

## Trustees report for year 24/25

The Trustees present their Annual Report under the charities SORP in accordance with financial reporting standard and the financial statement for the year ending 31/03/24 also prepared in accordance with the aforementioned Statement of Recommended Practice.

The Muintirevlin Historical Society was established to enhance education and in particular to promote the study of and encourage public interest in the history, archaeology and antiquities of the region. It promotes and encourages education and community development through an appreciation of the diversity of local history and culture.

Muintirevlin Historical Society was formed in 1979 and is based in a 200 year old fishers man thatch white washed cottage. It was restored to its original state by the society and is white washed and maintained yearly. This cottage is known as Coyle's Cottage and is leased on a 10 year term.

The Society meet on the first Monday of the month. The society had a quiet year, with no annual trip and fewer talks and traditional night's .This was partly due to members having ill health and sadly our chairman died on 19/10/24.This left a huge void in our committee and our vice-chairman stepped up until our AGM which was held on 01/09/25.

We continue to welcome visitors and schools to the cottage

Kilronan special educational school visited on the 14/05/24. Light refreshments were provided.

McStocker musical group did a tribute recording of Barry Devlin and Horslips on 13/05/24.

On 13/06/24. Nicky McVeigh from NI Heritage brought two groups to view Coyle's Cottage with special interest in the newly re-thatched roof.

The annual St. Bridget's cross making was held on 31/01/24, rushes were provided and donations of £36.00 were received. 40 people attended

Killymoon Castle Cookstown held an event on world war two. A member of our society displayed memorabilia from our cottage and sold history books. These were produced by Muintirevlin Society, based on the airfield used by American training pilots. Total received £80.00

A traditional musical night was held on the 05/07/24. A small crowd was in attendance, approx. 35 attended. No entrance fee was charged. Light refreshments were served and a raffle raised £132.60. A traditional music night was held on 14/03/25, no entrance fee was charged. Light refreshment were served and a raffle raised £120.00. Approx. 45 people attended

Only one talk was held, on the making of Black Thorn walking sticks on 07/03/25. He received £40.00 for the talk and display. Approx 30 people attended.

A new composite fence was erected at the side of the cottage adjacent to the main road to protect the boundary of the cottage. Total cost £1443.00.

Coyle's Cottage women's group paid £320 to the historical society for the yearly rent of the cottage, they hold a ladies group one night per week.

The Historical Society did not run a history trip this year but several of the members went on trips organised by M.D.C. Muintirevlin Society sponsored this trip costing £ 175.00 to Blessington House on 21/09/24. The M.D.C tour of Friels on 03/10/24 was paid by individual members.

There was no traditional music night held over the Christmas period.

The Society IS looking forward to another year. .

Income for the year was £19,985.07 Expenditure£2250.

Secretary Winifred Hanna.