

Templepatrick and District Historical Society

Northern Ireland · Charity number 103149

Details

Status Received

Registered 2015-09-09

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

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Activities

Purposes: The aims of the Society are: (1) The study of and encouragement of public interest in the history, folklore, archaeology and antiquities of the region in and around Templepatrick. (2)The encouragement of the publication of research papers, recording of audio and visual materials and a website on the topics above, to establish a Society Archive. (3)To interact with other local Historical groups, where possible with a view to promoting interest in the study of our history.

What the charity does: The advancement of education

How the charity works: Heritage/historical,Research/evaluation

Who the charity helps: General public

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-04-27	£2,557	£2,557	£0	0

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Mr Alan Walbridge		
Mr John Sheldon		
Mr Raymond Harbison		
Mr Ronnie Davis		
Mrs Hilary Beckett		
Mrs Joan Cinnamon		

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Annual report 2023/2024

Templepatrick and District Historical Society got off to a less than auspicious start in September 2023 when we visited St John's Parish church at Donegore. It was one of the wettest Saturdays of the season and, as a result, numbers were very low. Nevertheless, John Sheldon gave his small but select audience a most interesting history of the church and affiliated members.

In October, we returned to the Old Presbyterian Church hall where representatives from Antrim and Newtownabbey council posed, then tried to answer, the question- Antrim Castle fire- was it an accident or was it arson. As it was the one hundredth anniversary of the tragedy, this was an apt lecture, and they clearly set out the facts as known and allowed people to draw their own conclusions.

In November, Adrian Steele took the Society on a virtual stroll through old buildings along the Antrim Road, beginning in Belfast town and concluding in Templepatrick. This included a lot of social history. A notable glimpse of bygone times was the "singing in" of the Loom Mistresses in the mills.

Due to a change of plans, Damian Donaghy visited in January. His topic was the history of Drumalis House, Larne. This building has served various purposes throughout the years, and is now a Retreat House.

For our members' Night in February we invited Danny Kinahan to recall growing up in Templepatrick village and his memories of life in Castle Upton. His talk included his army career and his present job.

In March, Ron Bishop described a little known subject- "The Belgian Invasion of Ulster 1945"

Unfortunately the scheduled speaker for April did not appear and, after an initial panic, Ronnie Davis saved the day by producing a quiz previously prepared for just such an occasion. Well done Ronnie!

A big thank you to all Committee members and our loyal members. Attendance at meetings remains low and it is difficult to recruit new people, so if you know someone who has an interest in things of the past, please invite them to one of our meetings. We are grateful to Templepatrick Old Presbyterian church for the use of their comfortable Hall and facilities.

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Templepatrick and District Historical Society Report for 2022-2013

The 2022-2023 season of Templepatrick And District Historical Society opened with a visit from Jack McKinney who entertained with extracts from his recent book-"Tales of a lifetime." He even brought his own fan club!

In October, a representative from Clifton House presented a talk on the reality of "Life in the Poor House." This contrasted our comfortable present day with the hardships of the past.

Frazier Agnew came in January. He told of his research for his book "The Fallen of Newtownabbey 1914-1918." Again, a reminder of the horrors of war and the work of volunteers to preserve and maintain memorial sites. John Sheldon took part in Members' Night in February by relating the story of John/Sean Lester.

In March, Linda Houston brought the biography of McCartney of Lissanoure who travelled widely in Europe- even visiting Russia and becoming an ambassador to China.

The final meeting of the season featured Guy Warnock who presented "Operation Sandstone."

Thank you to Templepatrick Old Presbyterian church for allowing us to use their facilities and a personal thank you to Committee members who willingly helped when requested.

Also, thank you to the members for your attendance and positive feedback.

Coming back from Covid has not been easy as people remain reluctant to leave their homes. Hopefully, this will improve and I encourage you to spread the word and also remember to bring your cup and a friend.

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TEMPLEPATRICK & DISTRICT HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Honorary Treasurer's Statement of Accounts for the Years ended 31st March 2023

Opening Balance at Bank 23rd March 2022 £2,441.57

Income

Cashbox 28-3-22	£35.02	
Membership	£310.00	
Visitors	<u>£51.00</u>	£396.02

TOTALS

£2,837.59

Expenditure

Hire of Hall 2022	£120.00
Speakers' fees/charity donations	£70.00
FULS Ltd membership (2022-23)	£25.00
FULS Ltd PL Insurance (2022 - 23)	£40.00
Postage	£15.90
Bank charges	£36.86
Cashbox 28-3-23	<u>£28.02</u>
	£335.78

Ulster Bank account 24th March 2023

£2,501.81

£2,837.59

I have examined the Statement of Accounts from the books and vouchers submitted to me by Mr R. Davis, Honorary Treasurer and consider them to be a true and correct record

Signed



Edward Cinnamon, Honorary Auditor

Date 12 10 2023