

# EAST BELFAST HISTORICAL SOCIETY

## TRUSTEES' ANNUAL REPORT 2024 - 2025

The objects of the Society as set out in the Constitution are to advance education and promote the benefit of the people of the East Belfast area and their environs in Belfast, particularly with regard to local and national history.

Membership is open to anyone over the age of 18 who supports the above objects, irrespective of ethnic identity, disability, age, gender, political opinion, nationality, sexual orientation, marital status or religion.

The Society operates in East Belfast, but members and visitors from other areas are welcome and may attend our monthly meetings which are usually held from September to May.

Throughout the year, we maintained our normal routine of monthly meetings, with the usual varied programme of talks on topics of local interest by prominent local speakers. In May 2024, some 25 members and guests visited Killyleagh Castle, the oldest inhabited castle in Ireland. We were shown around by the owner, Mr Gawn Rowan Hamilton, the Lord-Lieutenant for Co Down, whose family have lived in the castle since the 17<sup>th</sup> century. The visit concluded with a walk around local points of interest, and lunch in a local restaurant.

The Society does not meet from June to September, and during these months a bulletin is issued to members to keep them up to date with any developments. It also includes short articles of local interest contributed by members or contacts outside the Society.

The Trustees of the East Belfast Historical Society confirm that they have complied with their duty in accordance with the Constitution.

Approved and signed on behalf of the Trustees.

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Raymond Turner

Honorary Secretary