

# Cappagh Historical Society

Northern Ireland · Charity number 101799

## Details

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**Status** Received

**Registered** 2015-03-03

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

## Contact

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## Activities

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**Purposes:** The purposes of the organisation are the advancement of education for the benefit of the general public in the field of history, folklore, archaeology, antiquities and allied subjects. To encourage public interest in local history. The collection, recording and preservation of archive material relating specifically to the Cappagh area. To foster the carrying out of research and the dissemination of the useful results of such research.

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

**How the charity works:** Education/training, Heritage/historical, Research/evaluation

**Who the charity helps:** General public

## Finances

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Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees	
2025-03-31		£761	£563	£0	0

## Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Mr Kenneth Beattie		
Mr Robin Johnston		
Mr Vincent Brogan		
Mrs Elizabeth Marshall		
Mrs Helen Wilson		

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# Accounts

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Cappagh Historical Society Income & Expenditure 1 April 2024 to 31 March 2025

INCOME

Participants contributions re Christmas Dinner  
 Membership fees received  
 Book sales 19 books sold (2 them digitally)  
 Cheque 295 not cashed & out of date  
Total Income

500.0  
 55.0  
 186.0  
 20.0  
 761.0

EXPENSES

Public Liability Insurance 2024/2025  
 Bank fees  
 Christmas Dinner for 25 people

30.0  
 33.6  
 500.0

TOTAL EXPENDITURE

563.6

Opening balance at books 1 Apr 2024  
 Closing Balance at books 31 March 2025

£2,639.5  
 £2,836.8  
 £197.3

Difference

Income  
 Expenditure  
 Difference

761.0  
 563.6  
 197.3

Tea kitty opening balance at 1/4/24 £16.30. Closing amount at 31/3/25 £25.67

These financial records have been checked and approved by the following:

Kenny Beattie Treasurer:

*K. A. Beattie*

date: 27/12/24

Robin Johnston, Chairman:

*R. Johnston*

date: 29/01/20

Elizabeth Marshall, Secretary:

*E. B. Marshall*

date: 20th January

Dorothy Roles, Independent Verifier:

*Dorothy Roles*

date: 10.12.24

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**Cappagh Historical Society Income & Expenditure 1 April 2023 to 31 March 2024**

**INCOME**

Members contributions re Christmas Dinner	340.00
Membership fees received	125.00
Bank interest	0.00
Book sales	140.00
<b><u>Total income</u></b>	<b><u>605.00</u></b> ✓

**EXPENSES**

Room hire Monthly Meetings Oct 2022 – Mar 23	100.00
Room hire Monthly Meetings Apr 2023 – Mar 24	180.00
Public Liability Insurance 2023/2024	25.00
Membership Fed Ulster Local Studies 2023/24	25.00
Membership Fed Ulster Local Studies 2024/25	50.00
Bank fees	33.65
Guest Speakers	45.00
Christmas Dinner for 20 people	340.00
Accounts independently verified 2019 – 2022	40.00
Accounts independently verified 2022 – 2023	30.00
Notices in 2 x local papers re John Newton talk	64.00
Sundry items	21.10
Printer cartridge	20.94
<b><u>TOTAL EXPENDITURE</u></b>	<b><u>974.69</u></b> ✓

Opening balance at books 1 Apr 2023	£3,009.19
Closing Balance at books 31 March 2024	£2,639.50
<b><i>Difference</i></b>	<b><i>-£369.69</i></b> ✓

Income	605.00
Expenditure	974.69
<b><i>Difference</i></b>	<b><i>-369.69</i></b> ✓

**Tea kitty opening balance at 1/4/23 £22.70. Closing amount at 31/3/24 £16.30**

**These financial records have been checked and approved by the following:**

May Wiltshire, Treasurer:	<i>May Wiltshire</i>	date: <i>10/12/2024</i>
Robin Johnston, Chairman:	<i>R Johnston</i>	date: <i>10/12/2024</i>
Elizabeth Marshall, Secretary:	<i>E.A. Marshall</i>	date: <i>10th Dec '24</i>
Dorothy Roles, Independent Verifier:	<i>Dorothy Roles</i>	date: <i>10/01/25</i>

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## Cappagh Historical Society Chairman's Report 1 April 2023 to 31 March 2024

We had eight people attending our April 2023 Meeting in Erganagh Hall when there was discussion around the upkeep of the Reagan Air Crash site and the tidying up of the old Tircur School site which would be quite an undertaking.

Jimmy Smyth found a National Savings Cup in the old Dunmullan School in a drawer. He took it home, cleaned & repaired it and it is now on display at Cappagh Church. The cup had been presented by Duncan & Jean McKenzie in 1965. Jimmy brought the Cup, which had the names of winning schools inscribed on it, to our May meeting. The first School to win was the Loreto Convent Girls in 1968 followed by Dregish Primary School, next was The Loreto Convent and fourth was Dunmullan Primary School in 1970. This started a conversation around the work of the National Savings which encouraged children to save a little regularly.

Sean Harpur gave Elizabeth an email address which is best for contacting the local Council re Upkeep of the Ancient Church and Graveyard at Dunmullan. A letter from the Charity Commission was read out. There were details of a King Charles III Coronation Breakfast to be held in Dunmullan Hall.

The May meeting had eight people attending. Photos were taken by local photographer, Isobel O'Brien of the National Savings Cup and also of a commemorative spoon brought along by Kathleen Craig who had been presented with it (and to each of the pupils) in 1953 at Dunmullan Primary School to commemorate the Coronation of Queen Elizabeth II. The photos appeared in the local papers. Elizabeth read out pieces from a 1953 local paper which told of how the Queen's Coronation was celebrated in other parts of Tyrone with the local community and children taking part including children from the local Coneywarren Children's Home with games and picnics.

It was established that Robin Tait is the owner of the air crash site at Reagan and he has no objection to the area around the memorial stone being paved and seats provided. This is very much appreciated by the Historical Society.

We had seven people at our September meeting. Guest Speaker, Una Timoney gave an enthralling account of "John MacCrossan the Ill-Fated Attorney – Heinous Crime in Castle Street" in the mid 1860's. A lot of research had gone in to this and those attending were fascinated by this true account.

We had approx. 44 people attending our October meeting when Rev Andrew Lucas gave a well researched and very detailed account of the fascinating and incredible life of the Hymnwriter John Newton who went on to write the famous hymn "Amazing Grace". We have had requests for a follow up talk to this.

Our AGM was held on 20<sup>th</sup> November 2023 when we had 12 people attending. Sheena McClure was the speaker. Vincent brought along an ancient book from 1752 which had been rebound. Sheena gave an update on the digitising of Cappagh Church Records. She said the records were transcribed exactly as written. If one knew the correct spelling it could be put in brackets afterwards. There were some sad accounts for example Rev Taylor, curate who lost his 2 little daughters Fanny aged 5 on the 7 March 1765 and Rebecca aged 3 years on 25 February 1767. Sheena oversaw the election of officers when officers were re elected en bloc. Jimmy Smyth was proposed & seconded on to the Committee. We were informed that a local family were willing to carry out work in the spring at the Reagan Air crash Site. They can submit a receipt/invoice to us for any expenses and we can reimburse them up to £150. The Society had a very enjoyable Christmas Lunch at the Millstone Restaurant when we joined up with the Glens Seniors Group

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when twenty people attended.

Approx eight people attended our January meeting and there was an entertaining discussion about Cappagh Burn, schoolday adventures, bicycle antics etc. Eight people attended our February meeting when there was great excitement as Andrew Baxter invited us to go outside where he had brought along the propellor of the Catalina Flying Boat which farm workmen found buried in Reaghan. Andrew will keep the propellor in safe keeping.

At our March 2023 Meeting, Liam Morris very kindly brought an overhead projector along and played the DVD of the Service held at the aircrash site in Reaghan in December 1994. The footage of the audio contained quite a few local people who have since passed away. They gave a very detailed account of what happened on that fateful evening of 30<sup>th</sup> December 1942.

Jean Baxter stated that Baxter's Barn which is now her house (as it had undergone a barn conversion in the 1970's) is where some of the soldiers stayed whilst guarding the crash site. Jean brought some pictures of the former barn to the meeting which was interesting. Harold Doherty gave a talk explaining his involvement in procuring the stone which was used to make the memorial. It is thought that the stone originated from the Moyle Hills area near the late Stewart Robinson.

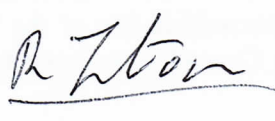
Henry Keys, local Historian in Irvinestown informed Elizabeth that four of the pilots including Sgt Orr were buried in Irvinestown Church of Ireland Graveyard at the front near the Cenotaph.

After the film was played, discussions continued. It was agreed that Liam Morris and Andrew Baxter would get some copies of the film made (DVD's) so they could be shared with interested friends and neighbours.

In summary it was agreed that we establish contacts for the Clergy who conducted the Service in 1994, and we could trail through the DVD when it becomes available for ideas for a possible service to mark the occasion again. Discussions are still ongoing for the Memorial re-vamp as well as exhibiting the propellor at the crash site.

It is encouraging to see people continuing to attend the Society meetings and we are getting gradually built up again following Covid 19.

Robin Johnston  
Chairman

 20/01/2025

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# Accounts

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**INCOME**

Members contributions re Christmas Dinner	324.00
Membership fees received	115.00
Bank interest	0.00
Book sales	151.00
<b><u>Total income</u></b>	<b><u>590.00</u></b>

**EXPENSES**

<b>Running Costs</b>	
Room hire Monthly Meetings	120.00
Public Liability Insurance	15.00
Membership of Federation for Ulster Local Studies	50.00
Bank fees	33.00
Christmas Dinner for 21 people	346.50
Voucher for Independent Verifier	30.00
Stationery items	13.23
<b><u>TOTAL EXPENDITURE</u></b>	<b><u>607.73</u></b>

Opening balance at books 1 Apr 2022	£3,026.92
Closing Balance at books 31 March 2023	£3,009.19
<b>Difference</b>	<b>-£17.73</b>

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**VERIFIED BY D. ROLES 04.12.23** 

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### Chairman's Report April 2022 to March 2023

The Society met for the first time on Monday 17<sup>th</sup> October 2022 following the Covid19 Coronavirus Pandemic when we didn't meet for two and a half years. It was good for everyone to meet up again after such a long time. Sympathy was expressed at the loss of three of our members, Patrick McKenna, Theresa Monaghan and Harold Livingston.

One of the matters discussed was the closure of the local Dunmullan Primary School which had been attended by generations of local families over many years. Also the strong community feeling that the School Bell, which is part of our heritage, should be kept in the local area in a suitable place where it could be easily viewed. The care of the local air crash sites all came under discussion and the need to find volunteers to keep it tidy and maintained. Sheena McClure spoke at our November meeting on the digitising of the Cappagh Church Births, Marriages and Deaths records and encouraged others to get involved. A letter of concern was sent to the local Council regarding grass cutting at the ancient Graveyard at Dunmullan. Tircur School was another topic. Book sales and places to leave books where they could be accessed by the public were discussed.

We had a very enjoyable get together over Christmas lunch with the Glens Seniors' Group on 6<sup>th</sup> December 2022. It was so nice for folk to meet and sing carols and chat together over a lovely meal after the long spell of lockdown. One of our members, Helen Wilson produced a book 'The Wilsons of Tattykeel' which included some history of Mountjoy. Our AGM was held on 16<sup>th</sup> January 2023. This covered the Society's Accounts for the period 2019 to 2022. We are grateful to our Independent Verifier, Mrs Dorothy Roles for examining our Accounts each year. At our AGM Kenny Beattie gave us an interesting account of his experience of opening up his home the previous year and providing accommodation and help to some Ukranian refugees.

Our first year back concluded with the March meeting. Attendance in this first year varied between 6 and 12 people at our meetings and we welcomed new members.

Robin Johnston  
Chairman



20<sup>th</sup> November 2023

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