

Garvagh Museum Limited

Northern Ireland · Charity number 102847

Details

Status Received

Registered 2015-05-29

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

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Activities

Purposes: The Company's objects are to promote the benefit of the inhabitants of Garvagh, County Londonderry and surrounding area (hereinafter described as 'the area of benefit') without distinction of age, sexual orientation, race or of political, religious or other opinions, by associating together the said inhabitants and the local authorities, voluntary and other organisations in a common effort to advance education, to promote the acquisition and preservation of Artifacts of Historical significance and to provide access of Artifacts to the General Public, to preserve the environment and heritage of the area of benefit, and to provide facilities in the interests of social welfare for recreation and leisure time occupation with the object of improving the conditions of life for the said inhabitants.

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

How the charity works: Cultural, Heritage/historical, Research/evaluation, Volunteer development

Who the charity helps: General public, Mental health, Older people, Voluntary and community sector, Volunteers

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-03-31	£8,045	£11,359	£0	0

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Mr Albert Samuel Cole		
Mr Ian Davidson		
Mr James Mcfetridge		
Mr Thomas Fleming		
Pearl Hutchinson		
Simpson		

Garvagh Museum Limited

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Accounts

Receipts and payments accounts


For the period from	01/04/2024	To	31/03/2025
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Section A Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds to the nearest £	Restricted funds to the nearest £	Endowment funds to the nearest £	Total funds to the nearest £	Last year to the nearest £
A1 Receipts					
Grants	5,000		-	5,000	15,000
Donations	3,045		-	3,045	1,804
	-		-	-	-
	-		-	-	-
	-		-	-	-
	-		-	-	-
	-		-	-	-
A1 Sub total (Gross income for the Annual Return)	8,045	-	-	8,045	16,804
A2 Asset and investment sales (see tables 1 and 2 in section 7 of the guidance).					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
A2 Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	8,045	-	-	8,045	16,804
A3 Payments					
Rates light & Heat	3,721	-	-	3,721	1,648
Insurance	1,801	-	-	1,801	1,690
Repairs & Maintenance	2,773	-	-	2,773	196
Printing Postage & Stationery	523	-	-	523	1,323
Telephone	7	-	-	7	86
Sunday/Governance costs	1,428	-	-	1,428	1,175
Advertising	990	-	-	990	340
Bank Interest, Charges	98	-	-	98	114
website costs	18	-	-	18	294
A3 Sub total	11,359	-	-	11,359	6,866
A4 Asset and investment purchases (see tables 1 and 2 in section 7 of the guidance)					
Tangible Assets			-	-	
current		-	-	-	
A4 Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total payments	11,359	-	-	11,359	6,866
Net of receipts/(payments)	- 3,314	-	-	- 3,314	9,938
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	62,633	1,389		64,022	54,084
Cash funds this year end	59,319	1,389		60,708	64,022

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £	Total funds to nearest £	Last year to nearest £
B1 Cash funds		59,319	1,389	-	60,708	64,022
		-	-	-	-	-
		-	-	-	-	-
	Total cash funds	59,319	1,389	-	60,708	64,022
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	OK	OK	OK	OK	OK

Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees

Signature


Print Name

John Davidson

Date of approval

2022026

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Accounts

Receipts and payments accounts

For the period from	01/04/2023	To	31/03/2024
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Section A Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds to the nearest £	Restricted funds to the nearest £	Endowment funds to the nearest £	Total funds to the nearest £	Last year to the nearest £
A1 Receipts					
Grants	15,000	-	-	15,000	5,000
Donations	1,804	-	-	1,804	1,961
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
A1 Sub total (Gross income for the Annual Return)	16,804	-	-	16,804	6,961
A2 Asset and investment sales (see tables 1 and 2 in section 7 of the guidance).					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
A2 Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	16,804	-	-	16,804	6,961
A3 Payments					
Rates, Light & Heat	1,648	-	-	1,648	1,205
Insurance	1,690	-	-	1,690	1,580
Repairs & Maintenance	196	-	-	196	492
Printing, Postage & Stationery	1,323	-	-	1,323	351
Telephone	86	-	-	86	294
Sundry/Governance Costs	1,175	-	-	1,175	1,312
Bank Interest & Charges	114	-	-	114	116
Advertising	340	-	-	340	110
Website Costs	294	-	-	294	188
A3 Sub total	6,866	-	-	6,866	5,648
A4 Asset and investment purchases (see tables 1 and 2 in section 7 of the guidance)					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
A4 Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total payments	6,866	-	-	6,866	5,648
Net of receipts/(payments)	9,938	-	-	9,938	1,313
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	54,084	1,389	-	55,473	54,160
Cash funds this year end	64,022	1,389	-	65,411	55,473

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £	Total funds to nearest £	Last year to nearest £
B1 Cash funds		64,022	1,389	-	65,411	55,473
		-	-	-	-	-
		-	-	-	-	-
	Total cash funds	64,022	1,389	-	65,411	55,473

(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))

OK

OK

OK

OK

OK

Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees

Signature

Pearl Hutchinson

Print Name

MME Hutchinson

Date of approval

31/01/2024

Garvagh Museum Limited

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Annual report

GARVAGH MUSEUM LIMITED

TRUSTEES' REPORT (INCLUDING DIRECTORS' REPORT) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024

The Trustees present their annual report and financial statements for the year ended 31 March 2024.

The accounts have been prepared in accordance with the accounting policies set out in note 1 to the accounts and comply with the Companies Act 2006 and the Statement of Recommended Practice, "Accounting and Reporting by Charities", issued in March 2005.

Objectives and activities

The principal activity of Garvagh Museum Ltd is to promote the benefit of collecting and preserving artefacts from the local area for the benefit of the local community and tourism. As part of a local community engagement programme the museum organises a wide variety of exhibitions within its own grounds as well as in other community venues. These exhibitions display items of local and regional significance and are designed to engender an informed appreciation and understanding of history of all the local communities. The museum offers opportunities for its members to develop and enhance their skills and abilities in the heritage sector, through running the museum, recording and cataloguing recent acquisitions, providing talks to local groups on museum activity, the preservation of artefacts and from being involved in the organisation of exhibitions.

Public benefit

The Trustees have paid due regard to guidance issued by the Charity Commission in deciding what activities the Charity should undertake.

Achievements and performance

Significant activities and achievements against objectives

The museum organises events and exhibitions in association with other community groups. The museum's collection grows solely from public donations and it currently comprises over 4,000 items, constituting one of the largest independent museum collections in Northern Ireland. The museum continues to grow its collection and to utilise this in following its aims and objectives. It remains one of the largest independent museums in Northern Ireland.

The museum continues to maintain its museum accreditation with Northern Ireland Museum Council and Arts Council in England. This ensures the collection and organisation are achieving requisite museum standards. This is a significant professional achievement for a voluntary organisation with no paid professional staff.

Financial review

Throughout the financial year visitor numbers steadily increased as the general public became more relaxed about visiting public places

- Museum - 1125
- Exhibitions - 2
- Groups - 14
- Outreach Event - 5

The pool of volunteers prepared to facilitate visitors has remained static. Opening hours remain, every Saturday in June and September and every Thursday to Saturday in July and August.

The new group visit category called "the family group" continues to help increase visitor numbers to the museum by pre-booking for a visit at a daytime or evening slot to suit the family.

Volunteers continue to input significant additional hours worked to meet guidelines on extra cleaning of toilets, glass displays, ongoing outdoor maintenance e.g. grass cutting, removal of ivy from the walled garden etc. An approximate total of 393 volunteer hours was recorded.

In recognition of the voluntary efforts of the museum over the years, the museum entered into a strategic partnership with Causeway Coast and Glens Council. The museum receives financial support in return for providing heritage-based services and facilities for local groups, individuals and tourists.

TRUSTEES' REPORT (INCLUDING DIRECTORS' REPORT) (CONTINUED)
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024

Reserves policy

It is the policy of the Charity that unrestricted funds which have not been designated for a specific use should be maintained at a level equivalent to between three and six month's expenditure. The Trustees consider that reserves at this level will ensure that, in the event of a significant drop in funding, they will be able to continue the Charity's current activities while consideration is given to ways in which additional funds may be raised. This level of reserves has been maintained throughout the year.

Major risks

The Trustees have assessed the major risks to which the Charity is exposed, and are satisfied that systems are in place to mitigate exposure to the major risks.

Structure, governance and management

The Charity is a company limited by guarantee.

The Trustees, who are also the directors for the purpose of company law, and who served during the year and up to the date of signature of the financial statements were:

T Fleming	
A Lyttle	
M Bradley	
M Garvin	
R McMurray-Nawn	
A Cole	
D McMeekin	(Resigned 18 October 2024)
J McFetridge	
H Moore	(Resigned 11 November 2024)
Mrs MME Hutchinson	(Appointed 11 December 2024)
Mr J I Davidson	(Appointed 11 December 2024)
Mr T A Fleming	(Appointed 11 December 2024)

Recruitment and appointment of trustees

Trustees are appointed from the following community groups:

- Garvagh and District Development Association (has folded but ex member trustees continue to support the museum)
- Local Council Representatives
- Opted members from local community agreed by board
- Garvagh High School Staff & Board of Governors (as the school is now closed there is no new representation although the former staff and governors have remained on the board)

None of the Trustees has any beneficial interest in the company. All of the Trustees are members of the company and guarantee to contribute £1 in the event of a winding up.

GARVAGH MUSEUM LIMITED


TRUSTEES' REPORT (INCLUDING DIRECTORS' REPORT) (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024

Organisational structure

The organisational structure of Garvagh Museum Limited is as following:

- Chairperson- Mrs P Hutchinson
- Vice Chair- Mr A Fleming
- Treasurer- Mr I Davidson
- Secretary- Mrs Jean Moffatt

The Trustees' report was approved by the Board of Trustees.


Pearl Hutchinson (Dec 16, 2024 17:31 GMT)

Mrs MME Hutchinson
Trustee

16 December 2024

Garvagh Museum Limited

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Annual return

GARVAGH MUSEUM LIMITED

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF GARVAGH MUSEUM LIMITED

I report on the financial statements of the Charity for the year ended 31 March 2024, which are set out on pages 6 to 13.

Respective responsibilities of charity Trustees and examiner

As the charity Trustees (and also the directors of the company for the purposes of company law) you are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006.

Having satisfied myself that the financial statements of the Charity are not required to be audited under Part 16 of the Companies Act 2006 and are eligible for independent examination, it is my responsibility to:

- examine the financial statements under section 65 of the Charities Act (Northern Ireland) 2008;
- follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Commission under section 65(9)(b) of the Charities Act (Northern Ireland) 2008; and
- state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of independent examiner's report

Our examination was carried out in accordance with the general Directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from you as trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a 'true and fair view' and the report is limited to those matters set out in the next statement.

My role is to state whether any material matters have come to my attention giving me cause to believe that:

- 1. Accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 386 of the Companies Act 2006; or
- 2. The financial statements do not accord with those accounting records; or
- 3. The financial statements do not comply with the accounting requirements of section 396 of the Companies Act 2006 and with the methods and principles of the Charities Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their financial statements in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102); or
- 4. There is further information needed for a proper understanding of the financial statements to be reached.

Independent examiner's statement

I have completed my examination and I 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.

IDS Chartered Accountants LLP

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Co Londonderry
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16 December 2024

Garvagh Museum Limited

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Accounts


Receipts and payments accounts

For the period from	01/04/2022	To	31/03/2023
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Section A Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds to the nearest £	Restricted funds to the nearest £	Endowment funds to the nearest £	Total funds to the nearest £	Last year to the nearest £
A1 Receipts					
Grants	5,000	-	-	5,000	9,772
Donations	1,961	-	-	1,961	750
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
A1 Sub total (Gross income for the Annual Return)	6,961	-	-	6,961	10,522
A2 Asset and investment sales (see tables 1 and 2 in section 7 of the guidance).					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
A2 Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	6,961	-	-	6,961	10,522
A3 Payments					
Rates, Light & Heat	1,205	-	-	1,205	896
Insurance	1,580	-	-	1,580	1,466
Repairs & Maintenance	492	-	-	492	57
Printing, Postage & Stationery	351	-	-	351	66
Telephone & Accountancy	714	-	-	714	634
Sundry Expenses	892	-	-	892	416
Bank Interest & Charges	116	-	-	116	89
Advertising	110	-	-	110	515
Website Costs	188	-	-	188	173
A3 Sub total	5,648	-	-	5,648	4,312
A4 Asset and investment purchases (see tables 1 and 2 in section 7 of the guidance)					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
A4 Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total payments	5,648	-	-	5,648	4,312
Net of receipts/(payments)	1,313	-	-	1,313	6,210
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	54,160	-	-	54,160	47,950
Cash funds this year end	55,473	-	-	55,473	54,160

Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees

Signature


Print Name

David McMeekin

Date of approval

31/01/2024

Garvagh Museum Limited

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Annual report

GARVAGH MUSEUM LIMITED

TRUSTEES' REPORT (INCLUDING DIRECTORS' REPORT) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023



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Objectives and activities

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The Trustees have paid due regard to guidance issued by the Charity Commission in deciding what activities the Charity should undertake.

Achievements and performance

The museum organises events and exhibitions in association with other community groups. The museum's collection grows solely from public donations and it currently comprises over 4,000 items, constituting one of the largest independent museum collections in Northern Ireland. The museum continues to grow its collection and to utilise this in following its aims and objectives. It remains one of the largest independent museums in Northern Ireland.

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Financial review

Throughout the financial year visitor numbers steadily increased as the general public became more relaxed about visiting public places

- Museum - 892
- Exhibitions - 2
- Groups - 13
- Outreach Event - 2

The pool of volunteers prepared to facilitate visitors has slightly increased. Opening hours have returned to a pre Covid pandemic footing, every Saturday in June and September and every Thursday to Saturday in July and August.

The new group visit category called "the family group" continues to help increase visitor numbers to the museum by pre-booking for a visit at a daytime or evening slot to suit the family.

Volunteers continue to input significant additional hours worked to meet guidelines on extra cleaning of toilets, glass displays, ongoing outdoor maintenance e.g. grass cutting, removal of ivy from the walled garden etc. An approximate total of 609 volunteer hours was recorded.

In recognition of the voluntary efforts of the museum over the years, the museum entered into a strategic partnership with Causeway Coast and Glens Council. The museum receives financial support in return for providing heritage-based services and facilities for local groups, individuals and tourists.

It is the policy of the Charity that unrestricted funds which have not been designated for a specific use should be maintained at a level equivalent to between three and six month's expenditure. The Trustees consider that reserves at this level will ensure that, in the event of a significant drop in funding, they will be able to continue the Charity's current activities while consideration is given to ways in which additional funds may be raised. This level of reserves has been maintained throughout the year.

The Trustees have assessed the major risks to which the Charity is exposed, and are satisfied that systems are in place to mitigate exposure to the major risks.

Structure, governance and management

The Charity is a company limited by guarantee.

The Trustees, who are also the directors for the purpose of company law, and who served during the year and up to the date of signature of the financial statements were:

- T Fleming
 - A Lytle
 - M Bradley
 - R Patterson
 - M Garvin
 - R McMurray-Nawn
 - A Cole
 - D McMeekin
 - J McFetridge
 - H Moore
- (Resigned 1 July 2022)

Trustees are appointed from the following community groups:

- Garvagh and District Development Association (has folded but ex member trustees continue to support the museum)
- Local Council Representatives
- Opted members from local community agreed by board
- Garvagh High School Staff & Board of Governors (as the school is now closed there is no new representation although the former staff and governors have remained on the board)

None of the Trustees has any beneficial interest in the company. All of the Trustees are members of the company and guarantee to contribute £1 in the event of a winding up.

The organisational structure of Garvagh Museum Limited is as following:

- Chairman - Mr D McMeekin
- Vice Chairman - Mrs P Hutchinson
- Treasurer - Mr T Davidson
- Secretary - Mr D McMeekin

Employee involvement

The Charity's policy is to consult and discuss with employees, through unions, staff councils and at meetings, matters likely to affect employees' interests.

Information of matters of concern to employees is given through information bulletins and reports which seek to achieve a common awareness on the part of all employees of the financial and economic factors affecting the group's performance.

The Trustees' report was approved by the Board of Trustees.

D McMeekin
Trustee

12 December 2023

Garvagh Museum Limited

Northern Ireland - Charity number 102847

Annual return

**INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT
TO THE TRUSTEES OF GARVAGH MUSEUM LIMITED**

I report to the Trustees on my examination of the financial statements of Garvagh Museum Limited (the Charity) for the year ended 31 March 2023.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the Trustees of the Charity (and also its directors for the purposes of company law) you are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 (the 2006 Act).

Having satisfied myself that the financial statements of the Charity are not required to be audited under Part 16 of the 2006 Act and are eligible for independent examination, I report in respect of our examination of the Charity's financial statements carried my under the Charities Act (Northern Ireland) 2008. In carrying out my examination I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charities Commission for Northern Ireland under section 65 (9)(b) of the 2008 Act.

Independent examiner's statement

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. The examination included review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from you as charity trustees concerning any such matters.

My roles is to state whether any material matters have come to my attention giving me cause to believe:

- 1 accounting records were not kept in respect of the Charity as required by section 386 of the 2006 Act; or
- 2 the financial statements do not accord with those records; or
- 3 the financial statements do not comply with the accounting requirements of section 396 of the 2006 Act other than any requirement that the accounts give a true and fair view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination; or
- 4 the financial statements have not been prepared in accordance with the methods and principles of the Statement of Recommended Practice for accounting and reporting by charities applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102).

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 Charity Commission for Northern Ireland, I have found no matters that require drawing to your attention.

Alison Wallace

**Alison Wallace
IDS Chartered Accountants LLP**

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Dated: 12 December 2023