



# The Royal Scottish Pipe Band Association

## The Music Board

### Member Details – Darren Frew

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**Branch:** Northern Ireland

**Band:** McNeillstown

**Discipline:** Piper

**About me:** I started my piping career in Bellaghy Pipe Band in 1990 at the grand old age of 14 under the tuition of Pipe Major Martin Clark. In 1995 I moved to play in Grade 1 with McNeillstown Pipe Band. Tuition continued under Pipe Sergeants Harold Brownlow and David Middleton as well as Pipe Major Frank Andrews. After Frank's retirement at the end of 2000, the band was reformed and I took over as Pipe Major, a position I still hold. I also played with the Ravara Pipe Band, in a dual registered role, under Pipe Major Samuel Connelly from 2002 until 2005.

I attended the Northern Ireland Piping and Drumming School and currently hold Grade 7 in Practical and Grade 5 in Theory. I started to attend Music Board in 2003 as proxy at the request of the then piping representative Richard Parkes. I was elected as the NI Branch piping representative at the end of 2004 after Richard stood down from the post.

#### **Music Board Activities:**

Branch Representative

Member of the Standards Group