
Mountfield Ulster Scots Association

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Annual Report and Report to Public Benefit

Mountfield Ulster Scots Association

Reporting period – 1st April 2023 – 31st March 2024

Registered with Charities Commission for Northern Ireland NIC 108115

Charitable Purpose:

The Association is established (a) to provide a local educational resource, (b) to promote and preserve the culture and heritage of local people, in particular those who reside in the Mountfield district area, (c) to promote cultural confidence and civic pride, bolster morale of the community and harness the abilities of the local people, (d) to facilitate the examination, exploration and appreciation by all of Ulster-Scots history, heritage and culture in an open and positive manner to encourage mutual understanding.

Private and Public Benefits:

The direct benefits which flow from these purposes include the improvement of the conditions of life of the Ulster Scots community in the Mountfield area, both through practical experience and theoretically. There will be no harm flowing from this purpose. There may be private benefits e.g. increased music expertise. These benefits are incidental and necessary to ensure the benefit is provided to our beneficiaries. The benefits identified can be demonstrated through the experiences, skills and knowledge gained by beneficiaries, which are transferable to other settings. These private benefits are incidental. These benefits will also enable people of the Ulster Scots community to grow in understanding and confidence in their own cultural heritage that they may be in a position to share on an equitable basis with other traditions. The benefits

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which flow from this purpose include a growth of understanding and comprehension of Ulster Scots culture in the greater Mountfield area and a readiness to share this with the people from other traditions. The benefits will be evidenced by regular interaction with other groups and agencies and evaluated through frequent formal and informal feedback. There will be no harm flowing from this purpose. There will be no harm flowing from these purposes and these purposes will promote and preserve positively the culture and heritage of local people.

Beneficiaries:

The charities beneficiaries are people from the rural community of Mountfield and the wider Fermanagh and Omagh District Council area.

Activities:

Our activities during the year were to support our friends and neighbours from the Mountfield area and provide an interest to the wider community of the tradition and culture of Ulster Scots. We have held a night to Celebrate Robbie Burns in Feb. Due to cost of living crisis this year we as a group decided to purchase shopping vouchers and issued to over 65's and to those in exceptional circumstances.

Achievements:

Just coming out of covid-19 pandemic and encouraging some of our normal activities to resume, we feel the past year has successfully reached out to many rural people and offered both social interaction and cultural learning experiences. We have also achieved charitable status and are looking forward to working with other agencies and voluntary groups so that we can develop and deliver successful projects and ways of communication.

Financial Review at End of Year:

The trustees ensured the organizations finances were managed prudently and on an ongoing basis. They acknowledge the support from various funders i.e. Fermanagh and Omagh District Council and National Lottery who have helped support our aims and objectives. The organization through their grants and fundraising efforts have a healthy cashflow and balance. There are no outstanding liabilities.

Statement of Compliance:

The trustees have complied with their duty to have due regard to the Charity Commission Northern Ireland Public Benefit Guidance when exercising any powers or duties to which the guidance is relevant.

Signed: *Stephen Patterson*

Stephen Patterson
Chairperson