

Strabane History society

Northern Ireland · Charity number 103363

Details

Status Overdue

Registered 2015-07-21

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

Contact

Address 3 Carrick Strand
Strabane
County Tyrone
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Website www.strabanehistorysociety.org.uk

Activities

Purposes: The study of and encouragement of public interest in the history and folklife, archaeology and antiquities of the area. The publication of occasional research papers on the above topics and the establishment of a society archive

What the charity does: The advancement of education, The advancement of citizenship or community development, The advancement of the arts, culture, heritage or science, The advancement of human rights, conflict resolution or reconciliation or the promotion of religious or racial harmony or equality and diversity

How the charity works:

Arts, Cross-border/cross-community, Cultural, Education/training, Heritage/historical, Research/evaluation, Rural development, Volunteer development

Who the charity helps: Adult training, General public, Older people, Voluntary and community sector, Youth (14-25 year olds)

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2024-03-31	£361	£602	£0	0

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
John Doher		
Michael G. Kennedy		
Pat Mcguigan		

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31 March 2024

	<u>Unrestricted Funds</u>	<u>Total</u>
Opening cash	£9,006.44	£9,006.44
Net surplus	-£241.23	-£241.23
Closing cash	<u>£8,765.21</u>	<u>£8,765.21</u>

Represented by

Opening Bank/Cash balance	
Current account	£3,680.45
Saver account	£5,325.99
	£9,006.44
Net income	-£241.23
Closing bank balance	<u>£8,765.21</u>

Bank and cash balances:

Bank - current account	3,270.66
Bank - saver account	5,494.55
	<u>8,765.21</u>

Approved by the Trustees on 10/2/25 and signed on their behalf by

Signed Treasurer

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Signed Chairman

Michael G Kennedy

Notes to the Receipts and Payments account

Note 1 - Membership

Jan-24 £192.00

£192.00

Note 4 - Speakers

5/5/23	-£60.00	Boyd Gray
4/12/23	-£75.00	Jim Timmeny
30/1/24	-£20.00	Roddy Hegarty
29/12/23	-£100.00	Liz Weir
25/3/24	-£60.00	Dave Atherton
	<u>-£315.00</u>	

Note 2 - Bank Charges

9/6/23	-£10.79	Mar23-May23
8/9/23	-£8.00	Jun23 - Aug23
8/12/23	-£8.58	Sep23 - Nov23
10/3/24	-£12.57	Dec23 - Feb24

-£39.94

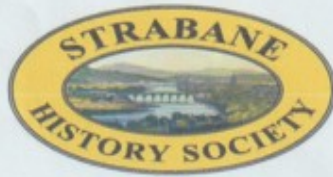
Note 3 - Operational costs

10/10/23	-£199.25	IT HostirJust Host
6/12/23	-£47.60	Printing
Various	-£315.00	Speakers - Note 4

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CHARITY ACCOUNTS
2022-23

Statement of Receipts and Payments

1st April 2022 - 31st March 2023

INCOME

From charitable activities:

Membership	Note 1	£184.00
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TOTAL INCOME		£184.00
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EXPENDITURE

Costs of charitable activities:

Bank Charges	Note 2	-£35.48
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Operational Costs	Note 3	-£351.77
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TOTAL EXPENDITURE		-£387.25
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NET DEFICIT		-£203.25
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Reconciliation 31 March 2022

Opening Bank/Cash balance	£9,217.08
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Net deficit	-£203.25
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Closing bank balance	£9,013.83
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Approved by the Trustees on 13th February 2024 and signed on their behalf by

Signed Rat Mc Ginn
Treasurer

Signed Michael G Kennedy
Chairman



Statement of Assets and Liabilities

31 March 2023

	<u>Unrestricted Funds</u>	<u>Total</u>
Opening cash	£9,217.08	£9,217.08
Net deficit	-£203.25	-£203.25
Closing cash	<u>£9,013.83</u>	<u>£9,013.83</u>

Represented by

Opening Bank/Cash balance

Current account - Ulster Bank	£3,883.70
Saver account - Ulster Bank	£5,292.18
Cash in hand	£41.20
Total opening balance	<u>£9,217.08</u>

Closing balance

Bank and cash balances:

Current account - Ulster Bank	£3,680.45
Saver account - Ulster Bank	£5,292.18
Cash in hand	£41.20
	<u>9,013.83</u>

Approved by the Trustees on

13th February 2024

and signed on their behalf by

Signed

Pat McJannet

Treasurer

Signed

Michael G. Kennedy

Chairman

Notes to the Receipts and Payments account

Note 1 - Membership

28/02/2023	£184.00
	<u>£184.00</u>

Note 2 - Bank Charges

10/06/2022	£8.00
09/09/2022	£9.74
09/12/2022	£9.16
10/03/2022	£8.58
	<u>£35.48</u>

Note 3 - Operational Costs

1/8/22 F.U.L.S membership 2021/22	£25.00
1/8/22 F.U.L.S insurance 2021/22	£15.00
19/8/22 JD Print	£150.00
14/10/22 Just Host	£36.77
20/10/22 Speaker	£60.00
2/12/22 F.U.L.S membership & ins 2022/23	£65.00
	<u>£351.77</u>

Pat McGurra

Michael G Kennedy

13th February 2024

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Annual report

13/02/24

Report from the Annual General Meeting
At 7.00p.m. on Thursday 28th November 2024
Strabane Library, Railway Street, Strabane
And summary to the Charity Commission

The History Society sets out a programme of monthly meetings on local and national topics, invited guests present their specialist subjects and members are invited to contribute. Meetings are open to all members, but the Society has an open-door policy, welcoming members of the public who have an interest on chosen topics.

From time to time outings are arranged to places of historical interest, such as the Titanic Quarter in Belfast or the Lakeland area of Co. Fermanagh. On the occasion of book launches members are invited to attend and share in the celebration, normally marked with the attendance of the Mayor, Councillors or other local celebrities. To date the Society has published more than twenty two titles.

PROGRAMME:

Saturday 10th September 2022 at 2.00p.m.

European Heritage Day visit to The Church of the Immaculate Conception
by **Roisin Doherty, Heritage Officer, Derry & Strabane Council**

Thursday 20th October 2022

"They would even take tents" - Post WW2 housing crisis in Strabane
by **Ronnie Kilgore, Derry**

Thursday 24th November 2022

The mysterious affair at Dunmore, Carrigans
by **Ken McCormack, Radio Foyle**

Thursday 15th December 2022

A history of Gray's Printing in the LIBRARY
by **Pat McGuigan, Treasurer, Strabane History Society.**

Thursday 26th January 2023

The Willie John Carlin Lecture in the ALLEY THEATRE
Disappearing Strabane
An illustrated talk on the changing face of the town.
by **Michael Kennedy, Chairman, Strabane History Society.**

Thursday 23th February 2023

The setting up of the Northern Ireland Parliament 1922
by **John Dooher, Secretary, Strabane History Society**

Thursday 30th March 2023

The value/role of D.N.A. in the study of family history
by **Prof. Dan Bradley, Trinity College Dublin**

Thursday 27th April 2023

A Family Profile - Case Study
by **Boyd Gray, Lifford**



Promotion and Communication:

The full programme for the year is issued to members at the September and October meetings. Posters are sent by post, e-mailed or delivered to every members one week before each meeting, and the local press and parish bulletins carry information of the monthly meetings. Local radio is contacted if there is an event which merits wider circulation.

Strabane History Society is active on social media, using the website to broadcast all the above information and making available relevant articles and updates / changes to the programme. There is much activity from the world wide audience as people from as far away as the U.S.A., Australia and New Zealand contact the Society for advice on family searches and on items of interest. On occasions meetings have been recorded and streamed to an interested audience.

Signed: *Michael G. Kennedy*

Hon. Chairman

13th February 2024

Michael G. Kennedy



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Annual return

Independent Examiner's report to the charity trustees of Strabane History Society

I report on the accounts of Strabane History Society for the year ended 31 March 2023, which are set out overleaf.

Respective responsibilities of charity trustees and examiner

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

It is my responsibility to:

- Examine the accounts under section 65 of the Charities Act
- Follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Commission under section 65(9)(b) of the Charities Act
- State whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of independent examiner's report

I have examined your charity accounts as required under section 65 of the Charities Act and my 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

My examination include a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also included consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from you as charity trustees concerning any such matters.

My role is to state whether any material matters have come to my attention giving me cause to believe

1. That accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 63 of the Charities Act
2. That records 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

I have completed my examination and have no concerns in respect of the matters (1) to (4) listed above and, in connection with the Directions of the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland, I have found no matters that require drawing to your attention.

SIGNED:

Róisín Shanks 17/2/24

Fellow Chartered Accountant,
Chartered Accountants Ireland
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Receipts and Payments Account for the year ended 31 March 2023		
Receipts	£	
Membership	184	
Total Receipts		184
Payments		
Bank charges	-35	
Operational costs	-352	
Total expenditure		-387
Net Income/(Expenditure)		-203

Statement of assets/(liabilities)	
Opening resources	9,217
Net Income	-203
Net assets carried forward	9,014

Represented by:	
Bank - current account	3,681
Bank - savings account	5,292
Cash in hand	41
Net bank balance	9,014

Signed:

Róisín Shanks 17/12/24

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Chartered Accountants Ireland

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Statement of Receipts and Payments

1st April 2018 - 31st March 2019

INCOME

From charitable activities:

Membership	Note 1	£299.00
Sale of Books	Note 2	£176.00
Project Funding (2017/18)	Note 3	£3,581.19
Project Funding (2018/19)	Note 3	£1,432.78

TOTAL INCOME £5,488.97

EXPENDITURE

Costs of charitable activities:

Bank Charges	Note 4	-£53.51
Project Expenditure	Note 6	-£2,535.83
Operational Costs	Note 7	-£1,200.00
F.U.L.S. - Membership and Insurance	Note 5	-£114.00

TOTAL EXPENDITURE -£3,903.34

NET SURPLUS £1,585.63

Reconciliation 31 March 2019

Opening Bank/Cash balance		£5,959.03
Net surplus		£1,585.63
Closing bank balance	Note 8	<u><u>£7,544.66</u></u>
		£0.00

Approved by the Trustees on 28/11/2019 and signed on their behalf by

Signed PM. Gungor
Treasurer

Signed John Doolan
Chairman



Statement of Assets and Liabilities

31 March 2019

	<u>Unrestricted Funds</u>	<u>Total</u>
Opening cash	£5,959.03	£5,959.03
Net surplus	£1,585.63	£1,585.63
Closing cash	£7,544.66	£7,544.66

Represented by

Opening Bank/Cash balance

Current account - Ulster Bank	£145.77
Current account - First Trust Bank	£486.08
Saver account - Ulster Bank	£5,292.18
Cash in hand	£35.00
Total opening balance	£5,959.03

Closing balance

Bank and cash balances:

Current account - Ulster Bank	2,211.28
Saver account - Ulster Bank	5,292.18
Cash in hand	41.20
	7,544.66

Approved by the Trustees on 28/11/2019 and signed on their behalf by

Signed John Gurgin
Treasurer

Signed John Dowd
Chairman

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Annual report

**Strabane History Society: Charity Commission - Trustee Report
April 2018 – March 2019 Charity Ref. NIC 103363**

Aims

The main aims of the History Society are to promote the study of and active participation in the study of local history and folklife, the archaeology and antiquities of the local area and to use the shared interests in such pastimes to help people to come together in a shared understanding of the past and a deeper appreciation of the common strands in local and communal development. The programme of the society is designed to encourage a wider participation in the researching and presentation of the past and providing opportunities for people of varying ages and interests to challenge misinformation and selective misuse of the past that fosters prejudice and intolerance. The society programme attempts through its programme of meetings, talks and visits to demonstrate the variety of approaches to historical study and encourage members to become actively involved in research, discussion and sharing ideas and methodology. Local and national/international topics are encouraged and meetings are open to non members and to the wider community.

What it does

From time to time outings are arranged to places of historical interest, such as the Titanic Quarter in Belfast or the Lakeland are of Co. Fermanagh. On the occasion of book launches members are invited to attend and share in the celebration, normally marked with the attendance of the Mayor or other local celebrities. To date the Society has published more than twenty titles and it is planned to digitize earlier publications in order to widen the availability of earlier research work.

The programme of talks and events for April 2018 to March 2019 was as follows:-

- March 2018 – Returning Home from World War I – Seamus Breslin
- April 2018 – The Conscription Crisis & the Collapse of the Irish Convention – John Dooher
- May 2018 – Local Doctors, Chaplains & Prisoners of War – Leslie Craig, John Dooher & Michael Kennedy
- September 2018 – Speeches, Strikes & Struggles, The Civil Rights Movement 1968-73, by Emma McGarrity from the Tower Museum.
- October 2018 – The increasing role of Women in the 20th Century by Pat McGuigan & Michael Kennedy
- November 2018 – The War is over - Songs of World War I by Tracy McCrory
- December 2018 – The election of 1918 – 1st time vote for women and workers by John Dooher
- January 2019 – Local People in World War I by Strabane Research Group
- February 2019 – Bishop Hervey, 18th century Reformer, Reconciler, Renegade by Ken McCormack
- March 2019 - Spanish Flu & it's influence on local society by Patricia Marsh Q.U.B.

Working for the Wider Public

The World War 1 project which has now ended involved a group of ten researchers and the fruits of their labour is presented in three volumes on different periods of the conflict, a compilation of newspaper archives in book form for the local library and a database of all those actively involved in the campaign both in the battles and those working on the home front. This involved working with the Heritage Department of the DerryCity.Strabane District Council and resulted in the publication of *Strabane and World War 1 – Book 3* and a local promotional display of WW1 items linking the local to the wider international picture of 1917-18: this provided opportunities for community groups and school groups to develop a closer awareness of the international as well as the local impact of the World War 1 period and to challenge some of the over simplifications of Past events.

A data-base of casualties and participants from the district in World War 1 has been developed and will be available for searching from early 2020.

Promotion and Communication:

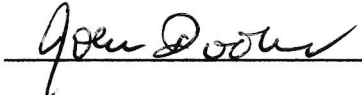
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Administration

The society is run by a committee who plan the programme of meetings and seek involvement from the wider community. An AGM is held at the start of the society year and officers and committee elected for the year ahead. Due to exceptional circumstances the AGM had to be postponed this year from May until November when reports were presented by the secretary and treasurer and elections held for the various positions. This resulted in two new members in the overall committee and a change of personnel in positions – Michael Kennedy moved from secretary to chairman while John Dooher moved from chairman to secretary with Paul McElwee becoming vice chairman and long time society member, Bridie McGillian becoming President. The treasurer's report suggested a favourable credit balance and the external audit found the society finances in a healthy position.

This trustee report was provided by Secretary John Dooher and approved at the November society meeting.

Signed  John Dooher – outgoing chairman

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Roisin Shanks

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Fellow, Chartered Accountants Ireland (FCA)

37 Fortwilliam Demesne, Belfast, Co Antrim, BT15 4FD

Date: 10 August 2019

NIC 103363

Receipts and Payments Account for the year ended 31 March 2019		
Receipts	£	£
Membership	299	
Book sales	176	
Project Funding – 2016/2017 activities	3,581	
Project Funding – 2017/2018 activities	1,433	
Total Receipts		5,489
Payments	£	
Bank charges	(54)	
Project Expenditure	(2,536)	
Other operational costs	(200)	
Membership and Insurance	(114)	
Reversal of temporary credit	(1,000)	
Total expenditure		(3,903)
Net Income		1,586

Statement of assets/(liabilities)		
Opening resources	5,959	
Net income	1,587	
Net assets carried forward		7,545
Represented by:		
Bank – current account		2,211
Bank – savings account		5,292
Petty cash		41
Net bank balance		7,545