

Bayburn Historical Society

Northern Ireland · Charity number 103143

Details

Status	Received
Registered	2015-10-20
Register	View on the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland register

Contact

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Activities

Purposes: The aim of the Society shall be to encourage the study of and where feasible to record and publish, local history.

What the charity does: The advancement of education

How the charity works: Heritage/historical

Who the charity helps: General public

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2026-03-31	£1,008	£1,512	£0	0

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Dr Margaret Mulholland		
Miss Carol Dickinson		
Mr Brian White		
Mr Richard Morton		
Mrs Heather Brett		
Mrs Helen Moore		
Mrs Pat Brown		
Mrs Sandra Martin		

Accounts

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Statement of Receipts and Payments - Year ended 31st March 2026

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Endowment Funds	Total 2025/26	Total 2024/25
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Charitable Activities					
Membership Fees & Visitors	476.00	-	-	476.00	447.00
AGM Meal/Entertainment	532.00	-	-	532.00	616.00
Outings	-	-	-	-	741.00
Grants	-	-	-	-	-
Sundry income	-	-	-	-	-

<u>Receipts</u>	1,008.00	-	-	1,008.00	1,804.00
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f Charitable Activities					
Hire of Hall	250.00	-	-	250.00	250.00
FULS Membership	50.00	-	-	50.00	50.00
FULS Public Liability Insurance	40.00	-	-	40.00	60.00
AGM Meal/Entertainment	541.05	-	-	541.05	604.00
Outings	-	-	-	-	710.00
Sundry Expenditures	16.50	-	-	16.50	18.00
Speakers	415.00	-	-	415.00	275.00
Petty Cash Expenditures	-	-	-	-	-
Gratuities/gifts	-	-	-	-	50.00
Stationary	-	-	-	-	-
Grants and Donations	200.00	-	-	200.00	-

<u>Payments</u>	1,512.55	-	-		2,017.00
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<u>Receipts / Payments</u>	-£ 504.55	£ -	£ -	-£ 213.00	
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<u>is / Deficit for the year</u>	-£ 504.55	£ -	£ -	-£ 213.00	
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conciliation 31/3/26

Cash at Bank 31/3/2025	£ 4,612.16	£ -	£ -	
Uncleared Transactions				
Cash in Hand 31/3/2025	£ 62.93	£ -	£ -	
	£ 4,675.09	£ -	£ -	

<u>Surplus/Deficit for this year</u>	-£ 504.55
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Cash at Bank 31/3/2026	£ 4,092.52
Uncleared transactions	
Cash in Hand 31/3/2026	£ 78.02
Actual Balance	£ 4,170.54

Total Calculated Balance	£ 4,170.54
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Statement of Receipts and Payments - Year ended 31st March 2025

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Endowment Funds	Total 2024/25	Total 2023/24	Total 2022/23
<u>Receipts</u>						
From Charitable Activities						
Membership Fees	447.00	-	-	447.00	435.00	525.00
AGM Meal/Entertainment	616.00	-	-	616.00	720.00	667.00
Outings	741.00	-	-	741.00	1154.00	1,089.00
Grants	-	-	-	-	100.00	-
Sundry income	-	-	-	-	100.00	10.00
FULS membership refund	-	-	-	-	0.00	0.00
Total Receipts	1,804.00	-	-		2509.00	2,291.00
<u>Payments</u>						
Cost of Charitable Activities						
Hire of Hall	250.00	-	-	250.00	250.00	350.00
FULS Membership	50.00	-	-	50.00	25.00	50.00
FULS Public Liability Insurance	60.00	-	-	60.00	25.00	15.00
AGM Meal/Entertainment	604.00	-	-	604.00	720.00	638.00
Outings	710.00	-	-	710.00	1160.00	1,081.00
Sundry Expenditures	18.00	-	-	18.00	17.74	-
Speakers	275.00	-	-	275.00	300.00	140.00
Petty Cash Expenditures	-	-	-	-	10.05	11.05
Gratuities/gifts	50.00	-	-	50.00	190.00	30.00
Stationary	-	-	-	-	29.00	-
Grants and Donations	-	-	-	-	-	1,000.00
Total Payments	2,017.00	-	-		2,726.79	3,315.05
Net Receipts / Payments	-£ 213.00	£ -	£ -		-£ 217.79	-£ 1,024.05
Transfers to/From Funds	£ -		0	0		
Surplus / Deficit for the year	-£ 213.00	£ -	£ -		-£ 217.79	-£ 1,024.05
<u>Reconciliation 31/3/22</u>						
Cash at Bank 31/3/2024	£ 4,796.16	£ -	£ -			
Uncleared Transactions						
Cash in Hand 31/3/2024	£ 91.93	£ -	£ -			
	£ 4,888.09	£ -	£ -			
Surplus/Deficit for this year	-£ 213.00					
Cash at Bank 31/3/2025	£ 4,612.16					
Uncleared transactions	£ -					
Cash in Hand 31/3/2025	£ 62.93					
Actual Balance	£ 4,675.09					
Total Calculated Balance	£ 4,675.09					

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BayBurn Historical Society – Secretary's Annual Report for 2024-25

To finish our 2023-24 season we had our annual outing, to The Balance House near Glenavy which is run by the Ulster New Zealand Trust. The house is the birthplace of John Balance, (1839-93) the Premier of New Zealand, who founded NZ's great reforming Liberal party, ensured that women could vote, a world first, and 25 years before the UK. The exhibition was most interesting, and hard to leave to continue our day by visiting Antrim Castle Gardens.

Our 35th season opened in September 2024, with our guest speaker Mr. Eric Woods, who gave us an enthusiastic talk on "The Silk Roads" as he described not one, but several routes of trade through China, Indonesia, Uzbekistan and Kurdistan.

October brought a return of Mr. John Witchell the retired estate manager, for Lady Dufferin & the Clandeboye Estate. His talk on The Blackwood Family, from the 1880's with photographs where possible was enlightening.

In November Moira O'Rourke, Heritage Development Officer for North Down Museum, gave a talk on the restoration of the Gun Powder Store at the Moat in Donaghadee. The Store was conserved and restored in 2021, and is now home to the only accessible Camera Obscura on the island of Ireland.

In 2025 the January speaker was Mark Doherty and he gave a very interesting talk on Lord Pirrie, Chairman of Harland & Wolff, & a man of influence. He and his wife gave of their time and money to help their community, and were responsible for the building of the Royal Victoria Hospital.

In February Alison Murphy came from Portaferry to relate the town's ship building industry, and showed photographs of the shoreline with the various firms who were engaged in the activity. Portaferry was at that time a charming, bustling town, which as well as the shipbuilding also had a brewery. Ships set sail from there to Newfoundland with people seeking a new life.

March was a non event as our speaker double booked himself, and although he did arrive late in the night, most of our members had gone home. I must again apologise for this wasted evening. I would like to take this opportunity to thank the committee on my behalf, when I was ill last year, especially Carol, Pat & Richard who got the programme of speakers and circulated it to all members.

8th May 2025

Sandra Martin, Secretary

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Annual return

Independent examiner's report on the accounts

Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

**Report to the trustees/
members of**

Bayburn Historical Society

**On accounts for the year
ended**

31st March 2025

**Charity no
(if any)**

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**Respective
responsibilities of
trustees and examiner**

The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144 of the Charities Act 2011 (the Charities Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under section 145 of the Charities Act,
- to follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Charity Commission (under section 145(5)(b) of the Charities Act, and
- to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

**Basis of independent
examiner's statement**

My examination was carried out in accordance with 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 the 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 statement below.

**Independent
examiner's statement**

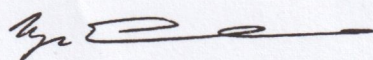
In connection with my examination, no material matters have come to my attention which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect,:

- the accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act; or
- the accounts did not accord with the accounting records; or
- the accounts did not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 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.

I have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in this report in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

** Please delete the words in the brackets if they do not apply.*

Signed:



Date:

2nd May 2025

Name:

Mervyn Erskine

Relevant professional qualification(s) or body (if any):

Not Applicable

Address:

37 Fort Road, Helens Bay, Co. Down, Northern Ireland. BT19 1TR

Section B

Disclosure

Only complete if the examiner needs to highlight matters of concern (see CC32, Independent examination of charity accounts: directions and guidance for examiners).

Give here details of any items that the examiner wishes to disclose.

No disclosures.

Accounts

Bayburn Historical Society Receipts and Payment Accounts

Statement of Receipts and Payments - Year ended 31st March 2024

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Endowment Funds	Total 2023/24	Total 2022/23
<u>Receipts</u>					
From Charitable Activities					
Membership Fees	435.00	-	-	435.00	525.00
AGM Meal/Entertainment	720.00	-	-	720.00	667.00
Outings	1154.00	-	-	1154.00	1,089.00
Grants	0.00	100.00	-	100.00	-
Sundry income	100.00	-	-	100.00	10.00
FULS membership refund	0.00			0.00	0.00
<u>Total Receipts</u>	2,409.00	100.00	-	2509.00	2,291.00
<u>Payments</u>					
Cost of Charitable Activities					
Hire of Hall	250.00	-	-	250.00	350.00
FULS Membership	25.00	-	-	25.00	50.00
FULS Public Liability Insurance	25.00	-	-	25.00	15.00
AGM Meal/Entertainment	720.00	-	-	720.00	638.00
Outings	1160.00	-	-	1160.00	1,081.00
Sundry Expenditures	17.74			17.74	
Speakers	200.00	100.00	-	300.00	140.00
Petty Cash Expenditures	10.05	-	-	10.05	11.05
Gratuities/gifts	190.00			190.00	30.00
Stationary	29.00			29.00	-
Grants and Donations	-			-	1,000.00
<u>Total Payments</u>	2,626.79	100.00	-	2,726.79	3,315.05
<u>Net Receipts / Payments</u>	-£ 217.79	£ -	£ -	-£ 217.79	-£ 1,024.05
<u>Transfers to/From Funds</u>	£ -	0	0		
<u>Surplus / Deficit for the year</u>	-£ 217.79	£ -	£ -	-£ 217.79	-£ 1,024.05
<u>Reconciliation 31/3/22</u>					
Cash at Bank 31/3/2023	£ 5,024.90	£ -	£ -		
Uncleared Transactions					
Cash in Hand 31/3/2023	£ 80.98	£ -	£ -		
	<u>£ 5,105.88</u>	<u>£ -</u>	<u>£ -</u>		
Surplus/Deficit for this year	-£ 217.79				
Cash at Bank 31/3/2024	£ 4,796.16				
Uncleared transactions	£ -				
Cash in Hand 31/3/2024	£ 91.93				
Actual Balance	<u>£ 4,888.09</u>				
Total Calculated Balance	<u>£ 4,888.09</u>				

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Following last year's AGM & Dinner, the Society enjoyed an outing to Portaferry in June, where we visited the Portico Arts & Heritage Centre, a beautiful church which once restored changed to a public venue with music of all types, but still has Christian worship on Sundays. Then followed a guided walking tour around the town by Brigid Watson, who provided us with ear pieces and audio devices, while she described the history of Portaferry, and the walk ended at the Ropewalk Maritime Heritage Museum, all most interesting. 19 Members attended.

Our new Season started in September with a fascinating talk by our then chairman, Robin Masefield on Irish administrators in 19th century China, Japan & Korea. His book on the subject was launched in August at various venues including Bangor Castle, & Queen's University. After his talk, Robin was presented with a gift token from the Society as he & his wife Rosemary bid us farewell to return to England to live. 25 members in attendance.

The talk in October by Mark Doherty, told of "Idalia" a motor launch built at Harland & Wolff, an unusual venture for them. The vessel's subsequent launch and the misfortune of Idalia's owner. 19 members attended.

In November our speaker was John Witchell and his talk was entitled The Chronicles of Clondeboyne. He showed on screen, ancient maps of how the landscape of Clondeboyne and surrounding area had changed over the years. He is currently doing a Post Graduate Research on the area, and provided the first of a series of walks, with a narrative which was sent to all members with email, with the request that they would give feedback to him on the walks. 25 members attended.

In December, members attended the funeral of Mrs. Helen White, an Honorary Member, whose husband Stuart was one of the founder members of our Society. Helen was a remarkable lady who was interested in everything, and sadly missed.

The January meeting was postponed due to bad weather and only 8 members proposing to attend. And so we missed saying goodbye to Charles & Joyce Pople, another couple who moved back to England. The talk was rearranged for April, when we heard Moira O'Rourke on the Archaeology in North Down. Moira was an excellent speaker, who gave insight into the past, and the various people who came to live here, their habits and husbandry through the ages. 15 members attended.

Our February speaker was Peter Gibson, an enthusiast on the history of Groomsport, and we heard about the ship that set sail to the New World, but didn't make it, turning back to Groomsport and the Eagle Wings festival that is held each year, along with many other interesting facts. 22 attended.

In March we had Robert Bell from S D Bell & Co Ltd. The company, a family business celebrated 125 years in business back in 2012, originally opened as a grocery shop, then specialising in tea & coffee. Robert explained how coffee was first discovered, by a goatherd watching his flock and he noticed that when the goats ate the berries from a certain tree, they were very spirited and less inclined to sleep. Robert went on to cover the many varieties of coffee, and how the roasting of the beans makes the flavour. 17 members attended.

As a Society we enjoy hearing from the different speakers, and meeting socially over a cup of tea/coffee at the end of our speaker's talk and question and answer session. But we are an aging group and we need new members urgently. The committee must decide on the way forward, so that we can keep going.

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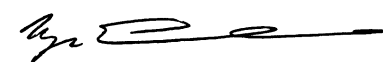
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Date:

22nd April 2024

Name:

Mervyn Erskine

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