

Maghera and District Gardening Group

Northern Ireland · Charity number 102696

Details

Status Received

Registered 2016-03-23

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

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Activities

Purposes: To advance education in horticulture and gardening and to promote conservation and protection of the environment for public benefit in Maghera and surrounding districts by, in particular but not exclusively, encouraging and creating an interest in good gardening and horticulture; providing a discussion forum for horticulture and related issues; presenting expert advice on relevant horticultural topics and visiting well designed gardens.

What the charity does: The advancement of education, The advancement of environmental protection or improvement

How the charity works: Arts, Education/training, Environment/sustainable development/conservation

Who the charity helps: Adult training, General public, Men, Women

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-08-31	£7,819	£6,240	£0	0

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Dr Mary Mcgahon		
Miss Margaret Johnston		
Mr Brendan Convery		
Mr Paul Davies		
Mr Robin Clark		
Mrs Catherine Hurrell		
Mrs Jane Mccullough		
Mrs Margaret Armstrong		
Mrs Roisin Madden		
Mrs Rosemary Torrens		
Ms Mary Mckeown		

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MAGHERA & DISTRICT GARDENING GROUP

FINANCIAL STATEMENT 1ST SEPTEMBER 2024 – 31 AUGUST 2025

INCOME

Opening Balance: Cash	55.00
Bank	2,125.95
Auction	100.00
Social evening	1,100.00
Membership	970.00
Visitors	49.00
Loughgall Outing	675.00
Grant: MU council 24/25	525.00
MU council 25/26	855.00
Fireside Quiz	300.00
June Outing	1,225.00
Charity Evening	2,020.00

9,999.95

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EXPENDITURE

RHS/Insurance	127.00
Loughgall outing	765.00
Social evening	1,100.00
Speakers	640.00
Hall Hire	245.00
NI Air Ambulance	2,100.00
Catering	61.99
June Outing	1,201.00

Closing Balance: Cash **55.00**

Bank **3,704.96**

9,999.95

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Treasurer: *Robin Clark*

31 August 2025

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INCOME

Opening Balance: Cash	55.00
Bank	1,631.84
Co. Down outing	1,100.00
Social evening	900.00
Membership 2023/4	985.00
Visitors	38.00
Fireside Quiz	325.00
Charity Evening	2,179.00
Grant: Mid Ulster Council	525.00

£7,738.84

EXPENDITURE

RHS/Insurance	125.00
Speakers	480.00
Co. Down outing	1,401.00
Social evening	880.00
Hall Hire	245.00
Pop up banner/charity flyers	155.00
Catering	71.89
Charity: Horatio's Garden	2,200.00
Closing Balance: Cash	55.00

Bank 2,125.95

£7,738.84

Treasurer: Robin Clark

31 August 2024

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Annual report

MAGHERA & DISTRICT GARDENING GROUP – CHAIRMAN’S REPORT 2023/4

As we look forward to our 20th year, the activities enjoyed by our 75 members included talks, presentations and visits across a wide range of garden lay-outs and formats. For me, the highlight of the year was our Charity Event in March 2024, when Claire Woods MBE, the Head Gardener at Hillsborough Castle, gave a talk on ‘A year at Hillsborough’, raising just over £2K for Horatio’s Garden at Musgrave Park Hospital Spinal Unit. It was a privilege to represent the Group at its formal opening in May 2024.

OTHER TALKS AND PRESENTATIONS:

Averill Milligan – Her Gardening Life

Robert Davidson – Ballinahone Nursery, Armagh

Liz Davidson – My Stress-Buster

Mary McGahon & Heather Hutchinson – Perennial Happiness & No-Dig Gardening

Victoria Allen – Potter’s Hill Plants

Billy McCombe – Ballinderry Flowers

VISITS/OUTINGS TO GARDENS AT:-

Greba, Greyabbey and Fernhill, Spa

Two-day trip to Meath/North Dublin

ANNUAL DINNER: (in the Tap Room, Bellaghy) – slide show by Brendan Convery

THANKS:

Thanks to all our speakers and hosts, those who provided refreshments and to the Minister and Session of Maghera Presbyterian Church for the use of their facilities throughout the year. Thanks are particularly due to Robin Clark for his fund-raising efforts which enabled us to purchase a pop-up banner for our Group and for helping to design the Group’s logo. Also thanks to our members, not least those on the committee, for their attendance, support and enthusiasm throughout the year.

Rosemary Torrens (Chairman)

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ST COLUMBA'S PARISH CHURCH
1 Tobermore Road, Draperstown

C/O 40 Duntibryan Road

Draperstown

BT45 7HL

Tel: 02879628266

19 November 2024

To whom it may concern:

I have viewed the Accounts of Maghera & District Gardening Group for the year ended 31 August 2024 and found them to be accurate.

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Kathleen".

Kathleen McKeown (Treasurer)

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INCOME

Opening Balance: Cash 55.00

Bank 1,767.94

Donation 100.00

Social evening 799.00

Membership 2023 730.00

Visitors 22.00

Lifford Outing 1,225.00

Grant: TBF Thompson 1,500.00

£6,198.94

EXPENDITURE

RHS/Insurance 120.00

Lifford outing 1,139.00

Social evening 799.00

Speakers 520.00

Hall Hire 245.00

New Laptop,speaker, projector 1,583.60

Catering 70.50

Laptop repair 25.00

Programme printing 23/24 10.00

Closing Balance: Cash 55.00

Bank 1,631.84

£6,198.94

Treasurer: *Robin Clark*

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Maghera and District Gardening Group – Chairman’s Report 2022/23

In our 19th year, the activities enjoyed by our now 85 members included talks, presentations and visits across a wide range of garden lay-outs and formats, from the very structured to the highly informal, with the emphasis varying from the exotic to native plants and often with an increasing focus on sustainability –

Talks and Presentations –

- Joanna Braniff – Gardening for mind body and soul
- Mary-Anne Farenden – Creating the Super Garden
- Philip Stewart – Yew Tree Garden
- Mark Stuart – Kildress Walled Garden
- Maurice Parkinson – Ballyrobert
- John and Norma Shannon – Inver Garden Centre, Larne
- Thomas McCaw & Thomas Ragu – Fernhill Cottage, Spa

Visits / Outings to the gardens of -

- Mary McGahon
- Philip Stewart
- Mark Stuart
- Hugh Martin McAlary
- Jessie Mehaffey (Lifford), Altnagelvin Garden Centre and Oak Garden, Glenshane Road

Annual Dinner – (in the Tap Room Bellaghy) - Slideshow from Brendan Convery

Thanks

Thanks to all our speakers and hosts; those who provided refreshments and to the Minister and Session of Maghera Presbyterian church for the use of their facilities throughout the year. Thanks also to the TBF Thompson for a very generous grant of £1500 which enabled us to purchase a new digital projector, sound system and laptop. Finally thanks to our members, not least those on the committee, for their attendance, support and enthusiasm throughout the year.

Rosemary Torrens

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40 Duntibryan Road

Draperstown.

BT45 7HL

31 October 2023

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN

The accounts of Maghera & District Gardening Group for the financial year 1 September 2022 to 31 August 2023 show an accurate representation of the group's financial position.

Kathleen McKeown

Kathleen McKeown (Church Treasurer)