

# Friends of Bangor Abbey

Northern Ireland · Charity number 102518

## Details

Status	Received
Registered	2016-12-12
Register	<a href="#">View on the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland register</a>

## Contact

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Website	<a href="http://www.bangorabbey.org">www.bangorabbey.org</a>

## Activities

**Purposes:** The Society is established to advance Christian Religion in Bangor and its environs by assisting in the maintenance of the fabric of Bangor Abbey in order to preserve and protect it as a place of Christian Worship through the activities of a group of Friends by: a) Promoting the conservation and protection of the historical site at Bangor Abbey and all architectural structures and environment features within the site including the adjacent graveyard for the benefit of the general public; b) Studying and encouraging the study of history relating to Bangor Abbey; c) Raising awareness among the general public in the area of benefit and beyond and encouraging appreciation of, and knowledge of the historical and cultural heritage of the site and its environs in the area of benefit.

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

**How the charity works:** Advice/advocacy/information, Arts, Cultural, Heritage/historical, Religious activities

**Who the charity helps:** General public

## Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2024-12-31	£546	£200	£0	0

## Trustees

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Name	Role	Appointed
Mr Gifford Savage		
Mrs Stella Robinson		
Rev Ronnie Nesbitt		

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# Accounts

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**FRIENDS OF BANGOR ABBEY**

Charity Number: NIC 102518

Receipts and Payments Accounts for the period 1 January 2024 to 31 December 2024

**No. 1 Account**

Receipts	£
Donations & legacies	95
Book Sales	95
Members' subscriptions	315
<i>A1 Sub total (Gross income for the Annual Return)</i>	<b>505</b>

**Payments**

New Lawn Mower	<b>200</b>
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**Surplus/Deficit** **305**Balance b/fwd y/e 31 Dec 2022 **808.15**Current Balance No. 1 Account **1113.15****No. 2 Account (Graveyard)**

Interest	41.86
Balance b/fwd y/e 31 Dec 2022	4310.62
Current Balance No. 2 Account	<b>4352.48</b>



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Receipts and Payments Accounts for the period 1 January 2023 to 31 December 2023

**No. 1 Account**

<b>Receipts</b>	<b>£</b>
Donations & legacies	85
Members' subscriptions	0
<b><i>A1 Sub total (Gross income for the Annual Return)</i></b>	
	<b>85</b>

<b>Payments</b>	<b>0</b>
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<b>Surplus/Deficit</b>	<b>85</b>
<b>Balance b/fwd y/e 31 Dec 2022</b>	<b>723.15</b>
<b>Current Balance No. 1 Account</b>	<b>808.15</b>

**No. 2 Account (Graveyard)**

<b>Donations</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Banance b/fwd y/e 31 Dec 2022</b>	<b>4310.62</b>
<b>Current Balance No. 2 Account</b>	<b>4310.62</b>



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# Annual report

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# THE FRIENDS OF BANGOR ABBEY

**Trustees' Annual Report**

**for the year ending 31<sup>st</sup> December 2023**

**Charities Number: NIC 102518**



## **References and administrative details**

Charity Name: The Friends of Bangor Abbey

Charity Registration Number: NIC 102518

Contact Address: c/o Gifford Savage  
8 Chester Park  
BANGOR  
BT20 3JE

## **Trustees and Office Bearers**

Rev Ronnie Nesbitt - Chairperson

Mrs Stella Robinson – Hon Secretary

Mr Gifford Savage – Committee Member

## **Independent Examiner:**

Roy Kelly

## **Bankers:**

Santander  
64 Main Street  
Bangor  
BT20 5AQ

## **Trustees' Annual Report for the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> December 2023**

The trustees present the annual report for the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> December 2023

### **Objectives and Activities**

The Charity's objectives are

- (i) the advancement of religion, and
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### **Achievements, Performance & Public Benefit**

#### **Activities in 2023**

The organization was adversely affected by the Covid pandemic.

The events programme was cancelled and the Friends did not meet during 2023.

A relaunch of The Friends of Bangor Abbey is planned for 2024.

#### **Benefits Provided**

The Trustees have given careful consideration to the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland's guidance on public benefit to ensure that the activities entered into during the year have helped to achieve the organization's objectives and activities, as well as providing public benefit.

## Financial Review

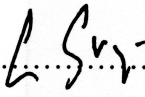
The Friends own no assets, employ no staff and have no ongoing liabilities to cover and are therefore satisfied that there are adequate funds in place to ensure that the organization can continue its activities.

## Statement of Trustees' Responsibilities

The trustees are responsible for preparing the Trustees' Report and the statement of receipts and payments and statement of assets and liabilities in accordance with applicable law and regulations.

The law applicable to charities in Northern Ireland with Income of less than £250,000 requires the trustees to prepare a statement of receipts and payments and a statement of assets and liabilities for each financial year. The trustees are responsible for keeping accounting records that are sufficient to show and explain the organization's transactions and disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time its assets and liabilities. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the organization and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

## Signed on Behalf of the Trustees

Trustee 1 .....  .....

Trustee 2 .....  .....

Date: 22 Nov 2024

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# Annual return

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**Friends of Bangor Abbey: NIC102518**

### **Independent Examiners Report**

I report on the accounts of the Charity for the year ended 31st December 2023.

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
- 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. 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.

Signed: .....*Ray Kelly*..... Name: ...*ROY KELLY*.....

Address: *3 MARQUIS GARDENS, BANGOR BT20 3HH*

Date: *10 - 2 - 25*

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<b>Receipts</b>	<b>£</b>
Donations & legacies	555
Members' subscriptions	0
History Book Sales to ards & North Down Borough Council	0

***A1 Sub total (Gross income for the Annual Return)***      **555**

**Payments**

T/F to No. 2 Account	2000
Graveyard Upkeep	740
	<b>2740</b>

**Surplus/Deficit**      **-2185**

**Balance b/fwd y/e 31 Dec 2021**      **2908.15**

**Current Balance No. 1 Account**      **723.15**

**No. 2 Account (Graveyard)**

T/F from No. 1 Account	2000
Interest	0.22
Balance b/fwd y/e 31 Dec 2021	2310.4
<b>Current Balance No. 2 Account</b>	<b>4310.62</b>

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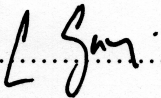
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Date: *10-2-25*