

TYRONE'S DITCHES PIPE BAND

Charity No: 103463

TRUSTEE REPORT

2022-2023

Address: 33 Corrinare Road, Loughgilly, Armagh, BT60 2DW

Trustees: David McKee (Chairperson); Winifred Meredith; Robert Turner; Francis Henry; Wilbert McKee; George Bingham.

The purpose of the charity is to build confidence and improve musical knowledge and understanding enabling all to take a more active role in the community in which they live. It should enable people of all ages to engage in musical and social activity, thereby learning new skills and affording them the opportunity to further develop interaction within the community. The main beneficiaries of this purpose are the people living in the Poyntzpass/Markethill area of County Armagh although the work of the band impacts throughout Northern Ireland.

In 2022-2023 the band's activities increased with a number of young people joining the band for the first time.

The trustees are encouraged by the progress they are making in not only their musical knowledge but also their social interaction with all other members of the band.

The band continues to develop its partnership arrangement with Altnaveigh Memorial Pipe Band from Newry. Altnaveigh Pipe Band has supported us in a number of areas, including tuition and at social events. The co-operation between the two bands has been an inspiration to all members of the Tyrone's Ditches Band and afforded them the opportunity to develop new skills as well as developing social interaction.

The band was successful in obtaining funding from DAERA for additional instruments.

The band was represented at a total of 22 events during the year including:

Remembrance Services (2)

Twelfth of July and RBP services and events

4 Church Services