

REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES AND
UNAUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024
FOR
FERMANAGH GENEALOGY CENTRE

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FERMANAGH GENEALOGY CENTRE

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REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES
for the Year Ended 31 DECEMBER 2024

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 2024. 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 and heritage services principally in within County Fermanagh and beyond the region.
2. To welcome and accept 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 raise awareness in areas relevant to the cultural and genealogical heritage of County Fermanagh.
5. To hold monthly public meetings during the academic year 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 -'face to face' meetings 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 for its service provider, Fermanagh and Omagh District Council.
11. To raise awareness of family history through outreach events.

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

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

Significant activities and Public benefit

2024 was another successful year for Fermanagh Genealogy Centre. One outstanding highlight was the publication of our third Fermanagh Roots Journal. We thank all our contributors to the journal and the editorial team of: Frank McHugh, Linda Swindle, Mary-Anne Grant and Mervyn Hall.

Fermanagh Genealogy Centre reached 150 members from across the world during 2024. Our committee and its officers deserve credit for their steadfast dedication in keeping the business of our society flowing. Minutes of committee meetings are recorded and monthly bulletins are sent to members. The committee in 2024 included Caroline Fitzpatrick, Conor Maguire, Frankie Roofe, Fred Cleary, Karen Ireson, Mary-Anne Grant, Mervyn Hall, Shelley Lunney, Frank McHugh and Viola Wiggins.

We continued to hold our monthly public meetings in Fermanagh House and are grateful to its staff for their kind assistance with facilitating these. Meetings were well attended with usually over 30 people physically present, and a steady number who viewed online from across the world. (Our programme is listed at the end of this report.) Recorded presentations were available online for members at our website: www.fermanaghgenealogy.org. We thank Mary-Anne and Jade for facilitating these recordings.

We have a healthy following on our Facebook page where Karen and Linda place updates.

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Our online enquiries service is manned by Shelley in Canada and in 2024 she responded to 160 enquiries.

Frankie and Caroline did the bulk of Face to Face meetings in the Art Room in 2024 with visitors coming as far as North America, Australia and New Zealand. Mervyn and Fred also helped out.

Our number of volunteers in 2024 was eighteen. This was an increase of 5 in 2023. Caroline co-ordinated this aspect of our work. Volunteers worked on transcribing local graveyard records, church registers and National School roll books.

Our collaboration with Enniskillen Castle Museum and FODC with FODC continuing with their grant for Fermanagh Genealogy Centre. We met twice with them during the year. We were given extended space upstairs in the museum where our literature and filings cabinets are stored. It is hoped that a facility for our Fermanagh Genealogy Centre Sage library can be completed in 2025.

In January 2024 Frank and Mervyn handed a cheque for £110 to the Enniskillen Food Bank, proceeds from the book sale at our January meeting.

A small team represented Fermanagh Genealogy Centre in April 2024 in Enniskillen Castle Museum for the royal visit of King Charles and Queen Camilla.

Vivienne Carson again organised a superb June summer trip that included visits to Balance House, the Seamus Heaney Centre and Sentry Hill. This was well attended and a fun and educational day out was enjoyed by all.

Fred Cleary and Mervyn Hall attended a meeting on 'Investing in Community Leadership' meeting in Fermanagh House on Tuesday 5th November 2024.

Also, in November last, Mervyn and Mary-Ann set up an Fermanagh Genealogy Centre book sale stall at the Lisnaskea Christmas Market, proceeds of which went to our account.

In December, Frankie Roofe set up an outreach public meeting on 'Remembering the Regal cinema'. This was well attended in Fermanagh House. Both he and Catherine Scott facilitated this hugely enjoyable event.

As mentioned, issue 3 of the Fermanagh Roots Journal came out in December.

I would like to thank our members for their steadfast support and finally, a huge thank you to our American friends Mary Dolan and Joe Quinlan for their kind donations.

2024 Talks Programme:

Saturday January 20th: Fermanagh's townlands. Seamas MacAnnaidh.

Saturday February 17th: 'A History in Stones: Aghalurcher old graveyard.' Linda Swindle

Saturday March 23rd: Enniskillen's new historical wall markers. Catherine Scott.

Saturday April 20th: An interview with Father Brian D'Arcy.

Saturday May 18th: AGM and Annual Show and Tell - members event.

Saturday September 21st: Tribute to pioneer, Dr Denis Burkitt. Eanna Mac Canna.

Saturday October 19th: Fermanagh & its border landscapes; visits to known and unknown places. Barney Devine.

Saturday November 23rd: Using DNA to assist you with your family history research. Frank McHugh.

Saturday December 7th: Launch of Fermanagh Roots 3 Journal.

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FINANCIAL REVIEW

Financial position

The financial position at Fermanagh Genealogy Centre continues to be positive, with net income of £1,125 (compared to £6,230 last year). This decrease was mainly due to the decrease in income and the increased costs of printing the journals. Voluntary donations continue to make a positive contribution to the financial stability of the organisation (£4,567 compared to the previous year of £1,177).

The donation from the International Fund for Ireland amounted to £1,000 (£1,000 previous year).

Membership income has decreased when compared with previous years (£1,538 this year, when compared to the previous year of £2,196). Grant monies decreased this year to £2,600 when compared to the previous year of £7,060. This includes grants from Fermanagh and Omagh District Council and the International Fund for Ireland.

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
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Trustees

M Hall
Ms K Ireson
J F Roofe
Mrs V M Wiggins
Dr D McNulty (resigned 18.5.24)


Company Secretary

M Hall

Independent Examiner

Mrs Stephanie Stenson FCA
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Approved by order of the board of trustees on 11 August 2025 and signed on its behalf by:



M Hall - Trustee

**INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF
FERMANAGH GENEALOGY CENTRE**

I report on the accounts of the company for the year ended 31 December 2024, which are set out on pages five to ten.

Respective responsibilities of charity trustees and examiner

As the charity's trustees (and also the directors for the purposes of company law) you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006.

Having satisfied myself that the charity is not subject to audit under company law and is eligible for independent examination, it is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under Section 65 of the Charities Act
- follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland under Section 65(9)(b) of the Charities Act
- state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of the independent examiner's report

I have examined your charity accounts as required under Section 65 of the Charities Act and my examination was carried out in accordance with the general Directions given by the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland under Section 65(9)(b) of the Charities Act. The examination included a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also included consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from you as charity trustees concerning any such matters.

My role is to state whether any material matters have come to my attention giving me cause to believe:

1. That accounting records were not kept in accordance with Section 386 of the Companies Act 2006
2. That the accounts do not accord with those accounting records
3. That the accounts do not comply with the accounting requirements of Section 396 of the Companies Act 2006 and with the methods and principles of the 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
4. That there is further information needed for a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Independent examiner's statement

I have completed my examination and have no concerns in respect of the matters (1) to (4) listed above and, in connection with following the Directions of the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland, I have found no matters that require drawing to your attention.



Mrs Stephanie Stenson FCA

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11 August 2025

FERMANAGH GENEALOGY CENTRE**STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES**
for the Year Ended 31 DECEMBER 2024

	Notes	Unrestricted fund £	Restricted fund £	31.12.24 Total funds £	31.12.23 Total funds £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM					
Donations and legacies		<u>9,204</u>	<u>1,440</u>	<u>10,644</u>	<u>11,028</u>
EXPENDITURE ON					
Raising funds		<u>8,079</u>	<u>1,440</u>	<u>9,519</u>	<u>4,798</u>
NET INCOME		1,125	-	1,125	6,230
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS					
Total funds brought forward		<u>15,294</u>	-	<u>15,294</u>	<u>9,064</u>
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD		<u><u>16,419</u></u>	<u><u>-</u></u>	<u><u>16,419</u></u>	<u><u>15,294</u></u>

The notes form part of these financial statements

BALANCE SHEET
31 DECEMBER 2024

	Notes	Unrestricted fund £	Restricted fund £	31.12.24 Total funds £	31.12.23 Total funds £
CURRENT ASSETS					
Debtors	4	544	-	544	1,628
Cash at bank and in hand		16,176	-	16,176	13,966
		<u>16,720</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>16,720</u>	<u>15,594</u>
CREDITORS					
Amounts falling due within one year	5	(301)	-	(301)	(300)
		<u>16,419</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>16,419</u>	<u>15,294</u>
NET CURRENT ASSETS					
		<u>16,419</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>16,419</u>	<u>15,294</u>
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES		<u>16,419</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>16,419</u>	<u>15,294</u>
NET ASSETS		<u>16,419</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>16,419</u>	<u>15,294</u>
FUNDS	6				
Unrestricted funds				16,419	15,294
TOTAL FUNDS				<u>16,419</u>	<u>15,294</u>

The charitable company is entitled to exemption from audit under Section 477 of the Companies Act 2006 for the year ended 31 December 2024.

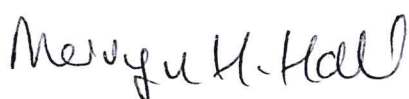
The members have not required the company to obtain an audit of its financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2024 in accordance with Section 476 of the Companies Act 2006.

The trustees acknowledge their responsibilities for

- ensuring that the charitable company keeps accounting records that comply with Sections 386 and 387 of the Companies Act 2006 and
- preparing financial statements which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charitable company as at the end of each financial year and of its surplus or deficit for each financial year in accordance with the requirements of Sections 394 and 395 and which otherwise comply with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 relating to financial statements, so far as applicable to the charitable company.

These financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the provisions applicable to charitable companies subject to the small companies regime.

The financial statements were approved by the Board of Trustees and authorised for issue on 11 August 2025 and were signed on its behalf by:



M Hall - Trustee

**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
for the Year Ended 31 DECEMBER 2024****1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES****Basis of preparing the financial statements**

The financial statements of the charitable company, which is a public benefit entity under FRS 102, have been prepared in accordance with the Charities SORP (FRS 102) '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)', Financial Reporting Standard 102 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland' and the Companies Act 2006. The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention.

Income

All income is recognised in the Statement of Financial Activities once the charity has entitlement to the funds, it is probable that the income will be received and the amount can be measured reliably.

Expenditure

Liabilities are recognised as expenditure as soon as there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the charity to that expenditure, it is probable that a transfer of economic benefits will be required in settlement and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably. Expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis and has been classified under headings that aggregate all cost related to the category. Where costs cannot be directly attributed to particular headings they have been allocated to activities on a basis consistent with the use of resources.

Taxation

The charity is exempt from corporation tax on its charitable activities.

Fund accounting

Unrestricted funds can be used in accordance with the charitable objectives at the discretion of the trustees.

Restricted funds can only be used for particular restricted purposes within the objects of the charity. Restrictions arise when specified by the donor or when funds are raised for particular restricted purposes.

2. TRUSTEES' REMUNERATION AND BENEFITS

There were no trustees' remuneration or other benefits for the year ended 31 December 2024 nor for the year ended 31 December 2023.

Trustees' expenses

There were no trustees' expenses paid for the year ended 31 December 2024 nor for the year ended 31 December 2023.

3. COMPARATIVES FOR THE STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

	Unrestricted fund £	Restricted fund £	Total funds £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM			
Donations and legacies	11,028	-	11,028
EXPENDITURE ON			
Raising funds	4,798	-	4,798
NET INCOME	6,230	-	6,230

FERMANAGH GENEALOGY CENTRE**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - continued**
for the Year Ended 31 DECEMBER 2024**3. COMPARATIVES FOR THE STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES - continued**

	Unrestricted fund £	Restricted fund £	Total funds £
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS			
Total funds brought forward	9,064	-	9,064
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD	<u>15,294</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>15,294</u>

4. DEBTORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

	31.12.24 £	31.12.23 £
Trade debtors	<u>544</u>	<u>1,628</u>

5. CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

	31.12.24 £	31.12.23 £
Accrued expenses	<u>301</u>	<u>300</u>

6. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS

	At 1.1.24 £	Net movement in funds £	At 31.12.24 £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	15,294	1,125	16,419
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>15,294</u>	<u>1,125</u>	<u>16,419</u>

Net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	9,204	(8,079)	1,125
Restricted funds			
Members contributions to trips & events	1,440	(1,440)	-
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>10,644</u>	<u>(9,519)</u>	<u>1,125</u>

FERMANAGH GENEALOGY CENTRE**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - continued**
for the Year Ended 31 DECEMBER 2024**6. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued****Comparatives for movement in funds**

	At 1.1.23 £	Net movement in funds £	At 31.12.23 £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	9,064	6,230	15,294
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>9,064</u>	<u>6,230</u>	<u>15,294</u>

Comparative net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	11,028	(4,798)	6,230
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>11,028</u>	<u>(4,798)</u>	<u>6,230</u>

A current year 12 months and prior year 12 months combined position is as follows:

	At 1.1.23 £	Net movement in funds £	At 31.12.24 £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	9,064	7,355	16,419
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>9,064</u>	<u>7,355</u>	<u>16,419</u>

A current year 12 months and prior year 12 months combined net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	20,232	(12,877)	7,355
Restricted funds			
Members contributions to trips & events	1,440	(1,440)	-
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>21,672</u>	<u>(14,317)</u>	<u>7,355</u>

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7. RELATED PARTY DISCLOSURES

There were no related party transactions for the year ended 31 December 2024.

8. COMPANY LIMITED BY GUARANTEE

The charity is incorporated under the Companies Act 2006, as a company limited by guarantee and not having a share capital. The company registration number is NI614236.