

DUNGANNON SILVER BAND TRUSTEES REPORT YEAR ENDING 31/03/23

Structure, Governance and Management

The band is governed by its constitution which is reviewed annually and this is managed by the committee who are appointed at our annual general meeting.

Objectives

The band exists to bring together members of the community from all ages and backgrounds to learn and play brass instruments to give enjoyment to all members and the general public through the playing of brass band music.

Activities

This was a very busy year for the band with a wide variety of engagements.

Contests; We had a very successful return to live contesting with a 2nd at Omagh in May, 1st at Antrim in November and 2nd at Fivemiletown in March.

Parades; Along with our usual annual parades for the Royal British Legion and Loyal Orders, we also had the privilege of leading Tyrone District at the NI Centenary parade at Belfast in May. In July we were in Coleraine to lead the opening parade and ceremony for the SuperCup NI junior football tournament. Both very memorable events and a great honour for the band to participate in.

Christmas; During the run up to Christmas we entertained the public at carol services and on the streets of Dungannon, Armagh and Belfast where we played carols to raise funds for the Chest Heart and Stroke charity.

We played two concerts at Scarva bandstand amongst many other engagements.

We also found time for a great nights non-playing fun at Prison Island Belfast, and had an evening to celebrate 60 years of service to the band from Henry and George Courtenay.

Financial Review

The band appreciates the support it receives for attending these events throughout the year, as the donations received from such engagements are voluntary. We were also grateful to receive grant funding from a number of sources, and thanks must go to those band members who put so much work into these applications. The largest of these was received from DAERA which allowed use to replace the roof, flooring and kitchen in our practice hall.

The decision was made to purchase a new marching uniform so fund raising has begun to prepare for this large expense. Events held include a raffle, cash for clobber, and quiz night along with our usual Last Saturday catering stalls. The members have rose to this challenge and the band remains in a secure financial position with reserves in place.

Financial accounts have been prepared in accordance with the band constitution and audited by a qualified accountant as required by the Charities Committee Northern Ireland.



Barry Williamson
On behalf of the trustees

18/10/23



Clive Trimble

18/10/23