Malachy B McGrady  
Chartered Accountants Ireland  
M.B.McGrady & Co  
Chartered Accountants  
Rathmore House  
52 St Patricks Avenue  
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27<sup>th</sup> June 2024

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RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNTS  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2023

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	Notes	2023 Unrestricted Fund £	2022 Unrestricted Fund £
<b>RECEIPTS FROM</b>			
Unrestricted grant		2,560	3,580
Donations and Legacies		9,893	7,775
Investment income	2	-	-
Other trading activities	2	8,549	2,556
<b>Total</b>		<u>21,002</u>	<u>13,911</u>
<b>PAYMENTS ON</b>			
Raising funds		-	-
Charitable activities		20,231	13,623
Charitable			
<b>Total</b>		<u>(20,231)</u>	<u>(13,623)</u>
<b>EXCESS OF RECEIPTS OVER PAYMENTS</b>		771	288
<b>Bank current accounts 1 September</b>		<u>4,810</u>	<u>4,522</u>
<b>BANK CURRENT ACCOUNTS 31 AUGUST</b>		<u>5,581</u>	<u>4,810</u>

The notes form part of these financial statements

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**STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES  
AT 31 AUGUST 2023**

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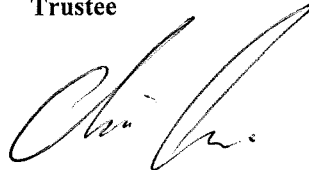
	2023 Unrestricted Fund £	2022 Unrestricted Fund £
<b>CASH FUNDS</b>		
Bank current accounts	5,581	2,992
Cash account	-	<u>1,818</u>
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>	<u>5,581</u>	<u>4,810</u>

The financial statements were approved by the Board of Trustees on 26/6/2023 and were signed on its behalf by:

**Paul O'Shea**  
Trustee



**Christopher Feenan**  
Trustee



The notes form part of these financial statements

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**ARDGLASS FESTIVAL ASSOCIATION**

**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2023**

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**1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES**

**Basis of preparing the financial statements**

The financial statements of the charity, which is a public benefit entity, have been prepared in accordance with the Charities Act (Northern Ireland) 2008 using the Receipts and Payments basis.

**Taxation**

The charity is exempt from tax on its charitable activities.

**Fund accounting**

Unrestricted funds can be used in accordance with the charitable objectives at the discretion of the trustees.

Restricted funds can only be used for particular restricted purposes within the objects of the charity. Restrictions arise when specified by the donor or when funds are raised for particular restricted purposes.

Further explanation of the nature and purpose of each fund is included in the notes to the financial statements.

**2. OTHER TRADING ACTIVITIES**

	2023	2022
	£	£
Fundraising	8,549	2,556
Fundraising events	<u>8,549</u>	<u>2,556</u>

**3. INVESTMENT INCOME**

	2023	2022
	£	£
Deposit account interest	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>

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DETAILED STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2023

	2023 £	2022 £
<b>RECEIPTS</b>		
<b>Grants received</b>		
Newry Mourne & Down District Council	1,700	1,850
Community Foundation Grant	860	1,730
<b>Donations and legacies</b>		
Donations	9,893	7,775
<b>Other trading activities</b>		
Fundraising events	8,549	2,556
<b>Investment income</b>		
Deposit account interest	-	-
<b>Total incoming resources</b>	<b>21,002</b>	<b>13,911</b>
<b>PAYMENTS</b>		
<b>Charitable activities</b>		
Prizes	360	785
<b>Support costs</b>		
<b>Management</b>		
Professional Fees	-	-
Equipment	-	66
Electricity	-	-
Sundries	2,451	320
Postage, Printing and stationery	5	-
Catering	-	183
Hire of equipment	13,832	10,524
Publicity & promotions	3,078	885
Insurance	865	860
<b>Total resources expended</b>	<b>20,231</b>	<b>12,838</b>
<b>Net income/(expenditure)</b>	<b>771</b>	<b>288</b>

This page does not form part of the statutory financial statements