

Glenarm Buildings Preservation Trust - Annual Report Oct 2022 – Sep 2023

The trustees have had regard to the Charity Commission's Public benefit requirement statutory guidance. GBPT is governed by its Constitution – Memorandum and Articles of Association lodged with solicitors in 2004.

The charitable purpose of Glenarm Buildings Preservation Trust is to;

1. Preserve and protect for public benefit, buildings, or structures of particular beauty or of historic, environmental, or industrial merit
2. Promote and encourage education of the public in historic architecture, industrial heritage and the natural environment through setting up museums, or by exhibitions, lectures etc.

Financial Position at year end	2023 £
Fixed Assets	474,970
Net current assets	4,975
Accruals & deferred income	(349,818)
Capital and reserves	130,127
Turnover & other income	42,050
Profit	22,559

There is no fund in deficit. Profit is reinvested in meeting the purpose of the Trust.

Summary of Main Activities

- 6 days/week opening at the Visitor Centre for 6 months, April to end September, then retain admin person on 2 days/week over the winter months.
- Jan 2023 – liaison with Council and success in DAERA grant application for 50% of the cost of new windows and window grills at visitor centre, to enable windows to open to be able to serve visitors through the window. Improvements made to the building: canopy and visitor signage. These have improved the 'first impression' of our Glenarm Visitor Centre. Working conditions for staff have also benefited to some extent. Given the visibility of the marina building to through traffic and the accessible parking, our footfall and tourism figures could benefit from more prominent signage. A topic for further discussion with Council.
- April 2023 - Change of Admin staff at the Visitor Centre – more experienced project manager to drive grant applications and improve administration. Developed a live financial account tracking spreadsheet.
- May 2023 - Recruitment of one new Trustee.
- June - September 2023 – development of the proposal and Application for a National Lottery Heritage Grant to refurbish Glenarm Old Factory heritage steam boiler to form the centrepiece of an industrial heritage display, preserving the boiler and the old factory heritage as a new visitor attraction. Liaison with the local community, Glenarm Village Committee and Seaview Integrated Primary School to gain support. Liaison with local photographer for development of display options to bring the boiler to life. Chair met Council officers regarding the possible display of the restored boiler in the Eglinton Yard and the response was favourable. Chair gave thanks to MM and KR for processing the project.
- Promoted local events and items of interest through window displays at Visitor Centre.
- Supported Glenarm Japanese Knotweed Group by enabling Administrator time to create information leaflets and posters and facilitate funding applications.
- Sep 2023 - WC has decided to step down from GBPT having given years of essential support and advice to the Trust. We extend our thanks and wish him all the best and we will keep in touch of course.
- Thanks to all Trustees for their input and support and cheerful conversation! Thanks also to KR and again to MM and PM for keeping us on the rails.

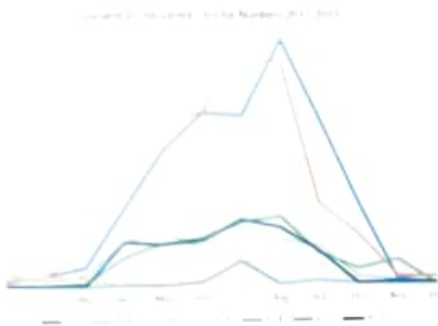
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Glenarm Buildings Preservation Trust, Glenarm Visitors Centre, Harbour Masters Building,
New Road, Glenarm, County Antrim, BT44 0AP

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Visitor Data

- Despite a wet July, visitor numbers were the largest since 2018. We have had visitors from all over the world including many parts of Europe, Australia, and Canada, with the majority being from Ireland and the UK.



Month	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
Jan	22	34	60	34	lockdown	lockdown	closed
Feb	48	50	20	44	lockdown	closed	closed
Mar	89	181	58	42	lockdown	14	closed
Apr	177	479	210	lockdown	3	141	212
May	662	794	266	lockdown	6	204	200
Jun	836	841	180	lockdown	16	229	216
Jul	824	1118	273	109	121	309	322
Aug	1185	1070	221	164	4	331	280
Sep	803	400	191	108	19	158	163
Oct	395	246	42	14	10	78	9
Nov	27	41	20	lockdown	closed	118	11
Dec	38	33	5	lockdown	lockdown	closed	7
TOTAL	5306	5287	1546	515	179	1582	1420

Charity Trustees

Name	Appointed on	Resigned on
CHAIR: Anderson, John Hugh	24 Jun 2004	-
SECRETARY: McBride, Rosemary Penelope	24 Jun 2004	-
McAuley, Mary Therese	24 Jun 2004	-
Wasson, Elizabeth Anne	20 Apr 2022	-
Cross, William David Alexander	2 Mar 2007	26 th Sep 2023
Geary, Jacqueline Dawn, Dr	19 Apr 2022	-
McNally, Greer Christina	26 May 2023	-

As per the Articles of Association, Membership of the Trust is open to any individual interested in promoting the objectives who applies to the Trust, is approved by the Trust (min 3 members) and signs the Register of members or consents in writing to become a member.

Trustee name: MAUREEN McAULEY TRUSTEE ADMIN.
Trustee signature: Maureen Mc Auley
Date: 23 May 2024