

Rock and District Historical Society

Northern Ireland · Charity number 103180

Details

Status Received

Registered 2015-07-07

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

Contact

Address 16 Moneygaragh Road
Dungannon
County Tyrone
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Activities

Purposes: The society is established to advance public education through the promotion, development and dissemination of knowledge of the history, archaeology, folklore, traditional crafts and antiquities of the Rock and its environs and in particular to: a) Carry out research by collecting, recording and publishing information on all aspects of local history of the Rock and its environs.

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

How the charity works: Heritage/historical

Who the charity helps: General public

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2024-10-31	£5,115	£3,567	£0	0

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Kathy Dougherty		
Miss Ellen Doris		
Mr Aeneas Quinn		
Mr Eugene Grimes		
Mr John Mc Nally		
Patsy Cunningham		

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Accounts

ROCK & DISTRICT HISTORICAL SOCIETY
NORTHERN IRELAND CHARITY No NIC103180
REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE 12 MONTH PERIOD ENDED 31 OCTOBER 2024

McDonald O'Neill & Co.
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TRUSTEES REPORT

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- The new fiscal year began in November 2023 with a presentation from Brendan Gormley on 'Folk Tales from the Sperrins.' In December, Lolly Spence gave a talk on 'The Wheel of the year.' This was followed in January 2024 with a 'Show and Tell' event, where audience members brought their own antiques and treasures to display. In February, we held our annual 'Music Night.' It was very well attended, as always. The March 2024 meeting featured Clive Scoular giving a talk on Charles Stewart Parnell and the fiscal year ended with a presentation by Brendan Gormley on 'Ring Forts around the Rock' in October 2024.

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The Society also organized a one-day outing in August 2024. The day included visits to Malahide Castle and Gardens and Bru na Boinne (Newgrange) Visitor Centre, along with a delicious meal at the Valley Inn near Dunleer. Approximately 40 people participated in this educational tour.

In addition to the programmes and one-day outing, the society also maintained its Facebook page, which now has 531 followers.

Financial Review

The Trustees have a procedure in place to review the accounts annually. The charity's accounts will be prepared each year to 31 October. These accounts cover the year to 31 October 2024 and reveal a surplus of £1,548.

SIGNED:  DATE: 20-8-25
Trustee

SIGNED:  DATE: 20-9-25
Trustee

ROCK & DISTRICT HISTORICAL SOCIETY

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Independent examiner's statement

We have completed our examination and 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, we have found no matters that require drawing to your attention.

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Co. Tyrone

Date: *20/08/25*

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**SUMMARY INCOME & EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 OCTOBER 2024**

	2024	2023
	£	£
INCOME		
Grants and donations	2,250	1,635
Door takings	790	525
Hall hire	-	-
Trip receipts	2,075	2,460
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Total Income	5,115	4,620
EXPENDITURE		
Course expenses	-	-
Light and heat	439	556
Speakers fees	485	315
Food costs	125	118
Stationery and adverts	-	-
Repairs and maintenance	-	-
Trip expenses	2,216	3,497
Insurance	-	-
Rent	-	-
Other expenses	140	61
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	3,405	4,547
Financial Expenses		
Bank charges	162	126
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Total Expenses	3,567	4,673
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SURLUS/(DEFICIT) FOR THE YEAR	1,548	(53)
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We approve the financial statements which comprise the Revenue Account, Balance Sheet and Notes. We acknowledge our responsibility for the financial statements, including the appropriateness of the accounting policies, and for providing McDonald O'Neill & Co. with all information and explanations necessary for their compilation.

SIGNED: John M. Pully DATE: 20-8-25
Trustee

SIGNED: Kathy Dougherty DATE: 20-8-25
Trustee

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BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31 OCTOBER 2024

	Notes	2024 £	2023 £
FIXED ASSETS			
Equipment		-	-
		-----	-----
CURRENT ASSETS			
Bank Accounts		6,990	5,442
Debtor		-	-
		-----	-----
		6,990	5,442
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CURRENT LIABILITIES			
Creditors & Accruals		-	-
		-----	-----
NET CURRENT LIABILITIES/ASSETS		6,990	5,442
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DEFERRED CREDIT		-	-
		-----	-----
TOTAL ASSETS		6,990	5,442
		=====	=====
Represented By:			
Funds at start of the year		5,442	5,495
Surplus/(Deficit) for year		1,548	(53)
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FUNDS BALANCE		6,990	5,442
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In addition to the programmes and one-day outing, the society also maintained its Facebook page, which now has 445 followers.

Financial Review

The Trustees have a procedure in place to review the accounts annually. The charity's accounts will be prepared each year to 31 October. These accounts cover the year to 31 October 2023 and reveal a deficit of £53.

SIGNED: John M. Kelly
Trustee

DATE: 23-8-24

SIGNED: Kathy Dougherty
Trustee

DATE: 24-8-24

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Date: *24/08/24*

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**SUMMARY INCOME & EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 OCTOBER 2023**

	2023	2022
	£	£
INCOME		
Grants and donations	1,635	1,320
Door takings	525	25
Hall hire	-	-
Trip receipts	2,460	830
Total Income	4,620	2,175
EXPENDITURE		
Course expenses	-	-
Light and heat	556	640
Speakers fees	315	325
Food costs	118	700
Stationery and adverts	-	-
Repairs and maintenance	-	-
Trip expenses	3,497	280
Insurance	-	15
Rent	-	-
Other expenses	61	656
Financial Expenses	4,547	2,616
Bank charges	126	109
Total Expenses	4,673	2,725
(DEFICIT)/SURPLUS FOR THE YEAR	(53)	(550)

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SIGNED: John M. Nally
Trustee

DATE: 23-8-24

SIGNED: Rathie Donoherty
Trustee

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BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31 OCTOBER 2023

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FIXED ASSETS			
Equipment		-	-
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CURRENT ASSETS			
Bank Accounts		5,442	5,494
Debtor		-	-
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		5,442	5,494
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CURRENT LIABILITIES			
Creditors & Accruals		-	-
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NET CURRENT LIABILITIES/ASSETS		5,442	5,494
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DEFERRED CREDIT		-	-
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TOTAL ASSETS		5,442	5,494
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Represented By:			
Funds at start of the year		5,495	6,045
Surplus/(Deficit) for year		(53)	(550)
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FUNDS BALANCE		5,442	5,495
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'Asian Volcano Erupts: Ireland Suffers,' and in March, local historian Eoin Boyle gave a presentation on 'Lime Kilns in the Rock Area.'

The Society also organized a one-day outing to Belfast in October. The day included visits to the Crumlin Road Gaol and the Ulster Folk Museum and a shared meal. Approximately 30 people participated in this educational tour. When the new programme season began in October 2022, we were able to meet again at the Old School in the Rock. That month, local author Maura Johnston gave a presentation on the 'hearth language' Seamus Heaney used in his writings.

Financial Review

The Trustees have a procedure in place to review the accounts annually. The charity's accounts will be prepared each year to 31 October. These accounts cover the year to 31 October 2022 and reveal a deficit of £550

SIGNED: John M. Nally DATE: 22-8-23
Trustee

SIGNED: Kathryn Dougherty DATE: 27-8-23
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Door takings	25	-
Hall hire	-	-
Trip receipts	830	-
Total Income	<u>2,175</u>	<u>625</u>
EXPENDITURE		
Course expenses	-	-
Light and heat	640	386
Speakers fees	325	225
Food costs	700	-
Stationery and adverts	-	-
Repairs and maintenance	-	-
Trip expenses	280	-
Insurance	15	-
Rent	-	-
Other expenses	656	215
	<u>2,616</u>	<u>826</u>
Financial Expenses		
Bank charges	109	82
Total Expenses	<u>2,725</u>	<u>908</u>
(DEFICIT)/SURPLUS FOR THE YEAR	<u>(550)</u>	<u>(283)</u>

We approve the financial statements which comprise the Revenue Account, Balance Sheet and Notes. We acknowledge our responsibility for the financial statements, including the appropriateness of the accounting policies, and for providing McDonald O'Neill & Co. with all information and explanations necessary for their compilation.

SIGNED: John McNally
Trustee

DATE: 22-8-23

SIGNED: Kathy Dougherty
Trustee

DATE: 22-8-23

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BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31 OCTOBER 2022

	Notes	2022 £	2021 £
FIXED ASSETS			
Equipment		-	-
		-----	-----
CURRENT ASSETS			
Bank Accounts		5,494	6045
Debtor		-	-
		-----	-----
		5,494	6,045
		-----	-----
CURRENT LIABILITIES			
Creditors & Accruals		-	-
		-----	-----
NET CURRENT LIABILITIES/ASSETS			
		5,494	6,045
		-----	-----
DEFERRED CREDIT			
		-	-
		-----	-----
TOTAL ASSETS			
		5,494	6,045
		=====	=====
Represented By:			
Funds at start of the year		6,045	6,328
Surplus/(Deficit) for year		(550)	(283)
		-----	-----
FUNDS BALANCE			
		5,495	6,045
		=====	=====

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**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE 12 MONTH TO 31 OCTOBER 2022**

1. CHARITY COMMISSION

The Club has been registered as a Charity by the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland with effect from July 2015.

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TRUSTEES REPORT

Structure, Governance & Management in Northern Ireland

The current Trustees and members of the Committee are:-

- Mr John McNally (Chairperson)
- Mr Frank Mullan
- Mr Aeneas Quinn
- Mr Eugene Grimes
- Mr Peter McLernon
- Miss Ellen Doris
- Mrs Kathy Dougherty

The day to day running of the charity is managed by Mr John McNally.

Charitable Status

The Club has been accepted as a charity for tax purposes by the Inland Revenue.

The Club has been registered with the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland from 7th July 2015 under the Charity number:-

NIC103180

Statement of Compliance

In setting our objectives and planning our activities for the year the trustees have given careful consideration to the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland's guidance on public benefit to ensure that the activities have helped to achieve the charity's purposes and provide a benefit to the beneficiaries.

Principal Activities

- The Rock & District Historical Society is established to advance public education through the promotion, development and dissemination of knowledge of the history, archaeology, folklore, traditional crafts and antiquities of the Rock and its environs. The society also carries out research by collecting, recording and publishing information on all aspects of local history of the Rock and local area.
- Due to ongoing Covid restrictions, most of the society's programmes for the year were carried out via Zoom online videoconferencing. In November 2021, Dr Michael Simms, from National Museums Northern Ireland, gave a presentation on Meteorites of Northern Ireland. This was followed in December by Johnny Dooher and his talk on 'Politics and the Partition Issue in Tyrone 1900-1940'. In January 2022 our online presenter was Donal McAnallen who presented 'Echoes of the Past in Tyrone'. Unfortunately, the Society's annual music night, typically held in February, had to be cancelled due to the Covid restrictions. In its place, Frank Mayes gave a talk titled

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'Asian Volcano Erupts: Ireland Suffers,' and in March, local historian Eoin Boyle gave a presentation on 'Lime Kilns in the Rock Area.'

The Society also organized a one-day outing to Belfast in October. The day included visits to the Crumlin Road Gaol and the Ulster Folk Museum and a shared meal. Approximately 30 people participated in this educational tour. When the new programme season began in October 2022, we were able to meet again at the Old School in the Rock. That month, local author Maura Johnston gave a presentation on the 'hearth language' Seamus Heaney used in his writings.

Financial Review

The Trustees have a procedure in place to review the accounts annually. The charity's accounts will be prepared each year to 31 October. These accounts cover the year to 31 October 2022 and reveal a deficit of £550

SIGNED: John M. Nally
Trustee

DATE: 22-8-23

SIGNED: Kathryn Dougherty
Trustee

DATE: 27-8-23

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INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF ROCK & DISTRICT HISTORICAL SOCIETY

We report to the charity trustees on our examination of the accounts for the year ended 31 October 2022 which are set out on pages 7 to 8.

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

As the charity trustees you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act (Northern Ireland) 2008.

It is our responsibility to:

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

Basis of independent examiner's report

We have examined your charity accounts as required under section 65 of the Charities Act and our 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.

Our examination included 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 charity trustees concerning any such matters.

Our role is to state whether any material matters have come to our attention giving us cause to believe:

1. That accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 63 of the Charities Act
2. That the accounts do not accord with those accounting records
3. That the accounts do not comply with the accounting requirements of the Charities Act
4. That there is further information needed for a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Independent examiner's statement

We have completed our examination and 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, we have found no matters that require drawing to your attention.

McDonald O'Neill & Co
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Chartered Accountants

5 Union Buildings

Union Place

Dungannon

Co. Tyrone

Date: *23-08-23*