

# Association of Friends of Fermanagh County Museum

Northern Ireland · Charity number 100448

## Details

---

Status	Received
Registered	2014-09-29
Register	<a href="#">View on the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland register</a>

## Contact

---

Address	Fermanagh County Museum Enniskillen Castle Enniskillen County Fermanagh BT74 7hl BT74 7HL
Phone	+44 (0)28 66325000
Email	<a href="mailto:sarah.mchugh@fermanaghomagham.com">sarah.mchugh@fermanaghomagham.com</a>
Website	<a href="http://www.enniskillencastle.co.uk">www.enniskillencastle.co.uk</a>

## Activities

---

**Purposes:** i. The object of the Association shall be to further the interests of Fermanagh County Museum, through the activities of the Friends, and to that end: a) In consultation with the Curator to assist with the development of the museum and its collection of educational exhibits and other records; b) To participate in the activities of the museum and to encourage the wider knowledge, use, and enjoyment of its collections and facilities. ii. The Association shall pursue the above object to the extent only that it is charitable and by charitable means only, and shall be non-profit making.

**What the charity does:** The advancement of education, The advancement of the arts, culture, heritage or science

**How the charity works:** Arts, Community development, Cross-border/cross-community, Cultural, Education/training, General charitable purposes, Grant making, Heritage/historical, Research/evaluation

**Who the charity helps:** Children (5-13 year olds), General public, Older people, Parents, Preschool (0-5 year olds), Youth (14-25 year olds)

## Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2024-12-31	£1,807	£517	£0	0

## Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Esdille Lappin		
Helen Lanigan Wood		
Marion Maxwell		
Samuel Robinson		
Sarah Mchugh		
Selwyn Johnston		
Séamas Mac Annaidh (James Mccanny)		
Toni Johnson		

**Association of Friends of Fermanagh County Museum**

Northern Ireland - Charity number 100448

---

# Accounts

---

**ASSOCIATION OF FRIENDS OF FERMANAGH COUNTY MUSEUM**

**RECEIPTS & PAYMENTS ACCOUNT - STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITY  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024**

	<b>Restricted Funds 2024</b>	<b>Unrestricted Funds 2024</b>	<b>Total 2024</b>	<b>Total 2023</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
<b>Income</b>				
Donations	0	350	350	350
Membership Subscriptions	0	1,278	1,278	1,407
Bank Interest received	0	179	179	144
Fermanagh & Omagh District Council – Refund	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>2,000</u>
	<u>0</u>	<u>1,807</u>	<u>1,807</u>	<u>3,901</u>
<b>Expenditure</b>				
BAFM Membership	0	100	100	393
Bank Fees	0	33	33	37
Accountancy	<u>0</u>	<u>384</u>	<u>384</u>	<u>54</u>
	<u>0</u>	<u>517</u>	<u>517</u>	<u>484</u>
<b>Net Income (Expenditure) for the year</b>		1,290	1,290	3,417
<b>Total Funds brought forward</b>		<u>20,316</u>	<u>20,316</u>	<u>16,899</u>
<b>Total Funds carried forward</b>		<u>21,606</u>	<u>21,606</u>	<u>20,316</u>

**ASSOCIATION OF FRIENDS OF FERMANAGH COUNTY MUSEUM**

**STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024**

	At 1 Jan 2024	Incoming Resources	Outgoing Resources	At 31 Dec 2024	At 31 Dec 2023
	£	£	£	£	£
<b>Funds Reconciliation</b>					
Restricted Funds	0	0	0	0	0
Unrestricted Funds - - General Funds	<u>20,316</u>	<u>1,807</u>	<u>517</u>	<u>21,606</u>	<u>20,316</u>
Total Funds	<u>20,316</u>	<u>1,807</u>	<u>517</u>	<u>21,606</u>	<u>20,316</u>
 <b>Bank and Cash Balances</b>					
Bank Deposit Accounts				12,544	12,096
Bank Current Account				8,757	7,914
Cash in Hand				<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
				<u>21,301</u>	<u>20,010</u>
 <b>Other Assets (Unrestricted Funds)</b>					
Monies owed to Fermanagh County Museum				<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>

The financial statements were approved by the Board of Trustees on 27 October 2025 and were signed on its behalf by:

---

Mr Samuel Robinson - Trustee

# ASSOCIATION OF FRIENDS OF FERMANAGH COUNTY MUSEUM

## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024

---

### 1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

#### **Income & Expenditure recognition policy**

Income and expenditure included within the Receipts and Payments Account have been accounted for on a cash receipts basis.

Charitable expenditure comprises those costs incurred by the charity in the delivery of its activities and services to its beneficiaries. It includes both costs that can be allocated directly to such activities and those costs of an indirect nature necessary to support them.

#### **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. Further explanation of the nature and purpose of each fund is included in the notes to the financial statements.

### 2. TRANSACTIONS WITH THE TRUSTEES

There were no transactions with the Trustees during the year.

**Association of Friends of Fermanagh County Museum**

Northern Ireland - Charity number 100448

---

# Accounts

---

**ASSOCIATION OF FRIENDS OF FERMANAGH COUNTY MUSEUM**

**RECEIPTS & PAYMENTS ACCOUNT - STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITY  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023**

	<b>Restricted Funds 2023</b>	<b>Unrestricted Funds 2023</b>	<b>Total 2023</b>	<b>Total 2022</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
<b>Income</b>				
Donations	0	350	350	350
Membership Subscriptions	0	1,407	1407	960
Bank Interest received	0	144	144	26
Gift Aid	0	0	0	88
Fermanagh & Omagh District Council – Refund	<u>0</u>	<u>2,000</u>	<u>2,000</u>	<u>0</u>
	<u>0</u>	<u>3,901</u>	<u>3,901</u>	<u>1,424</u>
<b>Expenditure</b>				
BAFM Membership	0	393	393	400
Bank Fees	0	37	37	30
Accountancy	<u>0</u>	<u>54</u>	<u>54</u>	<u>720</u>
	<u>0</u>	<u>484</u>	<u>484</u>	<u>1,150</u>
<b>Net Income (Expenditure) for the year</b>		3,417	3,417	274
<b>Total Funds brought forward</b>		<u>16,899</u>	<u>16,899</u>	<u>16,625</u>
<b>Total Funds carried forward</b>		<u>20,316</u>	<u>20,316</u>	<u>16,899</u>

**ASSOCIATION OF FRIENDS OF FERMANAGH COUNTY MUSEUM**

**STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023**

	At 1 Jan 2023	Incoming Resources	Outgoing Resources	At 31 Dec 2023	At 31 Dec 2022
	£	£	£	£	£
<b>Funds Reconciliation</b>					
Restricted Funds	0	0	0	0	0
Unrestricted Funds -					
- General Funds	<u>16,899</u>	<u>3,901</u>	<u>484</u>	<u>20,316</u>	<u>16,899</u>
Total Funds	<u>16,899</u>	<u>3,901</u>	<u>484</u>	<u>20,316</u>	<u>16,899</u>
 <b>Bank and Cash Balances</b>					
Bank Deposit Accounts				12,096	11,916
Bank Current Account				7,914	4,983
Cash in Hand				<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
				<u>20,010</u>	<u>16,899</u>
 <b>Other Assets (Unrestricted Funds)</b>					
Monies owed to Fermanagh County Museum				<u>0</u>	<u>2,000</u>

The financial statements were approved by the Board of Trustees on 23 October 2023 and were signed on its behalf by:

\_\_\_\_\_

Mr Samuel Robinson - Trustee

# ASSOCIATION OF FRIENDS OF FERMANAGH COUNTY MUSEUM

## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023

---

### 1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

#### **Income & Expenditure recognition policy**

Income and expenditure included within the Receipts and Payments Account have been accounted for on a cash receipts basis.

Charitable expenditure comprises those costs incurred by the charity in the delivery of its activities and services to its beneficiaries. It includes both costs that can be allocated directly to such activities and those costs of an indirect nature necessary to support them.

#### **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. Further explanation of the nature and purpose of each fund is included in the notes to the financial statements.

### 2. TRANSACTIONS WITH THE TRUSTEES

There were no transactions with the Trustees during the year.

**Association of Friends of Fermanagh County Museum**

Northern Ireland - Charity number 100448

---

# Annual report

---

## **Association of Friends of Fermanagh County Museum Annual Report 2023**

Charity no. 100448 ([www.charitycommissionni.org.uk](http://www.charitycommissionni.org.uk))

The Trustees of the Association of Friends of Fermanagh County Museum are pleased to submit their report and accounts for the period 1 January – 31 December 2023.

### **Achievements 2023: A Memorable Year!**

From the Royal Visit to Enniskillen Castle in May to hosting the U.S. Special Envoy to Northern Ireland for Economic Affairs in September, much excitement was seen, and visitors from far and wide were welcomed. The year was book-ended by the launches of two new publications. The Museum Friends organised a launch of Cardwell McClure's invaluable and extensively researched family history of his uncle, the artist, William Scott. The end of the year witnessed the exhibition and much-anticipated launch of Mavis Thomson's beautifully produced publication, "Coloured Thoughts".

The work of Fermanagh County Museum was supported throughout by the Friends of Fermanagh County Museum.

### **Thanks to our Friends**

2023 saw 83, 679 people visiting Enniskillen Castle;  
8 new exhibitions were opened;  
6 talks were held;  
6 trails were offered;  
12 additional events organised;  
9 public events hosted;  
246 objects, documents & photographs were accessioned into our collections;  
104 school visits were arranged;  
75 general tours given.

More details about 2023 can be found in the 2023 Friends Annual Newsletter on our website:

<https://www.enniskillencastle.co.uk/get-involved/become-a-friend/friends-annual-newsletters/>

## **Association of Friends of Fermanagh County Museum Annual Trip**

2023's Annual Friends Trip saw a visit to Lough Derg via the Lough Erne Pilgrim Way. From the medieval era onwards, pilgrims from across Europe have travelled through Co Fermanagh on their way to St Patrick's Purgatory, Co Donegal. The Friends trip retraced their journey, following the route around Lough Erne to Lough Derg. Prior, Monsignor La Flynn, was our guide for the day around the historic pilgrimage site.

The visit ended with the viewing of an exhibition by artists, Dara Hand and Alison Britton at the nearby Cowshed Studios and Gallery. Other events organised as part of the Lough Erne Pilgrim Way programme included Helen Lanigan Wood's talk, "Pilgrim Journeys: Lough Erne to Lough Derg: Fermanagh to Compostela and Rome" and a tour of Galloon Ancient Graveyard by Megan Henvey as part of European Heritage Open Days.

## **Association of Friends of Fermanagh County Museum**

### **Administrative Details**

#### **Trustees & Committee:**

**Acting Chair:** Esdille Lappin

**Vice Chair:** Séamas Mac Annaidh

**Treasurer:** Sam Robinson

**Secretary:** It was agreed to leave this role in abeyance for the current period unless someone stepped forward. In the meantime, the Museum Manager will nominate a member of staff to take minutes of the meetings.

**Election of Members:** Marion Maxwell; Norma Heap; Toni Johnson; Selwyn Johnston; Bernadette Layden; Mark Scott; Mary O'Donnell (7 in total, rather than 6 to compensate for fewer Officers elected). Plus Museum Manager, Sarah McHugh  
All ratified.

It is with great sadness to record that **Bernadette Layden** passed away on 26 May 2023. Bernadette had been of huge support to the Friends and to Fermanagh County Museum. She was a highly respected historian, author and storyteller. In recent years, Bernadette took the role of Secretary on the Friends Committee. She is greatly missed by all who knew her.

### **THE ASSOCIATION OF FRIENDS OF FERMANAGH COUNTY MUSEUM CONSTITUTION**

#### **1) Name**

The Association shall be called The Association of Friends of Fermanagh County Museum and the official address shall be c/o Fermanagh County Museum, Castle Barracks, Enniskillen, County Fermanagh, BT74 7HL.

#### **2) Object:**

i. The object of the Association shall be to further the interests of Fermanagh County Museum, through the activities of the Friends, and to that end:

a) In consultation with the Curator to assist with the development of the museum and its collection of educational exhibits and other records;

b) To participate in the activities of the museum and to encourage the wider knowledge, use, and enjoyment of its collections and facilities.

ii. The Association shall pursue the above object to the extent only that it is charitable and by charitable means only and shall be non-profit making.

#### **3) Membership**

i. Membership shall be open to two categories, individuals and corporate bodies who support the object of the Association and pay to the funds of the Association such sum as shall from time to time be fixed by the committee as the subscription for the particular category of membership applicable.

ii. Membership shall lapse if any subscription is unpaid six months after it is due.

iii. Honorary Membership

Persons who have rendered outstanding service to the museum or the Association may be

elected by the Association to honorary life membership.

#### **4) Committee**

i. At the annual general meeting in each year the Association shall elect from its membership its officers and committee. The officers, namely a chairman, vice-chairman, secretary and treasurer, shall each hold office for one year but shall be eligible for re-election. Similarly, the committee members will serve for one year and be eligible for re-election.

The Committee shall consist of the officers, together with six other elected members of committee, and the Curator of the museum and one other member of the museum's staff nominated by the Curator who shall be, ex-officio, members of the committee. If a member of the museum staff be already elected to the committee, the curator will be empowered to make further nomination from the membership. Five members of the committee for time being, one of whom must be the Curator or the Curator's nominee, shall constitute a quorum.

ii. Each candidate for election to the committee must be proposed and seconded by members present at the meeting, and if any candidate is unable to be present at the meeting then that person's nomination must be accompanied by their consent to serve.

iii. If the nominations for the committee exceed the number of vacancies a secret ballot shall take place.

iv. The committee shall have power to fill any vacancies arising amongst the officers and committee members and shall have power to co-opt not more than five additional voting members during any one year.

#### **5) Meetings**

i. An annual general meeting of the Association shall be held in each calendar year. The business of the meeting shall include reception of the committee's report and the audited accounts of the Association, and the election of the officers and members of the committee for the ensuing year.

ii. Eight days' notice of any general meeting of the Association shall be given in writing to each member.

#### **6) Financial Provisions**

i. The treasurer shall keep a full record of the income and expenditure of the Association. In accordance with The Charity Commission for Northern Ireland requirements, the accounts of the Association shall undergo an external Independent Examination annually and those accounts shall be presented to the members at the annual general meeting.

ii. In the event of the winding up of the Association, its funds and assets shall pass to such body having charitable objects as may be selected by a majority of the members present and voting at a meeting of the Association convened for that purpose.

#### **7) Amendment**

This constitution may be altered by resolution passed by a two thirds majority of members present and voting at a general meeting. The committee must give each member eight days written notice of any motion for such alteration, provided that no amendment is made which would cause the Association to cease to be a charity at law.

## **Association of Friends of Fermanagh County Museum**

### **Public Benefit**

**The direct benefit which flows from purpose 2.i.a of the Constitution** includes increasing public access to and enjoyment of collections relating to the heritage of Fermanagh. The Association of Friends of Fermanagh County Museum has funded purchases for Fermanagh County Museum's collection as well as provided match-funding, enabling the Museum to secure additional grant-aid from bodies such as the Art Fund, the Northern Ireland Museums Council and the Heritage Lottery Fund.

**An additional benefit which flows from purpose 2.i.a** includes the transfer of privately owned artefacts into the public domain through the Association's encouragement of members to donate significant artefacts relevant to the Museum's Collections Development Policy. Fermanagh County Museum is a fully Accredited Museum as part of the UK standards for museums and galleries administered by the Northern Ireland Museums Council on behalf of the Arts Council, England.

These benefits are evidenced through the Association's funding assistance, since its inception in 1984, in helping to acquire over 50 key artefacts for the Museum for public display. The works include major acquisitions by artists of local and national significance including William Scott (1913-1989) and TP Flanagan (1929-2011) as well as rare examples of Belleek Pottery. In addition, in 2019, over 130 donations and bequests of artefacts were received and accepted by Fermanagh County Museum. This purpose does not lead to harm.

**The direct benefit which flows from purpose 2.i.b of the Constitution** includes increasing public understanding of and connection with Fermanagh's rich heritage involving diverse audiences and communities. The Association of Friends of Fermanagh County Museum acts as an advocate and ambassador for the Museum Service. It encourages the contribution of knowledge and community expertise enhancing information relating to the history of the County and the Museum's collections. It supports improvement of the Museum's public facilities and services. These benefits are evidenced through increased public engagement. In 2023, over 83,000 people from the local community as well as tourists benefited from the Museum's programme of collection displays, exhibitions, tours, schools workshops and events. Regular visitor feedback and independent evaluation of services through surveys and reports highlights increased audience participation and increased levels of satisfaction. This purpose does not lead to harm.

The Association's beneficiaries are people of all ages, communities, abilities and faiths, with an interest in safe-guarding, discovering and enjoying the heritage of Fermanagh. This includes both the local community and tourists. A private benefit to trustees may arise from our programme of ongoing training in good governance, finance etc. Through this training trustees gain skills and experience which are transferable to other settings. These benefits are incidental and necessary to ensure the benefit is provided to our beneficiaries.

Annual report presented and approved, AGM 23 March 2024, and signed on behalf of the Association of Friends of Fermanagh County Museum:

Esdille Lappin

Chair

Association of Friends of Fermanagh County Museum

**Association of Friends of Fermanagh County Museum**

Northern Ireland - Charity number 100448

---

# Annual return

---

**Registered Charity Number  
NIC 100448**

**ASSOCIATION OF FRIENDS OF FERMANAGH COUNTY MUSEUM**

**UNAUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023**

**ASSOCIATION OF FRIENDS OF FERMANAGH COUNTY MUSEUM**

**CONTENTS OF THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023**

---

	<b>Page</b>
Contents	1
Independent Examiner's Report	2 - 3
Statement of Financial Activities	4
Statement of Assets and Liabilities	5
Notes to the Financial Statements	6

**ASSOCIATION OF FRIENDS OF FERMANAGH COUNTY MUSEUM**

**INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE CHARITY TRUSTEES OF  
ASSOCIATION OF FRIENDS OF FERMANAGH COUNTY MUSEUM  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023**

I report on the accounts of the Trust for the year ended 31 December 2023, which is set on page 4.

**Respective Responsibilities of Charity Trustees and Examiner**

As the Charity's Trustees you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the Charities Act (Northern Ireland) 2008. Having satisfied myself that the charity is not subject to audit under Charities Legislation 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 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.

My 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:

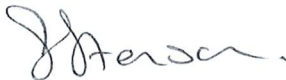
1. That accounting records were not kept in accordance with Section 63 of the Charities Act.
2. That the accounts do not accord with those accounting records.
3. That the accounts do not comply with the accounting requirements of the Charities Act.
4. That there is further information needed for a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

**ASSOCIATION OF FRIENDS OF FERMANAGH COUNTY MUSEUM**

**INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE CHARITY TRUSTEES OF  
ASSOCIATION OF FRIENDS OF FERMANAGH COUNTY MUSEUM  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023**

**Independent Examiner's Report**

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.



Stephanie Stenson FCA  
Patton Rainey & Associates  
Chartered Accountants  
6 East Bridge Street  
Enniskillen  
Co Fermanagh  
BT74 7BT

Date: 23 October 2024

**Association of Friends of Fermanagh County Museum**

Northern Ireland - Charity number 100448

---

# Accounts

---

**ASSOCIATION OF FRIENDS OF FERMANAGH COUNTY MUSEUM**

**RECEIPTS & PAYMENTS ACCOUNT - STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITY  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2022**

	<b>Restricted Funds 2022</b>	<b>Unrestricted Funds 2022</b>	<b>Total 2022</b>	<b>Total 2021</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
<b>Income</b>				
Donations	0	350	350	350
Membership Subscriptions	0	960	960	750
Bank Interest received	0	26	26	1
Gift Aid	<u>0</u>	<u>88</u>	<u>88</u>	<u>0</u>
	<u>0</u>	<u>1,424</u>	<u>1,424</u>	<u>1,101</u>
<b>Expenditure</b>				
BAFM Membership	0	400	400	227
Bank Fees	0	30	30	25
Museum Donation	0	0	0	4,000
Accountancy	<u>0</u>	<u>720</u>	<u>720</u>	<u>0</u>
	<u>0</u>	<u>1,150</u>	<u>1,150</u>	<u>4,252</u>
<b>Net Income (Expenditure) for the year</b>			274	(3,151)
<b>Total Funds brought forward</b>			<u>16,625</u>	<u>19,776</u>
<b>Total Funds carried forward</b>			<u>16,899</u>	<u>16,625</u>

**Association of Friends of Fermanagh County Museum**

Northern Ireland - Charity number 100448

---

# Annual report

---

## **Association of Friends of Fermanagh County Museum**

### **Annual Report 2022**

Charity no. 100448 ([www.charitycommissionni.org.uk](http://www.charitycommissionni.org.uk))

The Trustees of the Association of Friends of Fermanagh County Museum are pleased to submit their report and accounts for the period 1 January – 31 December 2022.

### **Achievements 2022: Getting back on Track**

In the year 2022, **77,132** visitors came to Enniskillen Castle to enjoy its facilities, services, collection displays, education sessions, temporary exhibitions and events programme. In addition to our own exhibitions and activities, we hosted large-scale music festivals, food and craft fairs, as well as 'Our Coronation Story: Curated by the Local Community' exhibition and events.

The work of Fermanagh County Museum was supported throughout by the Friends of Fermanagh County Museum.

### **Thanks to our Friends**

In 2022, 181 donations were given to Fermanagh County Museum in addition to the support provided to purchase works for the collection.

As a result of the Friends support, the most significant public collection of T.P. Flanagan's work now belongs to his native county, in recognition of the artist's wishes. This unique collection was enhanced by a major new acquisition of paintings, secured with support from the Museum Friends along with assistance from The National Lottery Heritage Fund and Art Fund support.

The **T.P. Flanagan Collection Exhibition**, on display in 2022, included recurring themes such as important paintings relating to 'The Troubles'. Key connections with other artists and poets were highlighted such as T.P. Flanagan's lifelong friendship with Seamus Heaney. Working methods were explored through an archive of sketch books, letters and photographs kindly donated by the artist's family. **A special morning was organised for the Friends on 12 March** with Sarah McHugh, Sinead Reilly and Ulster University intern, Claire Browne giving a tour and talk around the collection. Afterwards, there was an opportunity to view Noelle McAlinden's 'Art of Conversation' film of insights from Helen Lanigan Wood and Lord Belmore into the development of our art collection.

### **Friends Annual Newsletters**

In the Friends section on our website, you can now find past copies of the Friends Newsletters from 1985-2003. Some lovely memories and very familiar faces!:

<https://www.enniskillencastle.co.uk/get-involved/become-a-friend/friends-annualnewsletters/>

The Newsletter for 2022 is also available here.

## **Association of Friends of Fermanagh County Museum**

### **Annual Trip**

**On Saturday 3 September, the Friends enjoyed a Field Trip to coincide with the Fermanagh Totteham's exhibition.** This fascinating tour focused on a distinguished

Fermanagh family, concentrating on family links to keys areas of interest locally. Led by Fermanagh Genealogy Centre members, Mervyn Hall, Frank McHugh and Frankie Roofe, the trip highlighted the Loftus-Tottenham legacy established in West Fermanagh, from the early links to Tully Castle, to later ownership of the Ely Estate from the 18th Century.

The Friends were given an insightful talk about Inishmacsaint Church by Richard Harkness and Mervyn Hall. The church was consecrated for public worship on 31 August 1831 by the Rt. Rev. Robert Ponsonby Tottenham, Bishop of Clogher. He was the father of Dean George Tottenham (his tenth son) who was later to become rector of the parish from 1865 -1903. Benmore House was the rectory; a special viewing of the grounds of Benmore House was arranged for the Friends. The trip concluded at Enniskillen Castle, where Friends viewed the exhibition and looked at original Inishmacsaint lace pieces under the careful direction of Fermanagh Genealogy Centre member, Mary-Anne Grant. A wonderful time was had by all!

## **Association of Friends of Fermanagh County Museum**

### **Administrative Details**

#### **Trustees & Committee:**

**Chair:** Esdille Lappin. Proposed by Norma Heap. Seconded by Selwyn Johnston.

**Vice Chair:** Séamas Mac Annaidh. Proposed by Esdille Lappin. Seconded by Selwyn Johnston.

**Treasurer:** Sam Robinson. Proposed by Norma Heap. Seconded by Marion Maxwell.

**Secretary:** It was agreed to leave this role in abeyance for the current period unless someone stepped forward. In the meantime, the Museum Manager will nominate a member of staff to take minutes of the meetings.

**Election of Members:** Marion Maxwell; Norma Heap; Toni Johnson; Selwyn Johnston; Bernadette Layden; Mark Scott; Mary O'Donnell (7 in total, rather than 6 to compensate for fewer Officers elected). Plus Museum Manager, Sarah McHugh. Members proposed by Heather McFrederick. Seconded by Anne Cassidy  
All ratified.

## **THE ASSOCIATION OF FRIENDS OF FERMANAGH COUNTY MUSEUM CONSTITUTION**

### **1) Name**

The Association shall be called The Association of Friends of Fermanagh County Museum and the official address shall be c/o Fermanagh County Museum, Castle Barracks, Enniskillen, County Fermanagh, BT74 7HL.

### **2) Object:**

- i. The object of the Association shall be to further the interests of Fermanagh County Museum, through the activities of the Friends, and to that end:
  - a) In consultation with the Curator to assist with the development of the museum and its collection of educational exhibits and other records;
  - b) To participate in the activities of the museum and to encourage the wider knowledge, use, and enjoyment of its collections and facilities.
- ii. The Association shall pursue the above object to the extent only that it is charitable and by charitable means only and shall be non-profit making.

### **3) Membership**

i. Membership shall be open to two categories, individuals and corporate bodies who support the object of the Association and pay to the funds of the Association such sum as shall from time to time be fixed by the committee as the subscription for the particular category of membership applicable.

ii. Membership shall lapse if any subscription is unpaid six months after it is due.

iii. Honorary Membership

Persons who have rendered outstanding service to the museum or the Association may be elected by the Association to honorary life membership.

### **4) Committee**

i. At the annual general meeting in each year the Association shall elect from its membership its officers and committee. The officers, namely a chairman, vice-chairman, secretary and treasurer, shall each hold office for one year but shall be eligible for re-election. Similarly, the committee members will serve for one year and be eligible for re-election.

The Committee shall consist of the officers, together with six other elected members of committee, and the Curator of the museum and one other member of the museum's staff nominated by the Curator who shall be, ex-officio, members of the committee. If a member of the museum staff be already elected to the committee, the curator will be empowered to make further nomination from the membership. Five members of the committee for time being, one of whom must be the Curator or the Curator's nominee, shall constitute a quorum.

ii. Each candidate for election to the committee must be proposed and seconded by members present at the meeting, and if any candidate is unable to be present at the meeting then that person's nomination must be accompanied by their consent to serve.

iii. If the nominations for the committee exceed the number of vacancies a secret ballot shall take place.

iv. The committee shall have power to fill any vacancies arising amongst the officers and committee members and shall have power to co-opt not more than five additional voting members during any one year.

### **5) Meetings**

i. An annual general meeting of the Association shall be held in each calendar year. The business of the meeting shall include reception of the committee's report and the audited accounts of the Association, and the election of the officers and members of the committee for the ensuing year.

ii. Eight days' notice of any general meeting of the Association shall be given in writing to each member.

### **6) Financial Provisions**

i. The treasurer shall keep a full record of the income and expenditure of the Association. In accordance with The Charity Commission for Northern Ireland requirements, the accounts of the Association shall undergo an external Independent Examination annually

and those accounts shall be presented to the members at the annual general meeting.

ii. In the event of the winding up of the Association, its funds and assets shall pass to such body having charitable objects as may be selected by a majority of the members present and voting at a meeting of the Association convened for that purpose.

## **7) Amendment**

This constitution may be altered by resolution passed by a two thirds majority of members present and voting at a general meeting. The committee must give each member eight days written notice of any motion for such alteration, provided that no amendment is made which would cause the Association to cease to be a charity at law.

## **Association of Friends of Fermanagh County Museum**

### **Public Benefit**

**The direct benefit which flows from purpose 2.i.a of the Constitution** includes increasing public access to and enjoyment of collections relating to the heritage of Fermanagh. The Association of Friends of Fermanagh County Museum has funded purchases for Fermanagh County Museum's collection as well as provided match-funding, enabling the Museum to secure additional grant-aid from bodies such as the Art Fund, the Northern Ireland Museums Council and the Heritage Lottery Fund.

**An additional benefit which flows from purpose 2.i.a** includes the transfer of privately owned artefacts into the public domain through the Association's encouragement of members to donate significant artefacts relevant to the Museum's Collections Development Policy. Fermanagh County Museum is a fully Accredited Museum as part of the UK standards for museums and galleries administered by the Northern Ireland Museums Council on behalf of the Arts Council, England.

These benefits are evidenced through the Association's funding assistance, since its inception in 1984, in helping to acquire over 50 key artefacts for the Museum for public display. The works include major acquisitions by artists of local and national significance including William Scott (1913-1989) and TP Flanagan (1929-2011) as well as rare examples of Belleek Pottery. In addition, in 2019, over 130 donations and bequests of artefacts were received and accepted by Fermanagh County Museum. This purpose does not lead to harm.

**The direct benefit which flows from purpose 2.i.b of the Constitution** includes increasing public understanding of and connection with Fermanagh's rich heritage involving diverse audiences and communities. The Association of Friends of Fermanagh County Museum acts as an advocate and ambassador for the Museum Service. It encourages the contribution of knowledge and community expertise enhancing information relating to the history of the County and the Museum's collections. It supports improvement of the Museum's public facilities and services. These benefits are evidenced through increased public engagement. In 2019, over 85,000 people from the local community as well as tourists benefited from the Museum's programme of collection displays, exhibitions, tours, schools workshops and events. Regular visitor feedback and independent evaluation of services through surveys and reports highlights increased audience participation and increased levels of satisfaction. This purpose does not lead to harm.

The Association's beneficiaries are people of all ages, communities, abilities and faiths, with an interest in safe-guarding, discovering and enjoying the heritage of Fermanagh.

This includes both the local community and tourists. A private benefit to trustees may arise from our programme of ongoing training in good governance, finance etc. Through this training trustees gain skills and experience which are transferable to other settings. These benefits are incidental and necessary to ensure the benefit is provided to our beneficiaries.

Annual report presented and approved, AGM 25 February 2023, and signed on behalf of the Association of Friends of Fermanagh County Museum:

Esdille Lappin  
Chair  
Association of Friends of Fermanagh County Museum

**Association of Friends of Fermanagh County Museum**

Northern Ireland - Charity number 100448

---

# Annual return

---



*Patton Rainey & Associates*  
Chartered Accountants and Registered Auditors

**Registered Charity Number  
NIC 100448**

**ASSOCIATION OF FRIENDS OF FERMANAGH COUNTY MUSEUM**

**UNAUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2022**



Registered to carry out audit work and regulated for a range of investment business activities in the United Kingdom by the Institute of Chartered Accountants in Ireland

**ASSOCIATION OF FRIENDS OF FERMANAGH COUNTY MUSEUM**

**CONTENTS OF THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2022**

---

	<b>Page</b>
Contents	1
Independent Examiner's Report	2 - 3
Statement of Financial Activities	4
Statement of Assets and Liabilities	5
Notes to the Financial Statements	6



**ASSOCIATION OF FRIENDS OF FERMANAGH COUNTY MUSEUM**

**INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE CHARITY TRUSTEES OF  
ASSOCIATION OF FRIENDS OF FERMANAGH COUNTY MUSEUM  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2022**

I report on the accounts of the Trust for the year ended 31 December 2022, which is set on page 4.

**Respective Responsibilities of Charity Trustees and Examiner**

As the Charity's Trustees you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the Charities Act (Northern Ireland) 2008. Having satisfied myself that the charity is not subject to audit under Charities Legislation 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 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.

My 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 63 of the Charities Act.
2. That the accounts do not accord with those accounting records.
3. That the accounts do not comply with the accounting requirements of the Charities Act.
4. That there is further information needed for a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.



**ASSOCIATION OF FRIENDS OF FERMANAGH COUNTY MUSEUM**

**INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE CHARITY TRUSTEES OF  
ASSOCIATION OF FRIENDS OF FERMANAGH COUNTY MUSEUM  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2022**

**Independent Examiner's Report**

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.

Stephanie Stenson FCA  
Patton Rainey & Associates  
Chartered Accountants  
6 East Bridge Street  
Enniskillen  
Co Fermanagh  
BT74 7BT

Date: 31 May 2023

**ASSOCIATION OF FRIENDS OF FERMANAGH COUNTY MUSEUM**

**RECEIPTS & PAYMENTS ACCOUNT - STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITY  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2022**

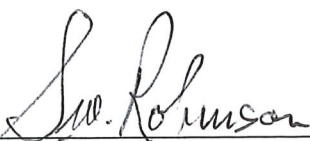
	<b>Restricted Funds 2022</b>	<b>Unrestricted Funds 2022</b>	<b>Total 2022</b>	<b>Total 2021</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
<b>Income</b>				
Donations	0	350	350	350
Membership Subscriptions	0	960	960	750
Bank Interest received	0	26	26	1
Gift Aid	<u>0</u>	<u>88</u>	<u>88</u>	<u>0</u>
	<u>0</u>	<u>1,424</u>	<u>1,424</u>	<u>1,101</u>
<b>Expenditure</b>				
BAFM Membership	0	400	400	227
Bank Fees	0	30	30	25
Museum Donation	0	0	0	4,000
Accountancy	<u>0</u>	<u>720</u>	<u>720</u>	<u>0</u>
	<u>0</u>	<u>1,150</u>	<u>1,150</u>	<u>4,252</u>
<b>Net Income (Expenditure) for the year</b>			274	(3,151)
<b>Total Funds brought forward</b>			<u>16,625</u>	<u>19,776</u>
<b>Total Funds carried forward</b>			<u>16,899</u>	<u>16,625</u>

**ASSOCIATION OF FRIENDS OF FERMANAGH COUNTY MUSEUM**

**STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2022**

	At 1 Jan 2022	Incoming Resources	Outgoing Resources	At 31 Dec 2022	At 31 Dec 2021
	£	£	£	£	£
<b>Funds Reconciliation</b>					
Restricted Funds	0	0	0	0	0
Unrestricted Funds - - General Funds	<u>16,625</u>	<u>1,424</u>	<u>1,150</u>	<u>16,899</u>	<u>16,625</u>
Total Funds	<u>16,625</u>	<u>1,424</u>	<u>1,150</u>	<u>16,899</u>	<u>16,625</u>
<b>Bank and Cash Balances</b>					
Bank Deposit Accounts				11,916	11,855
Bank Current Account				4,983	4,770
Cash in Hand				<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
				<u>16,899</u>	<u>16,625</u>
<b>Other Assets (Unrestricted Funds) (3)</b>					
Monies owed by Fermanagh County Museum				<u>2,000</u>	<u>0</u>

The financial statements were approved by the Board of Trustees on 31 May 2023 and were signed on its behalf by:



---

Mr Samuel Robinson - Trustee

# ASSOCIATION OF FRIENDS OF FERMANAGH COUNTY MUSEUM

## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2022

---

### 1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

#### **Income & Expenditure recognition policy**

Income and expenditure included within the Receipts and Payments Account have been accounted for on a cash receipts basis.

Charitable expenditure comprises those costs incurred by the charity in the delivery of its activities and services to its beneficiaries. It includes both costs that can be allocated directly to such activities and those costs of an indirect nature necessary to support them.

#### **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. Further explanation of the nature and purpose of each fund is included in the notes to the financial statements.

### 2. TRANSACTIONS WITH THE TRUSTEES

There were no transactions with the Trustees during the year.

### 3. OTHER ASSETS

During the year ended 31 December 2021 a duplicated payment of £2,000 was made to Fermanagh County Museum and was repaid to the Charity in January 2023.