

**REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES**  
**for the Year Ended 31 DECEMBER 2022**

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The trustees who are also directors of the charity for the purposes of the Companies Act 2006, present their report with the financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31 December 2022. The trustees have adopted the provisions of Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019).

**OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES**

**Objectives and aims**

Fermanagh Genealogy Centre aims:

1. To promote genealogical services principally in within County Fermanagh and beyond.
2. To welcome members from across the community irrespective of religious, ethnic, cultural or sexual orientation.
3. To offer its members a range of experiences in educational and social areas.
4. To preserve, disseminate and to educate in areas relevant to the cultural and genealogical heritage of County Fermanagh.
5. To hold monthly public meetings that are open to members and the general public.
6. To offer a live online recording of public meetings to members and to have these archived for posterity.
7. To welcome visitors to its advisory service hosted at Enniskillen Castle Museum.
8. To offer an online genealogical advice service.
9. To preserve local historical data through its transcription service.
10. To create a Fermanagh centric genealogical data base

All of the above activities are completed on a voluntary basis and no salary is paid to any member of FGC.

To conclude, FGC is a welcoming group whose members are adults from across the world who share a passion for family history and County Fermanagh.

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**Significant activities and Public benefit**

Fermanagh Genealogy Centre's committee continues to hold monthly meetings and minutes are recorded by the secretary, inclusive of financial reports. These meetings are facilitated online through use of Zoom and are chaired by Frankie Roofe. Regarding our members'/public meetings, the online Zoom feature has greatly appealed to our overseas members and FGC has seen a significant rise in membership. The use of monthly bulletins from the secretary helps keep the membership informed of developments.

We continue to be the Genealogical Heritage provider in Fermanagh for Fermanagh and Omagh District Council and are grateful for their annual grant. We meet with FODC's designated representatives on a quarterly basis and provide a review of our activities and expenditure.

Without doubt the highlight of 2022 for FGC was its launch of the 'Back Streets-Dardanelles' memory map in October. This project was funded through the Heritage Lottery Fund, facilitated through its Fermanagh organ, Lough Erne Landscape Partnership. This drew in good numbers at our launch and we are very proud of this project which we know will keep alive this once vibrant area of Enniskillen. Responses from viewers have been very positive, as was our co-operation with the Enniskillings Military Museum who assisted us with information on the First World War dead from the Back Streets. This online memory map is available to view on our website and is free to all.

Our [www.fermanaghgenealogy.org](http://www.fermanaghgenealogy.org) website offers members access to recordings of our talks, as well as access to articles published by our membership. The technical side of FGC's affairs is expertly managed by Mary-Anne Grant.

Enniskillen Castle Museum put on an exhibition of FGC's project on the Loftus-Tottenham family from Ely Lodge, County Fermanagh. This had earlier been postponed due to Covid restrictions. This gave visitors from near and far an experience of FGC's research.

Covid restrictions yet again prevented Face to Face meetings at our Enniskillen Castle hub. It is our intention to hold these again in 2023, dependent on circumstances. Our transcription teams continued to transcribe National School records but a major development was our assisting Enniskillen Castle Museum with transcription of their Enniskillen Work House records.

Each year we invite a 'special' guest speaker as a highlight to our Talks Programme. In April 2022 Enzo Farinella, formerly an Italian Papal envoy to Ireland, gave a superb presentation on 'Irish Christian missionaries, with a focus on Fermanagh'.

The summer annual trip was hosted in June with 15 members taking part. Commencing with a boat tour around Enniskillen and followed by a walking tour of the town, the event concluded with a meal in the Taphouse. Our AGM was held on Saturday 11th June 2022. Regarding our committee, Dave McNulty stood down as both a Trustee and Committee member. Karen Ireson relinquished her role as Volunteer Co-ordinator but remained as our Face Book manager, alongside Linda Swindle. Caroline Fitzpatrick took over as Volunteer co-ordinator and also Membership co-ordinator. She also acts as our bookkeeper assisting Frankie, our Honorary Treasurer. I continued as Secretary and Vivienne Carson did so as Policies co-ordinator and Entertainments Officer. Mary-Anne Grant continued as Technical Officer.

Our Fermanagh Roots Journal Issue 2 reached a landmark with its sale surpassing 300 copies.

The following policies were completed or updated during 2022:

Complaints Policy  
Equality Policy

Volunteering areas:

Our current number of volunteers is 16 with 2 new volunteers in the pipeline.  
Our Committee has 7 active members.

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4 volunteers continue to transcribe our own schoolbooks and graveyard records. We also have a rota with 9 volunteers transcribing the Workhouse records in conjunction with Enniskillen Castle.

Our enquiry team is due to conduct face to face consultations again, with limited capacity, arrangements to be agreed with Enniskillen Castle.

Just two volunteers are keeping the enquiry service operational by remote monitoring of email enquiries. We, again have several new volunteers receiving training to join the email enquiry team.

**FINANCIAL REVIEW**

**Financial position**

Financial report:

The financial position at Fermanagh Genealogy Centre continues to be positive, although we had a deficit of £2,824 (compared to a surplus of £6,316 last year). This was mainly due to costs for the Dardanelles Project and the purchase of new equipment and laptops.

Voluntary donations continue to make a positive contribution to the financial stability of the organisation (£416 compared to the previous year of £3,139).

The donations from the American Ireland Fund had come in early last year, so none showing this year.

Membership income has increased when compared with previous years (£1,537 this year, when compared to the previous year of £963). Grant monies increased this year to £2,319 when compared to the previous year of £2,000. This includes grants from FODC and LELP.

**STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT**

**Governing document**

The charity is controlled by its governing document, a deed of trust, and constitutes a limited company, limited by guarantee, as defined by the Companies Act 2006.

**REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS**

**Registered Company number**

NI614236 (Northern Ireland)

**Registered Charity number**

100414

**Registered office**

5 The Willows  
Enniskillen  
Co. Fermanagh  
BT74 6GD

**Trustees**

Mrs V Carson  
M Hall  
Ms K Ireson  
J F Roofe  
Mrs V M Wiggins  
Dr D McNulty (resigned 11.6.22)

**Company Secretary**

M Hall

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**Independent Examiner**

W K Rainey FCA  
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Chartered Accountants  
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Enniskillen  
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BT74 7BT

**STATEMENT OF TRUSTEES' RESPONSIBILITIES**

The trustees (who are also the directors of Fermanagh Genealogy Centre for the purposes of company law) are responsible for preparing the Report of the Trustees and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

Company law requires the trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charitable company and of the incoming resources and application of resources, including the income and expenditure, of the charitable company for that period. In preparing those financial statements, the trustees are required to

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles in the Charity SORP;
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charitable company will continue in business.

The trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charitable company and to enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Companies Act 2006. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charitable company and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

Approved by order of the board of trustees on 20 May 2023 and signed on its behalf by:



M Hall - Trustee