

Bangor Swifts Juniors Football Club

Registered Charity Number: NIC108462

Trustees Annual Report

For the Year Ended 30th June 2024

Trustee Annual Report: -

Charity Public Address: -

St. Columbanus College, Ballymaconnell Road, Bangor, BT20 5PU

The Following Individuals Served as Trustees in the Year:

Mr Mark Delargy
Mr Danny Kelly
Mr Graham McCallion
Mr David McKendry
Mrs Maeve Henning
Mrs Emma Christie

Charity Registration Date:

21st March 2022

A review of the Charity's Financial Position at the end of the Year:

In the Financial Year Ending 30th June 2024. The Charity had Income of £91,489.00 and Expenditure of £87,581.00. This excludes Asset Depreciation but includes Small Pool Asset Purchases.

Bangor Swifts Juniors Football Club charity objectives are specifically restricted to the following:

The object of the Club is to provide facilities for and promote participation of the whole community in the sport of Football for boys and girls aged between 5 – 18 years old.

The club is an amateur club as defined within the description of purposes as per The Charities Act 2011 helping and supporting the advancement of amateur sport and promoting health by involving physical or mental skill or exertion and which are undertaken on an amateur basis.

Charity Classifications:

- The advancement of amateur sport

Public Benefits:

The direct Public benefits flowing from the purpose include:

- A local (primarily Bangor area but open to all) safe place for children to train and play football.
- Promote a cross-community and open to all culture.

- Promote a fully diverse and inclusive club for children with mental and physical support needs.
- A low-fee fully non for profit model to allow all to participate with exceptions made as and when required to facilitate all. Participation in managed and gentle competition.
- Promotes wider inter-club and societal mixing. Inter-club tournaments.
- Promotes a family togetherness and community growth and welfare within and outside of the club.

The Public benefits from are demonstrated through:

The club takes a lot of children from other clubs which have perhaps not been sustainable or perhaps are seen as too ruthless - our club has an ethos of absolute equality. Full participation in IFA small side games and league programmes for all our children. Everyone who wants a game gets a game.

The beneficiaries are children aged 5-18 from all backgrounds, all genders, and all mental and physical support needs are all welcome. The club and its ethos supports the idea of family togetherness and strong family unit.

There is no private benefit gained.

What the organisation does:

Bangor Swifts Juniors Football Club provides football coaching and games to approximately 450 children currently, all between 4 and 18 years old. The club is based in Bangor but is open to anyone, from any background and with any level of mental or physical disability.

The club is run by a committee of 13 volunteers operating across all the required officiated positions and there are approximately 87 volunteers in roles at the charity as coaches supporting the children, all IFA qualified and fully Access NI vetted as per legislation requirements. The club supports training across all aspects of health and safety for the coaching team including first aid.

The club is affiliated to the IFA and facilitates weekly games, leagues, tournaments and inter-club friendlies for all the children.

The club continues to grow at an incredible rate and is widely regarded as a diverse, open and inclusive, friendly and a club who provides positive impact locally and beyond.

The club has security of tenure to excellent training facilities and also hires out local facility to ensure players are playing throughout the year, regardless of light or weather as well as paying the IFA for inclusion in it's local grassroots football initiatives and appropriate leagues.

The club owns a large amount of asset from goals, to kits, balls, and training equipment, paid for within the clubs income and expenditure accounts.

The club will always make provision for anyone who has financial or any other difficulty.

How the charity works and Who this charity Helps:

Works with: -

- Community development
- Cross-border/cross-community
- Sport/recreation
- Youth development

Helps: -

- Children (5-13 year olds)
- General public
- Learning disabilities
- Mental health
- Physical disabilities
- Youth (14-25 year olds)

Approved by the trustees on 05th July 2024 and signed on their behalf by Chairperson:

Signed
Mark Delargy (Chairperson)