

Trustees' Annual Report for the year ended : 31 December 2024

The trustees of Ballinamallard Historical Society are pleased to present the annual report and statements of Receipts, Payments, Assets and Liabilities for the year ended :

31 December 2024.

Objectives and Activities

To further the knowledge of history and heritage of our community.

The charitable purpose of the Ballinamallard Historical Society has been advanced by :

1. Researching the history of the area
2. Collecting and recording local historical knowledge/folklore from local individuals.
3. Cataloguing articles, photos and other memorabilia for future generations.
4. Sharing the accumulated knowledge with the public at large and especially the local primary school.
5. Promoting local history & culture by holding regular meetings with invited speakers sharing their particular knowledge or expertise to members of the public who choose to attend.
6. Preservation/restoration of local heritage sites eg Magheracross Old Graveyard.

Achievements, Performance and public benefit

The direct benefits flowing from the above lead to a much greater awareness of the arts, culture and heritage. Work has continued in restoring the Old Graveyard at Magheracross, with much voluntary time devoted to it. The project has been hampered in recent years but thankfully is now nearing completion. The main achievements have been :

1. Securing the perimeter walling to ensure that the graveyard is stockproof for many years to come.
2. Clearing fallen trees, scrubbery, weeds and other growth to give access to the gravestones and leave the site generally safe for visitors.
3. Raising fallen gravestones, cleaning and removing moss & lichen from them.
4. Provide training for members volunteers to equip them for their research work and also to give them the knowledge to guide visitors on site.

5. Reading / deciphering the information on the gravestones and recording it for publication.
6. Photographing, including drone shots, of the headstones for posterity.
7. Carrying out research into the history of the site and the surrounding area.
8. Publishing a book containing all the information gleaned from the research and inscriptions for the benefit of current and future generations. 300 copies were printed and are currently available in local shops.
9. Provide some information boards on the site to enhance the visitor experience.

Going Concern.

The trustees have reviewed the budgets for the year and are mindful that funding has been received for a project that has to be completed in the next financial year. They are satisfied that there are adequate funds in place to ensure that the Society can continue its activities and the financial statements for the year ending 31 December 2024 can be signed off as a going concern.

Structure, Governance and Management

Governing Document and Constitution of the Society

The Constitution of Ballinamallard Historical Society (Revised 25/01/2016)

Organizational Structure

The trustees (Committee) will continue to be responsible for the day-to-day management of the Society and comprise not less than 5 and not more than 15 members.

They will continue to publicize the details of events to the public at large to encourage a good attendance. Special meetings may be convened at any time by the trustees in accordance with 5 of the constitution.

Compliance with public benefit

The Society has given careful consideration to the Charity Commission for NI's guidance on good benefit to ensure that the activities entered into during the year have helped to achieve its objectives and activities as well as providing public benefit.

Statement of Trustee's Responsibilities

The trustees have prepared the Trustee's Report and the Statement of Receipts & Payments and statement of Assets and Liabilities in accordance with applicable law and regulations. We are grateful to Mr Richard Boles for his examination of the Accounts in accordance with Regulation.

The trustees are satisfied that the accounting records are sufficient to show and explain the Society's transactions with reasonable accuracy. They are also satisfied that the assets of the Society are intact and have taken reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

Signed on behalf of the Trustees:

X Jim MacLaine Jim MacLaine (Chairman)

A Hetherington Audrey Hetherington (Treasurer)

Date : 4/2/25