

North Belfast Historical Society

Northern Ireland · Charity number 102097

Details

Status Received

Registered 2015-04-30

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

Contact

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Activities

Purposes: The objectives of the society shall be: 1. To encourage interest in local history, and in particular the history of the North Belfast area. 2. To promote research and the production of publications on the history of the North Belfast area. 3. To support the preservation of the historical records relating to the area, and to encourage the preservation of historical sites and buildings.

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

How the charity works: Environment/sustainable development/conservation, Heritage/historical

Who the charity helps: General public

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-04-30	£936	£1,480	£0	0

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Miss Daphne McClements		
Mr Carl James Hughes		
Mr Nathan Patrick Hughes		
Mrs Anne Fitzpatrick		
Mrs Kathleen Rosemary Johnston		
Mrs Margaret Morris		
Mrs Ruth Hunter		
Ms Pauline Tohill		

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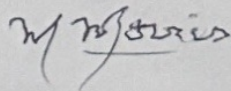
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Accounts

NORTH BELFAST HISTORICAL SOCIETY NIC 102097
STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30TH APRIL 2025

	UNRESTRICTED FUNDS	RESTRICTED FUNDS	ENDOWMENT FUNDS	TOTAL FUNDS	PREVIOUS YEAR
RECEIPTS					
SUBSCRIBERS' FEES	405	-	-	405	650
VISITORS' FEES	36	-	-	36	42
LOANS	495	-	-	495	-
BANK INTEREST	-	-	-	-	3.24
DINNER CONTRIBUTIONS	-	-	-	-	240
TOTAL RECEIPTS	936	-	-	936	935.24
PAYMENTS					
SPEAKERS' FEES	580	-	-	580	330
HALL HIRE	315	-	-	315	315
INSURANCE	90	-	-	90	80
REPAYMENT OF LOANS	495	-	-	495	-
ANNUAL DINNER	-	-	-	-	375
BANK FEES	-	-	-	-	37.58
PHOTOCOPYING	-	-	-	-	14.48
TOTAL PAYMENTS	1480	-	-	1480	1,152.06
SURPLUS/(DEFICIT) FOR THE YEAR	(544)	-	-	(544)	(216.82)
TRANSFERS BETWEEN FUNDS	-	-	-	-	-
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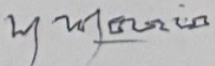
Signed for and on behalf of the trustees:



Date: 14-05-2025

NORTH BELFAST HISTORICAL SOCIETY NIC 102097
STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30TH APRIL 2025

	UNRESTRICTED FUNDS	RESTRICTED FUNDS	ENDOWMENT FUNDS	TOTAL FUNDS	PREVIOUS YEAR
OPENING CASH AT BANK AND IN HAND	3205.88	-	-	3205.88	
SURPLUS/(DEFICIT) FOR THE YEAR	(544)	-	-	(544)	
CLOSING CASH AT BANK AND IN HAND	2661.88	-	-	2661.88	
BANK AND CASH BALANCES					
CURRENT ACCOUNT	2620.88	-	-	2620.88	
CASH IN HAND	41	-	-	41	
	2661.88			2661.88	
OTHER ASSETS	-	-	-	-	
LIABILITIES	-	-	-	-	

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NBHS ACCOUNTS 1 MAY 2023 – 30 APRIL 2024

INCOME

Cash in Bank	3240.22
Interest	3.24
Dues	650.00
Visitors	42.00
Dinner	240.00

EXPENDITURE

Speakers	330.00
Church	315.00
Insurance	80.00
Dinner	375.00
Photocopying	14.48
Bank Charges	37.58
Cash in Bank	3213.46

SIGNED FOR AND ON BEHALF OF THE TRUSTEES :

M Morris
M. MORRIS
11/06/2025

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Annual report

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TRUSTEES ANNUAL REPORT FOR 2023-2024

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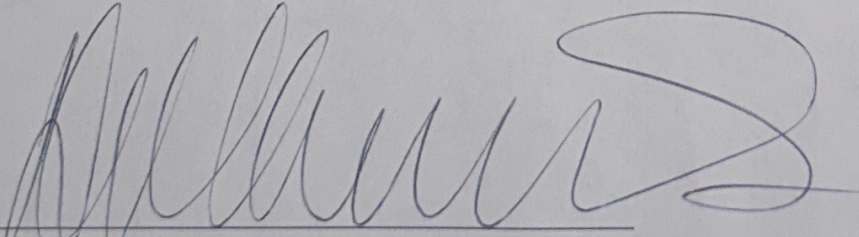
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In setting the objectives and planning the activities for the year, the Trustees considered the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland's guidance on public benefit to ensure that the activities have helped to achieve the Society's purposes and provide a benefit to the beneficiaries.

We invite specialist speakers to give monthly talks and presentations on a variety of topics from September 2023 to May 2024. Topics covered included:

- Life in the Media
- Austria and Hungary in the Great War
- Belfast in World War II
- Noel Beattie's Travel Memoirs
- Clifton House
- Old House Renovations in North Belfast
- Flying High: The Adventures of an Airline Stewardess
- The Donegall Family
- Biblical History

Approved and signed on behalf of the Trustees:



Daphne McClements

Date: 11/06/2025

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Annual return

Independent Examiner's Report to the Charity Trustees of North Belfast Historical Society

I report on the accounts of the North Belfast Historical Society for the year ended 30TH April 2024, which are set out on the following page.

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.

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 Commission 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; and/or
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 I have found matters of concern in respect of areas (1) to (3) listed above.

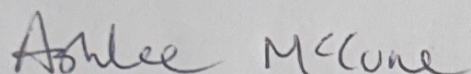
Income received from subscribers' and visitors' fees and contributions towards an annual dinner was retained unbanked. It appears that expenditure on hall hire fees, speakers' fees, photocopying costs, the cost of the annual dinner and insurance was made from retained unbanked cash, but full records have not been kept and it is not possible to track these payments.

The accounts prepared for your charity have not been prepared in accordance with the methods and principles of the Statement of Recommended Practice. Unrestricted, restricted and endowment funds have not been identified but I am satisfied that the charity only holds

unrestricted funds. Comparative figures for the previous year have not been provided but records are available. A statement of assets and liabilities has not been prepared but I am satisfied that the charity's only asset is the balance in its bank account and any cash at hand.

The charity's bank account was frozen due to inactivity, but I am satisfied that a new bank account is operational from April 2025 and all income is being lodged and proper records are being maintained for all income and expenditure.

I have no concerns in respect of the matter (4) listed above and, in connection with following the Directions of the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland, I have found no other matters that require drawing to your attention.



Ashlee McCune

Honorary Treasurer of the Parish of St Peter and St James, Belfast

761B Antrim Road, Belfast, BT15 4EN

11th June 2025

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INCOME

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Interest	3.25
Dues	650.00
Visitors	40.00

TOTAL 3960.22

EXPENDITURE

Speakers	300.00
Church	315.00
insurance	75.00
Bank Charges	30.00
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MARGARET MORRIS

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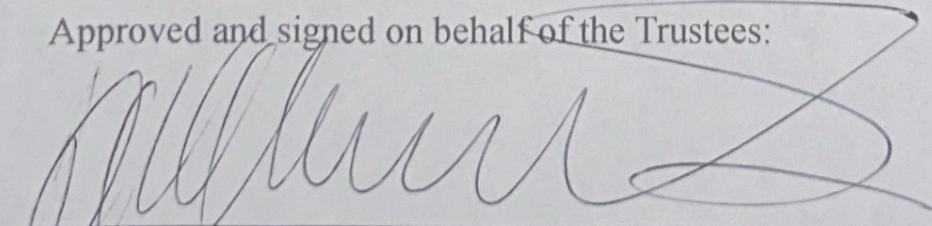
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A successful series of nine monthly talks were held from September 2022 to May 2023. Topics covered included:

- The Merchant Families of Belfast as viewed through their Memorials in Belfast City Cemetery
- Biblical Architecture
- The History of St Malachy's College
- The Tribulations of Two Victorian Railway Companies
- The Vikings in Ireland
- The Cavehill
- Killyleagh
- Herbert Hughes: Composer, Organist, Arranger of Irish Folk Songs

The following served as trustees: Daphne McClements (Chairperson), Timothy Wilson (Secretary), Colin Bell, Anne Fitzpatrick, Quintin Mulligan, Ruth Starrett, Margi Crawford, Rosemary Johnston, Patsy Rainey and Pauline Tohill.

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