

Banbridge and District Historical Society

Northern Ireland · Charity number 103796

Details

Status Received

Registered 2016-05-18

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

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Activities

Purposes: a. To encourage and develop and interest in and awareness of all aspects of its history. b. To study its history and heritage. c. To work with others to secure the preservation and protection of its history. d. To collect and disseminate information on its history.

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

How the charity works: Heritage/historical

Who the charity helps: General public,Older people

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-03-31	£6,049	£6,049	£0	0

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Florence Ann Chambers		
Geoffrey		
Mrs Aida Patricia Hanna		
Mrs Doreen Ann McBride		

Accounts

Barbridge and District Historical Society

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Financial Statement April 1st 2024 to March 31st 2025

Income	£
Bank Balance 1 st April 2024	4876.58
Membership	795.00
Visitors	352.00
Cash In hand	25.00

Expenditure	£
Bank Fees	36.47
Hire of Old Town Hall	241.60
Speakers/ Donations	440.00
F.U.L.S	80.00
Belmont Deposit for Xmas Dinner	100.00
Programmes	105.00
Catering	63.00
Clanmill Housing Events	1500.00
Stamps and photocopying	9.20
Bank Balance at 1 st March 2025	3473.31

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ROSEMARY MIDDLETON

Hon. Auditor

6048.58

[Signature]

ALBA PATRICIA HANNA

Hon Treasurer

6048.58

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Financial Statement April 1st 2023 to March 31st 2024

Income	£
Bank Balance 1st April 2023	3419.06
Memberships	735
Visitors	486
Donation from Claire Wilson	20
Belmont Christmas Lunch	694
Clanmil Housing Sponsorship	5000
	<u>10354.06</u>

Expenditure	£
Bank Fees	46.57
Hire of Old Town Hall	262.1
Speakers	275
FULS	75
Belmont Dec 2022 lunch	600
Belmont Dec 2023 Lunch	710.5
Programmes	90
Secretary's expenses	88
Event Sponsored by Clanmil housing	4996.1
Photocopying, stamps etc	10
Cash in hand	49.51
Bank balance at 31st March 2024	<u>3151.28</u>
	10354.06

Rosemary Middleton
ROSEMARY MIDDLETON
Honorary Auditor
3/5/24

Al Hanna
PAT HANNA
Hons Treasurer
3/5/24

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Annual report

BANBRIDGE & DISTRICT HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Secretary's report 2023/4

Our year started off in September with a most exciting illustrated talk on a hidden valley in south west Donegal. Christy Gillespie was anxious to locally publicise his wonderfully illustrated book on this haven of a place, only accessible by foot which attracted many famous folks to chill out. Christy's father in law was Billy Vaughan, well known Dentist of this town.

In October we went back in time with Dr Glynn Kelso who is an expert on the origins of the area around the (new) town of Banbridge. Glynn pointed out that Loughbrickland had been a most important place in ancient times. The evidence of old Abbeys and of course the crannog. He showed some very ancient maps.

November talk brought to life the American Army HQ based in Brownlow House from 1942. David Martin was our speaker and he had various photographs and film of them arriving in Northern Ireland. He had some wonderful footage of an old veteran who returned just a few years ago and was honoured by the local council.

Christmas lunch was held on 14 December at Belmont Hotel and George Wilson provided a few songs and entertainment.

January talk was provided by Mrs Joy Smith who heads the ABC Family History Society. She and various members took on a project trying to elicit the history of folks who had lived early last century in the Brackagh area. Old plate photographs surfaced in an dilapidated country house, they were printed by specialists - this information used and a book was published.

Our own Geraldine Foley delighted us in February with her studies into the connection of Newry and Demerara. A local man James Blair had obtained large tracts of plantations and wrote home frequently describing his work there. His mother had retained these letters. A terrible insight to the slave trade and the riches that were acquired by slave owners.

Billhall estate outside Dromore with its famous ghost story was the March talk by Simon Walker, head of Dromore High School History Department. He amused us with various tales of the family who had resided here and of course the story of the ghost.

Our Chairman Geoffrey thought for a change we as members could bring in artefacts and describe them. Tables were placed around the room and folks went around learning what was being shown. Items dating back to 1600's and 1700's were on display as well as more modern items.

For May we have Jim Conway talking about local literary notable people and our AGM will be held.

Sadly we lost 2 of our Members during this past season, Miss Ella Browne and Sean McIlroy both in October 2023. They both had contributed much to our Society over the years and are sadly missed.

Thanks as always to everyone who helped with tea etc, and the wonderful Mrs Pat Hanna as Treasurer ably assisted by Geraldine our Vice Chair. It is a difficult job coping with members arriving just prior to the meeting and especially casual visitors. So much work goes on behind the scene too. Mrs Rose Middleton has been assisting with the Treasury post and we thanks her for her work too.

Geoffrey Davidson has done a wonderful job as our new Chairman and keeps our meetings interesting.

Special thanks to Alice Rippen who look after us in this wonderful venue for our meetings

Florence A Chambers

May 2024

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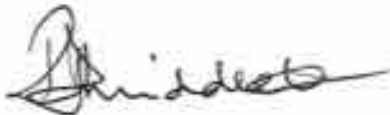
I report on the accounts of the Banbridge and District Historical Society for the year ending 31st March 2024

I have examined your Charity accounts as required under section 85 of the Charities Act and my examination was carried out in accordance with the general directions of the Charity Commission of Northern Ireland. My examination included a review of the accounting records kept by the Society and a comparison of the accounts presented with those accounts. There were no irregularities found in my examination.

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 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

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



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Accounts

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Financial Statement 1st April 2022 to 31st March 2023

Income	£	Expenditure	£
Bank Balance @ 1st April 2020	2786.65	Bank Fees @ 31st March 2023	38.29
Membership 48 @ £15.00	720.00	FULS Public Liability Insurance 2022/23	15.00
Casual Visitors 27 @ £3.00	81.00	FULS Membership 22/23	50.00
Book launch @ Belmont Hotel	455.00	Hire of Old Town Hall	194.80
Christmas Lunch	686.00		
Donation to Tear Fund	63.50	Speakers	164.00
		Box for Books & disposable cups	34.38
		Catering	35.00
		Stamps	7.62
		Belmont Hotel: Lunches 16/6/2023	500.00
		Book Launch 11/8/2023	121.50
		Christmas Lunch 8/12/2023 **	69.00
		Tear Fund	63.50
		Printing of Programmes	80.00
		Bank balance @ 31/3/2023	3419.06
TOTAL	4792.15		4792.15

****NB Cheque for lunch not yet cashed by Belmont Hotel £637.00**

HON AUDITOR

PAT HANNA.HON TREASURER

AP Hanna

ALDA PATRICIA HANNA

R Middleton

ROSEMARY MIDDLETON

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SECRETARY'S REPORT 2021/23

Sadly the Society was unable to enjoy the usual varied talks during the period of Covid, but when allowed to mingle more freely we had lunches and gatherings in the Belmont Hotel in Banbridge.

Our Member Mrs Doreen McBride came up with an idea of Members writing their memories of the Second World War and life following into the 1950's. These were published in the local Banbridge Chronicle for a number of weeks and gave local people some inspiration to add their memories. Finally Doreen collated the information and wrote the various stories in specific chapters in the book "We Just Got on With It". Each contributor received a free copy and the extra copies are for sale in various outlets.

There was a special Council Sponsored evening in September when Captain Crozier was discussed by the author Michael Smith on his tour of Ireland etc. We had a very large audience including pupils from Ballydown Primary and Banbridge High School.

Our programme started in October with Larry Breen discussing the regency boxer Dan Donnelly.

November was the usual War themed evening with Nigel Henderson discussing the local housing provided for WW1 veterans.

In December we had our Christmas lunch.

Local man Gary McDonald told us of his career in Journalism from Banbridge papers to now Business Editor of Irish News.

The townland of Gransha near Dromara was the subject of a lively talk by Trevor Martin. Such a rural place provided many interesting stories.

March talk had to be abandoned because of the serious forecast of snow and it certainly proved difficult driving from about 5.00pm, just as we would have been getting ready to listen to Jim Conway of Lurgan on the Clan McCann. We hope to reschedule his talk into the next season.

Railway talks always prove attractive and in April we were not disappointed in Charles Friel's account of local trains and how they opened up the countryside.

In May Aidan Campbell will give us a talk on the large houses of East Belfast with the history of the families who lived in these wonderful buildings.

Again thanks are to be paid to all who make our meetings so enjoyable, Pat Hanna doing a wonderful job as Treasurer, Esther Ervin and her team providing the tea/coffee etc at all the meetings, Joe Furphy as our wonderful Chairman and Geraldine Foley for deputising. Doreen McBride for publicity each month with the local newspaper.

Clive Rippon who manages the Old Town Hall for setting up the facility with chairs etc and looking after us all with his safety warnings.

Florence A Chambers, Hon Sec
May 2023

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