

Glenarm Buildings Preservation Trust - Annual Report Oct 2023 – Sep 2024

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	£
Fixed Assets	474,590
Net assets	154,252
Capital and reserves	154,252
Turnover & other income	41,540
Profit	24,125
There is no fund in deficit	

Summary of Main Activities

Nov 23 - JG has resigned as Trustee to concentrate on Village Property committee business. Our aims and interests will no doubt coincide from time to time. Chair offers thanks to JG for her input to GBPT.

Jan 24 - National Lottery Heritage Fund Grant confirmed success in our application 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. Our NLHF small grant application for the restoration of the steam boiler was successful and thanks to Maureen and Kerry for processing the project. Unfortunately, the original contractor selected to do the restoration has ceased to trade, necessitating a further search. MM and Chair met an engineer from Cook Bros, Newtownards who has undertaken to provide a new quote. Chair spoke to Council officers again at the Heritage Angels event in the Braid Hall regarding and subsequently wrote to the Council requesting an agreement in principle that the boiler could be displayed in public space at the harbour, which has been obtained and submitted to NLHT.

Apr 24 - Visitor Centre reopened 6 days/week covered by 3 staff members 2 days/week each.

Jan - Apr 24 - invited to join Treasure Ireland project lead by National Churches Trust

Jun 24 - GBPT supports MEA Industrial Heritage Week by providing a guided walk on the limestone history of Glenarm starting from Eglinton Yard. We have arranged ticket sales through EventBrite.

Oct 24 - Steam boiler refurbishment is underway at Cooke Bros Newtonards. Discussions have been held with council re siting of the boiler display in Eglinton Yard. Structural engineer assessment of the mounting is likely to increase costs and delay the project. Maureen has sought permission from NLHF to extend the project.

Support has been, and continues to be provided to Glenarm Village Committee through Kerry's involvement in the Japanese Knotweed Management subgroup and grant applications.

NIC 101136 Company Registration Number NI051016

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

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Glenarm Visitor Centre - Visitor Numbers

Month	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024
Jan	60	34	lockdown	lockdown	closed	1
Feb	20	44	lockdown	closed	closed	0
Mar	58	42	lockdown	14	closed	9
Apr	210	lockdown	3	141	212	132
May	266	lockdown	6	204	200	206
Jun	180	lockdown	16	229	216	227
Jul	273	109	121	309	322	250
Aug	221	164	4	331	280	222
Sep	191	108	19	158	163	78
Oct	42	14	10	78	9	15
Nov	20	lockdown	closed	118	11	0
Dec	5	lockdown	lockdown	closed	7	0
total	1546	515	179	1582	1420	1140

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	-
Geary, Jacqueline Dawn, Dr	19 Apr 2022	27 th Nov 2023
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 Mc AULEY**
Trustee signature: *Maureen Mc Auley*
Date: **30 June 2025**