

Eglinton Annual Show

Trustees Annual Report

The Trustees present their Annual report for the year ending 31st October 2023

Including a statement of assets and liabilities.

Northern Ireland Charity Number NIC 107456

Administrative Details

Address -32 Mallory Park

Eglinton

Co, Derry

BT473XJ

Charity Trustees

At the time of referencing are-

Dympna Stewart (Chair)

Hester Craig (Joint Secretary)

Helen Manning (Joint Secretary)

Debbie Caulfield (Treasurer)

Alistair Davidson

Paddy Dixon

Steven Friedlander

Richard Manning

Sue Jamison

Independent Examiner of Accounts

Richard McCorkell FCCA

Bank-Danske-Altnagelvin Branch

Description and Purpose

Public Benefit Statement

The purpose of The Eglinton Annual Show is-

The advancement of citizenship and community development

The direct benefits which flow from this purpose are increased community participation in Horticulture ,Home Baking, Art ,Photography and Craft for exclusively charitable purposes by-

The provision of an annual motivational event (The Eglinton Annual Show)

The promotion of social inclusion and a volunteering ethos also further inspire civic values and community activities within the Eglinton and Derry City/Strabane Council Area

These benefits are evidenced by continued high numbers of class entries and visitor on show day.

Our committee and volunteer numbers are well maintained and our social media/local newspaper feedback remains very positive.

The Trustees have had ongoing regard for The Charity Commission's Public Benefit Requirement Statutory Guidance and are satisfied that-

There is no harm flowing from the above purpose.

Beneficiaries of this purpose are:

All age groups resident in The Derry City and Strabane Council area .

A private benefit may arise for committee members from time to time in that they may avail of Training programmes in matters such as Governance or First Aid ,but this benefit is necessary to ensure the efficient provision of benefit to our community and is entirely incidental.

Structure and Management of Eglinton Annual Show

A copy of our CONSTITUTION is attached

Membership is open to all living in the area who subscribe to the objectives of The Eglinton Annual Show

Over and above the 9 committee members who are Trustees we have 5 further members

We meet monthly

There are 25 (approx..) further volunteers who help on Show weekend-ie.-to set up/take entries/assist judges etc.

Activities and Objectives

Events List

- 1 Christmas Trail-December
- 2 Carol Singing around the Village Christmas Tree-December
- 3 Santa's Tour of the Village on Christmas Eve
- 4 Wine and Cheese/Games Night-March
- 5 Eglinton Annual Show-Sept 2nd.

1-Christmas Trail

10 small wooden trees (made by our men's shed)were placed in the windows of businesses/shops along the Village main street during the month of December. Each tree was topped by a letter in a star making up a Christmas themed word.

The benefit of this activity was the provision of a challenging activity for families over the Christmas period ,promoting social interaction whilst out walking.

Evidenced by positive social media and "in-person "feedback

2-Carol Singing

This popular Village event took place on Friday 23rd December ,having been cancelled the 2 previous years due to Covid.The music was provided by local members of The Britannia Brass Band and the stage by a local farmer.

The Benefit of this event was-

The provision of an opportunity for returning families/students (over the Christmas period) as well as villagers to reconnect.

Evidenced by positive social media and "in-person " feedback as well as a collection of £275 on the night which was donated to Foyle Food bank.

3 Santa's Christmas Eve tour of the village.

Santa toured the village on an open backed vehicle so that children of all ages could see him close up on Christmas Eve. His route and timings were on our website well in advance.

The benefit of this activity was -

Enabling social inclusion and accessibility as well as encouraging community development.

Evidenced by positive social media and "in-person " feedback.

4 Wine and Cheese/ Games Night

Held in Eglinton Cricket Club-31st March-both as a team-building exercise and a fund raiser.

A quiz master from the local weekly charity quiz kindly provided us with 5 quiz rounds and we had additional games as well as a raffle.

The benefit of this event was-

The promotion of social inclusion and community development .

Evidenced by positive social media and "in-person " feedback.

5 Eglinton Annual Show Day

Took place on Sat 2nd Sept 2023 in the Paddock in the centre of Eglinton Village

The committee were also involved in setting up the day before and tidying up the day after in addition to running the show on the Saturday.

The benefit of the event is

The advancement of Citizenship and Community Development.

Evidenced by the numbers of entries(1031) as well as visitors on show day as well as positive media feedback.

The possibility of harm flowing from the purposes of The Eglinton Annual Show Charity remains an important consideration for the Trustees and none has been noted.

Financial Review

Total Income £15,739

Eglinton Annual Show's main sources of income are

Grants (Apex Housing Association - £4,484)

Public Donations-Wine and Cheese /Games Night-£80

-Carol Singing Collection-£275

Local Business Sponsorship/Show programme adverts-£7,240

Show Day income- £3,036

Total expenditure £10,902

Show Day Expenses £8,275

Additional event expenses £372

Insurance-£739

A copy of our financial statement is attached.

Statement of The Trustees Responsibilities

The trustees are responsible for the preparation of the annual report and financial statements of THE EGLINTON ANNUAL SHOW in keeping with accepted accounting practice.

As the total income of The Eglinton Annual Show was £15,739 for the year ending 31st Oct.2023 the trustees have prepared

Receipts and payments accounts & A statement of assets and liabilities

In addition ,Part B of the monitoring return will be completed, in keeping with

The commission Guidance.

The Trustees are responsible for keeping adequate accounting records that are sufficient to show and explain the charity's transactions and disclose with reasonable accuracy, at any time ,it's financial position.

They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and hence for taking reasonable steps to prevent and detect fraud and/or other irregularities.

Approved by the Trustees of Eglinton Annual Show on 24th July 2024

Signed on their behalf by

Alistair Davidson (CHAIR) ALISTAIR DAVIDSON

Helen Manning (Joint Sec.) HELEN MANNING .