

# Portadown Gardening Society

Northern Ireland · Charity number 100609

## Details

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Status Received

Registered 2015-02-05

Register [View on the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland register](#)

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## Activities

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**Purposes:** To provide education aimed at promoting, sustaining and increasing individual and collective knowledge and understanding of horticulture and of gardening in the Portadown and surrounding areas.

**What the charity does:** The advancement of education

**How the charity works:** Education/training

**Who the charity helps:** Adult training, General public, Older people

## Finances

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Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-03-31	£3,410	£3,623	£0	0

## Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Andrew White		
Barbara Robinson B.Sc		
Miss Frances Daly		
Miss Valerie Daly		
Mrs Ann Trimble		
Mrs Mary K.P. Hagan		
Ms Maureen Evelyn Irwin		
Paula Morgan Mpsni		
Stella Farrell		

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# Accounts

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PORTADOWN GARDENING SOCIETY

Receipts and Payments Account - year ended 31 March 2025

	UNRESTRICTED FUNDS (NOTE 1)	LAST YEAR (NOTE 1)
	£	£
<b>Receipts</b>		
Members' and visitors' subscriptions	1245	985
Sponsorship	375	500
Gift Aid refund	125	61
Xmas Lunch		458
May Outing		200
Ballyedmund visit	625	
Summer Outing	1040	2056
<b>Total receipts</b>	<b>3410</b>	<b>4260</b>
<b>Payments</b>		
Room hire and caretaker	586	330
Refreshments at meetings	25	101
Speaker fees	639	510
Ballyedmund Visit	625	
Gifts	60	95
Insurance	80	80
Xmas Lunch		550
May Outing		200
Summer Outing	1508	1829
Printing program	50	20
Masks		
<b>Total payments</b>	<b>3573</b>	<b>3715</b>
<b>Net of receipts</b>	<b>-163</b>	<b>545</b>
<b>Cash and bank funds last year end</b>	<b>3786</b>	<b>3241</b>
<b>Cash and bank funds this year end</b>	<b>3623</b>	<b>3786</b>

Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the period

	UNRESTRICTED FUNDS	LAST YEAR
	£	£
<b>Cash funds</b>		
Cash on hands	145	175
Balance at bank	3478	3611
<b>Total cash funds</b>	<b>3623</b>	<b>3786</b>

NOTE 1  
All receipts during the year ended 31 March 2025 and funds held at year end were unrestricted

Signed on behalf of the Trustees

Date 1 APRIL 2025

*Paula Morgan*

Paula Morgan - Chairperson

*Barbara Robinson*

Barbara Robinson - Treasurer

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# Accounts

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## Receipts and Payments Account - year ended 31 March 2024

	UNRESTRICTED FUNDS (NOTE 1)	LAST YEAR (NOTE 1)
<b>Receipts</b>		
	£	£
Members' subscriptions	850.00	1100
Visitors' subscriptions	135.00	209
Sponsorship	500.00	590
Gift Aid refund	61.01	40
Xmas Lunch	458.00	855
Donation		5
May Outing	200.00	
Summer Outing	2056.00	
<b>Total receipts</b>	<b>4260.01</b>	<b>2799</b>
<b>Payments</b>		
Room hire and caretaker	330.00	
Refreshments at meetings	100.80	
Speaker fees	510.00	780
Zoom fees		83
Gifts	95.45	55
Insurance	80.00	75
Xmas Lunch	550.00	925
May Outing	200.00	
Refreshments for Mahon Outing		30
Summer Outing	1829.00	
Printing program	20.00	50
Masks		10
<b>Total payments</b>	<b>3715.25</b>	<b>2008</b>
<b>Net of receipts</b>	<b>544.76</b>	<b>791</b>
<b>Cash and bank funds last year end</b>	<b>3240.75</b>	<b>2450</b>
<b>Cash and bank funds this year end</b>	<b>3786.51</b>	<b>3241</b>

## Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the period

	UNRESTRICTED FUNDS	LAST YEAR
<b>Cash funds</b>		
	£	£
Cash on hands	175.00	21
Balance at bank	3610.51	3220
<b>Total cash funds</b>	<b><u>3785.51</u></b>	<b><u>3241</u></b>

### NOTE 1

All receipts during the year ended 31 March 2024 and funds held at year end were unrestricted

### Signed on behalf of the Trustees

Date 10 April 2024

Paula Morgan  
Barbara Robison

Paula Morgan - Chairperson

Barbara Robison - Treasurer

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# Annual report

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**PORTADOWN GARDENING SOCIETY**  
Northern Ireland Charity Number: 100609

**TRUSTEES ANNUAL REPORT**  
1 April 2023 to 31 March 2024

Contact address

Stanley Robinson  
38 Hunters Hill Road  
Gilford  
Craigavon  
BT63 6AL

Charity Trustees

Paula Morgan, Frances Daly, Barbara Robinson, Andrew White, Mitchell Graham, Valerie Daly, John Lambe, Philomena Hagan, Sheila O'Malley, Ann Trimble, Lyn Irwin, Hector McAlpine

When administering the Society the trustees have had regard to the Commission's Public Benefit requirement and statutory guidance.

Governing document

The Society is an unincorporated association established under a constitution.

Purposes and activities

The Society's purpose is to provide education aimed at promoting, sustaining and increasing individual and collective knowledge and understanding of horticulture, gardening and the environment in the Portadown and surrounding area. The meetings were well attended and are summarised below:

April: Sean McAlinden gave a very interesting talk about making the most of garden produce from a small garden using pots, containers and raised beds.

October: Neill Porteous Neill explained the significance of "Annes Grove" in Co Cork, the former home of the Annesley family since the 1600s, and the work being done to ensure the garden's legacy has a dynamic future.

November: "Putting down roots at Rowallane". Claire McNally talked about her many challenges as new head gardener at the National Trust Garden at Rowallane, County Down

December: A Christmas Lunch was held at "Sinton's at the Bridge", Scarva

January: "From Seed to Vase – Charlene McKinstry of Gracehill Flowers in Loughgall, gave us an interesting talk about the family run farm, specialising in flowers fresh from the field.

February: "Art and Architecture in the Gardens of the World" – A talk by Trevor Edwards, an award-winning garden designer, writer and broadcaster, who has led many garden tours throughout the world and organises the National Gardens Scheme in Northern Ireland.

March: Sean McAlinden visited us again and this time his subject was "Plant Propagation: Grow your garden for free" Sean, who runs courses in Leisure Gardening at Southern Regional Colleges, demonstrated his wealth of practical experience to members.

**Benefit provided to beneficiaries**

The horticultural talks provided a wide variety of educational and social benefit to members, guests and other members of the public attending.

**Private benefit incidental to the provision of public benefit**

There has been no private benefit incidental to the provision of public benefit

**The Society's financial position at 31 March 2024**

The Society's accounts demonstrated that the financial performance for the year ended 31 March 2024 was satisfactory and the reserves at year end were adequate to meet the anticipated expenditure in the incoming year.

**Signed**

**Date**

Paula Morgan

Paula Morgan (Chairperson)

13<sup>th</sup> January 2025

Barbara Robison

Barbara Robison (Treasurer)

15<sup>th</sup> January 2025

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# Annual return

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# INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF THE PORTADOWN GARDENING SOCIETY

## YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024

I report on the attached accounts of the charity for the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> March 2024.

### Respective responsibilities of 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.

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; and
- 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.

### 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.

  
B J Friar FCA (Independent examiner)  
Chartered Accountants Ireland

232 Gilford Road  
Portadown  
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Date: 13<sup>th</sup> JANUARY 2025

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# Accounts

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## PORTADOWN GARDENING SOCIETY

### Receipts and Payments Account - year ended 31 March 2023

	2023 UNRESTRICTED FUNDS (NOTE 1)	2022 LAST YEAR  (NOTE 1)
	£	£
<b>Receipts</b>		
Members' subscriptions	1100.00	855
Visitors	209.00	
Sponsorship	590.00	300
Donations	5.00	20
Xmas Lunch	855.00	
Gift Aid refunds	40.27	
Outings		415
<b>Total receipts</b>	<b>2799.27</b>	<b>1590</b>
<b>Payments</b>		
Insurance	75.00	75
Zoom fees	83.57	144
Speakers fees and gifts	780.00	385
Xmas Lunch	925.00	
Gifts	54.98	
Masks	9.99	
Printing programs	50.00	
Refreshments for Mahon Outing	30.00	
RHS Affiliation fee		35
Outings		375
Gift to Examiner		25
Donation in memory of Rev Canon Livingston		50
<b>Total payments</b>	<b>2008.54</b>	<b>1089</b>
<b>Net of receipts</b>	<b>790.73</b>	<b>51</b>
<b>Cash and bank funds last year end</b>	<b>2450.02</b>	<b>2399</b>
<b>Cash and bank funds this year end</b>	<b>3240.75</b>	<b>2450</b>

#### Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the period

	UNRESTRICTED FUNDS	LAST YEAR
	£	£
<b>Cash funds</b>		
Cash on hands	21	51
Balance at bank	3219.75	2399
<b>Total cash funds</b>	<u><u>3240.75</u></u>	<u><u>2450</u></u>

#### NOTE 1

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Date 5 April 2023

Signed on behalf of the Trustees

Paula Morgan  
Barbara Robinson

Paula Morgan - Chairperson

Barbara Robinson - Treasurer

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April: "Weird and Whacky Plant Show" – Michael Perry, who travels the world in search of new plants, gave a very interesting talk about his discoveries.

September: "Tour of Mahon Garden Centre" – This outing gave members an insight into the work involved in a Garden Centre.

October: "A tale of Two Gardens" - Conrad McCormick gave a talk detailing the move from his previous house through the creation of his new exotic garden and the challenges it presented.

November: "The Making of a Gardener and a Garden" - David Maxwell, a well known TV and Radio Broadcaster gave a talk on the creation of a garden.

December: A Christmas Lunch was held at which Linda Lyons demonstrated the making of floral arrangements.

January: "The Bees Knees" – John Lambe, a member of our Society, gave us a look at solitary bees with an emphasis on the Mason Bee and flowers as pollinators throughout the year.

February: "Shady Plants and Shady Places"- Maurice Parkinson showed ways in which the shady areas of gardens could be made to come alive.

March: "50 Favourites" – Richard Barnes, a Chartered Landscape Architect, took us on a virtual tour of his garden showing us the plants he had chosen as his favourites

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**Signed**

**Date**

Paula Morgan      5 April 2023  
Paula Morgan (Chairperson)

Barbara Robson      6 April 2023  
Barbara Robson (Treasurer)

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# Annual return

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## **Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of Portadown Gardening Society**

I report on the accounts of the Trust for the year ended 31 March 2023, which are set out on page 3.

### **Respective responsibilities of charity trustees and examiner**

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Signed:



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Date: 4 October 2023