

Hartford Friendship Club

Northern Ireland · Charity number 102956

Details

Status Received

Registered 2015-09-09

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

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Activities

Purposes: The Hartford Friendship Club is established for the relief of those in need providing social, recreational and educational activities for the over 55's in Armagh and surrounding areas.

What the charity does: The advancement of education, The advancement of citizenship or community development, The relief of those in need by reason of youth, age, ill-health, disability, financial hardship or other disadvantage

How the charity works: Community development, Cultural, Education/training, Relief of poverty, Sport/recreation, Volunteer development

Who the charity helps: Men, Older people, Women

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-06-05	£2,693	£14,866	£0	0

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Mr Sammy Hamilton		
Mrs Ann Stinson		
Mrs Eleanor Johnston		
Mrs Frances Nutt		
Mrs Heather Clarke		
Mrs Iris Williamson		
Mrs Jean Lee		
Mrs Lila Hawthorne		
Mrs Lorna George		
Mrs Madge Orr		
Mrs Margaret Dempster		

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Accounts

HARTFORD FRIENDSHIP CLUB – YEAR ENDED 5 JUNE, 2025

INCOME		EXPENDITURE	
Opening Bank Balance 3/6/24	12,172.70	Accountant (2024)	30.00
Refund from Epson (Printer)	50.00	Hall Insurance	497.00
Collection for Water Drops Charity		Catering Expenses at Meetings	95.78
Membership 67 @ £7	469.00	Easter Party	16.20
Christmas Raffle	245.00	Old Boys Band	50.00
Christmas Dinner 56 @ £5	280.00	Fresh Bite (Sandwiches)	120.00
Summer Outing 52 @ £10	520.00	Village Bakery (Pastry)	40.00
September Meal 51 @ £5	255.00	Lidl (Easter Eggs)	72.50
Door Collection	516.10	Easter Napkins	2.97
Money left from teas at Flower Arranging	23.60	Castle Hardware (Flasks)	77.00
		Speakers and Music	250.00
		Stationery and Stamps	80.49
		Hall Rent	440.00
		Meetings	240.00
		Flower Classes	79.99
		Projector Screen	249.00
		PA System	249.99
		Currys Printer	30.00
		St Marks (Car Parking 2024)	350.00
		Water Drops Charity	50.00
		Caretaker	20.00
		Tracey Powell (Grant Help)	300.00
		OL Flowers (Flower Classes)	
		Christmas Dinner	1,700.00
		B Henry Catering	25.00
		Waitresses Tip	22.50
		Table Decorations	100.00
		Gerry and Willy Music	

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	<u>£14,866.40</u>
September Meal Expenses	66.50
Johnstons Bakery	158.86
Eurospar	26.78
Napkins/Fresh Cream/Eggs	700.00
Summer Outing	1,490.00
Gray Coaches	7,235.84
Royal Hotel £50 dep+1440	£14,866.40
Balance in Bank	

Signed Elaine Black
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 Accountant

Signed Madge Orr
 10 Ballymorran Road
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YEAR ENDED 5 JUNE, 2024

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Opening Bank Balance	4,984.66	Catering Expenses	110.98
Membership Fees (64)	448.00	Speakers	200.00
Door collection	532.00	Hall Rent	440.00
<u>Grants</u>		Hall Insurance	480.00
ABC Council -		Postage and Stationery	134.13
Grant Running Costs		<u>Coronation Party</u>	
2023-24	1,000.00	Catering (Judith Rowntree)	620.00
2024-25	1,000.00	Music (Gerry Black)	100.00
Coronation Party	400.00	<u>Christmas Dinner</u>	
Awards for All Grant	8,990.00	Brian Henry (43 @ £30)	1,290.00
<u>Christmas Dinner</u>		Tip to Waitresses	25.00
(43 people @ £25)	1,075.00	Mr Clydesdale (Music)	60.00
<u>Summer Outing Deposits</u>	315.00	<u>Easter Party</u>	
<u>Charity</u>		Easter Eggs	17.45
Charlene's Project	171.00	Prizes	5.00
Raffles	442.00	<u>Charity</u>	
		Charlene's Project	171.00
		Hall Tables	1,482.00
		Table Covering	35.00
		Tracey Powell - Voucher (Help with grants)	30.00
		Committee Meal	179.40
		<u>Summer Outing</u>	
		Gray Coaches	500.00
		Valley Hotel	306.00
		Corrick House Hotel	999.00
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Annual report

ANNUAL REPORT 2023-24

We are pleased to report that membership is now starting to increase again with more people interested in joining the Club. Sadly, we lost some very valued members over the year.

We were delighted to obtain funding from Awards for All – Community Fund which will help to purchase tables and a sound system for the use of speakers. We will also be able to organise two outings and have flower arranging classes starting September. The grant we received from ABC Council will pay for the hire of the Hall, Public Liability insurance and stationery. If we did not have this funding we would find it difficult to provide a programme of activities which help reduce isolation and loneliness in the community.

In September, we celebrated the Coronation of King Charles III by holding a delicious buffet with Willie Clayton and Gerry Black providing music and entertainment afterwards.

We welcomed Rev Neville Hughes in October. There was much mirth and laughter when listening to his stories and jokes.

In November, a Whites Porridge Oats representative, Kelvin Henry gave us a good insight into the growth of the company and the products now being sold.

Our Christmas Dinner was well supported in December and we enjoyed a tasty dinner in the Hall provided by Brian Henry and music by Eric Clyde.

The Asha Team from the Royal School visited in January and told us of their visit to India to work in the slums and help those living in poverty.

In February, we enjoyed Aghavilly Accordion Ensemble with Eric as conductor. The band played a wide variety of tunes which had our feet tapping to the music.

Dr Dicky Barr from Charlene's Project spoke of his work in Uganda building schools. This was in memory of his daughter who died from cystic fibrosis at an early age and it was her wish to support this worthy cause. Members donated £171 to this project.

In April, we had an Easter Party with Mervyn Walker providing humorous stories and playing the 'tin whistle'. The Easter bonnets were notable and 'Guess Who' brought surprising results.

Richard Calvert from Richhill brought a large range of gardening products in May and many were purchased by members for their gardens. He demonstrated how to make window boxes and hanging baskets.

Our annual outing was held on 22nd May. We had morning coffee in the Valley Hotel with a visit to Enniskillen and an evening meal in Corrick House.

We look forward to the entertainment provided by Mark Hawthorne at the Annual General Meeting.

I would like to thank Lorna, Madge and the Committee who have worked tirelessly to provide a varied programme of activities for the Club members. The support and regular attendance of Club members is very much appreciated and we look forward to the growth of the Club next year.

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Membership Fees (64)	448.00	Speakers £380 donated to Charities by Speakers	550.00
Door collection (Teas) and Charity	623.00	Hall Rent	370.00
<u>Grants</u>		Hall Insurance	460.00
ABC Council Grant Running Costs 2022-23	1,000.00	Postage and Stationery	196.98
Jubilee Grant (2022)	400.00	Tesco: Easter Eggs	20.00
<u>Raffles</u>		ABC Council Return of unused grant/ Running costs (2021-22)	270.94
Barbeque	200.00	ABC Council Return of unused grant (Jubilee)	105.40
Christmas Dinner	203.00	<u>Barbeque</u>	
<u>Christmas Dinner</u>		Food and Catering Expenses	270.77
(46 members @ £20)	920.00	J Stoopes & Son In memory of the late Alex Stinson	100.00
<u>Summer Outing</u>		Death Notice	20.40
24 members @ £25	600.00	Parks Catering – Xmas Dinner	1,058.00
1 meal only	20.00	Philip Dalzell – Caretaker <i>Dalzell</i>	50.00
		Summer Outing	
		Gray Coaches	350.00
		Dinner – Armagh City Hotel	500.00
		Diamond Restaurant, Warrenpoint – Tea/ Coffee	115.00
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ANNUAL REPORT (2022-23) - HARTFORD FRIENDSHIP CLUB

We are happy to be up and running again after 'covid'. Unfortunately, membership has fallen due to some members not feeling confident to attend meetings and also some members are suffering from illness and we have lost some very long-standing members over the year. It was a shock when our Chairman passed away at the end of October but we appreciate that Lorna George stepped in and thank her for her hard work in keeping the Club running.

In September, 2022 we celebrated the late Queen Elizabeth's Jubilee with a BBQ and entertainment by Brian Johnston.

Paul McClelland from 'Make the Call' gave a talk in October and outlined all the benefits to which we might be entitled and encouraged everyone to telephone and check as many benefits are unclaimed by people.

The Ballybay Gospel Singers returned in November and delighted members with a concert of well-known gospel songs.

Our Annual Christmas Dinner was held in the Hall and was provided by Park Catering. Members enjoyed a traditional Christmas Dinner with music by Gerry Black and Willie Clayton afterwards.

In January, Keith Lyttle and the Ulster Scots Orchestra from Markethill entertained members with renditions of hymns, marches and popular songs.

Dr Rodgers from Armagh Health Centre gave some excellent advice on Diet, Exercise, Smoking and Alcohol in February. Her healthy eating and mental health awareness was of benefit to members and much appreciated.

The Committee felt it was not feasible to hold a Coffee Morning and it was postponed until a later date.

In March, Emma Davidson brought along a display of leather handbags and explained how they were crafted.

We held an Easter Party in April with a special supper. Drew Rowan, a very talented flautist from Corcraigh Flute Band demonstrated his talent with a very lively concert.

The role of a paramedic was outlined by Mark Dougan in May. Members were made aware of the trauma and stress in carrying out this vital service.

Our Annual Outing was held on 24th May. We had Morning Coffee in the Diamond, Warrenpoint, followed by a visit to Moygannon Garden Centre and free time in Newcastle. It was a beautiful sunny day and we returned to Armagh City Hotel for a delicious meal.

We have heard previously about 'Old Armagh' and tonight we look forward to Albert Nichol tell us about 'New Armagh'.

We have now secured some funding from ABC Council Grants which will help pay for the hire of the hall, insurance and stationery. Madge and Margaret have worked with Tracy Powell and we hope to secure further funding for next year's activities.

We hope you will aid us in increasing membership by bringing your friends to the meetings. The Committee is working tirelessly to keep the Club running and appreciate all your support over the past year. Thank you.

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