

Antrim and District Historical Society

Northern Ireland · Charity number 104890

Details

Status Received

Registered 2016-07-04

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

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Activities

Purposes: The Society is established to advance public education through the promotion, encouragement, development and dissemination of knowledge of the history, including both social and economic history, folklore, archaeology and antiquities, of Antrim town and its environs and in particular to: a) to carry out research by collecting, recording and publishing information on all aspects of local folklore and history; b) to advance any other exclusively charitable purpose as the management, may from time to time, decide in accordance with the law of charity.

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

How the charity works: Heritage/historical

Who the charity helps: General public

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-05-05	£961	£556	£0	0

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Mr Alvin Mccaig		
Mr Matthew Herbison		
Mr William Canning		
Mrs Ann Mcdonald		
Mrs Josephine Herbison		

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ANTRIM AND DISTRICT HISTORICAL SOCIETY


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INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT

06/05/24 – 05/05/25

	£	£	£
Opening Balance in Ulster Bank @ 06/05/24	630.30		
Balance in Petty Cash @ 06/05/24	101.88	<u>T 732.18</u>	
<u>INCOME</u>			
Membership Fees	520.00		
Non-member Contribution	92.00		
Transport Museum Trip	54.00		
Dunsilly Evening	100.00		
Donation from Parkhall Awareness Group	150.00		
Refund from F.U.L.S	45.00	<u>T. 961.00</u>	<u>T.1693.18</u>
<u>EXPENDITURE</u>			
F.U.L.S Membership and Insurance	75.00		
Transport Museum Trip	50.00		
Dunsilly Evening	110.00		
Room Rental	111.00		
Speakers	190.00		
Membership Refund	20.00	<u>T.556.00</u>	
Balance at Ulster Bank @ 05/05/25	1049.30		
Petty Cash in hand @ 05/05/25	87.88	<u>T.1137.18</u>	<u>T.1693.33</u> ¹⁸

I have examined the statements and accounts from the books and vouchers submitted to me from Mrs Ann McDonald and consider them to be a true and correct record.
SIGNED: Susan Wilson
DATE : 23/5/2025

Secretary: J. Pankhurst
Treasurer: Ann McDonald
Chairperson: 

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<u>INCOME</u>			
Membership Fees	490.00		
Non-member Contribution	69.00		
Hillsborough Trip	57.95		
Dunsilly Evening	60.00		
Donation	20.00	<u>T 696.95</u>	<u>T1412.33</u>
<u>EXPENDITURE</u>			
F.U.L.S Membership and Insurance	175.00		
Hillsborough Trip	70.15		
Dunsilly Evening	100.00		
Room Rental	135.00		
Speakers	200.00	<u>T 680.15</u>	
Balance at Ulster Bank @ 05/05/24	630.30		
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CHAIRMANS REPORT

2023/24

Thankfully the past year, in comparison to the previous three years has been settled and we have been able to meet normally in Stiles Community Centre.

Following our Annual General Meeting in May 2023, our first activity was a visit to Hillsborough Castle and Gardens which took place on a beautiful day in June. This visit, originally was to take place in September 2022, but following the death of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth the Castle and grounds were closed and so the visit was postponed. The feedback on the visit was indeed most positive.

The Committee worked hard to prepare a programme for the year September 2023 through until June 2024 and indeed the outcome of that work has proved most satisfactory.

September commenced our Autumn/Winter programme with Peter Dalton of the Enkalon Foundation enlightening us with a power point presentation about the coming to Antrim in the early 1960's of British Enkalon, a manmade fibre production factory, which at the heights of its tenure employed in excess of 2000 workers and indeed brought an influx of families to Antrim from all over the province. By the 1980's, however the factory has closed owing to production costs being too high. The evening was well attended and some former employees were in attendance.

On the 24th of October, we were privileged to welcome Victoria Millar from the Ulster Folk Museum, who introduced us to the early 20th century photographer, William A Green, who had made his home in Antrim and whose archive of photographs is held in the Folk Museum. It was indeed an enjoyable evening and some folk in attendance could remember Mr Green in and around the town. Indeed the present owners of his former home were at the meeting.

November was an in-house evening when a number of our Committee had prepared an inter-round quiz with picture tales and yarns being shown and told, whilst the audience tried to tell us what, where or who was being shown or described. The evening went exceptionally well with good audience participation.

After our Christmas break, we met in January 2024 at the Dunsilly Hotel, where we enjoyed an evening of 'Chit-Chat and Chew'. This evening had been prepared by Josephine and a goodly number attended, enjoying laughter, tales and of course something to eat.

A visit, from local artist Adrian Steel was our theme for February. Adrian is indeed a very talented sketch artist and showed us a wide selection of his pen and ink drawings of buildings in and around Antrim, Randalstown and Templepatrick and expanded on the

history of the building or piece of architecture. The evening was enjoyed by all with good audience participation. I feel that we all learned something more about a particular building or piece of architecture that we thought we knew about before.

'150 Not Out' was our theme for March, when we, with much anticipation, awaited a speaker from Muckamore Cricket Club, which in 2024 is celebrating its 150th Anniversary. We were indeed most surprised and delighted, when the Chairperson of the Club phoned me with an invitation for us as a Society to visit with them at their Clubhouse. We readily accepted this invitation with gracious thanks. The evening consisted of a Power Point presentation of photographs going back to the early days of the Club and a potted history of those players and officials, given by Michael Nutt who has prepared and edited a book on the history of Muckamore Cricket Club and also personal thumb nail sketches of characters over the years given by the Club President, Ivor McMeekin. The evening was brought to a close, with tea/coffee and snacks having been laid on for us. I, as chair, thanked the club for hosting the evening, for their hospitality and indeed for the part they have played in the community as a club, over the past Century and a half.

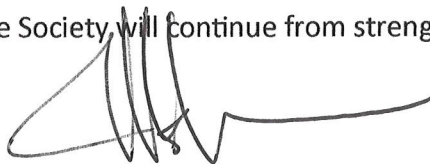
April, saw us welcome Clare Ablett, curator of Transport at the Ulster Transport Museum, who gave us, again a power point presentation about the history of transport in Northern Ireland. This was from the Horse and Cart, The Bicycle, Steam, the early years of the pioneers of the 'Air' through Trams, Trolley-Buses, right up to the modern jet age. We, as a Society are planning a visit to the Museum, where we hope to learn more and increase our knowledge of the history of transport in our province.

This evening is our Annual General Meeting. I hope you enjoy the tea/coffee and nibbles and indeed what comes later.

I wish to place on record, my thanks to the Secretary, Josephine, to the Treasurer, Anne and indeed to the Vice Chairperson and all the Committee Members for their help and hard work over, not only the last year, but indeed for some, this has been for many years. Lastly to you all, thanks for your support, we could not carry on without you. If you like what we do, then please make us known to your friends and neighbours. We would like to have this venue filled to capacity each evening we meet and if you know of any in the age group, teens, twenties and those not entitled to a bus pass, please ask them to come along, if they have an interest in local and indeed all aspects of our history.

Thank you all once again and I hope the Society will continue from strength to strength, as we continue in 2024 into 2025.

Matt Herbison (Chairperson/Trustee)



Josephine Herbison (Secretary/Trustee)



Date.

28/05/2024

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<u>INCOME</u>			
Membership Fees	365.00		
Non-member Contribution	33.00		
Dunsilly Dinner	420.00		
Hillsborough Trip	157.10		
Historical Books	5.00	<u>T 980.10</u>	<u>T1426.92</u>
<u>EXPENDITURE</u>			
F.U.L.S Membership	50.00		
F.U.L.S Insurance	15.00		
Dunsilly Dinner	438.95		
Hillsborough Trip	157.59		
Speaker	50.00	<u>T 711.54</u>	
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TRUSTEE/ Secretary:

Josephine R. Herbison

Treasurer:

Ann McDonald

TRUSTEE/ Chairperson:



25-05
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CHAIRMANS REPORT

2022/23

The current year of 2022/23 has been a year of change for the Society. During the years 2020/22 we were either unable to meet due to Covid Restrictions or when permitted met outdoors at different locations, mostly the Lough Shore Picnic Area in Antrim. Things were changing which enabled us to meet indoors, although this did not take place until October 2022.

Following the Annual General Meeting during May 2022 we were still meeting outdoors and following the visit to Muckamore Mill Village in April, we continued the series "Beetling Mills and the history of Linen, along the Six Mile Water. On a beautiful Summer evening in June we met at Kirby's Lane Car Park on the Moylena Banks to hear about and visit the remains of the Beetling Mills along the river.

July 2022 saw a slight change from the Linen Industrial Heritage to that of Corn Milling and Scutching, which had been carried out at a Mill at the centre of the hamlet of Milltown, between Antrim and Randalstown, for 200 plus years until the middle of the last century. The "Mill on the Corner" as it was described in Brendan Smith's book is now in a very run down state and having had all the remaining machinery removed and not being a "listed building" is due for demolition. That evening was followed by a visit to the "Randalstown Viaduct, (thanks being due to St. McNissi's Church, for making their car park available to us) there we heard about the construction in the mid 1800's at an enormous cost for that time and it's use to carry a branch line from Cookstown Junction to the town of Cookstown. Again it was a beautiful evening which was enjoyed by those attending.

August, saw us back in Antrim in Mill Row (present day Riverside) to hear the continuing story of manufacturing along the Six Mile Water.

September, was to be our outing to Hillsborough Castle and Grounds, but due to the death of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth 11, the Castle was closed and we had to postpone our visit.

We were to hold our 40th Anniversary dinner in October/November 2020, but for Covid reasons, this also had to be postponed.

In October, we visited First Antrim Presbyterian Church (formerly Mill Row Church) kindly granted, where a good number heard the history of the Congregation, formed in 1726 following a break away from the First Presbyterian Church Antrim (Non Subscribing). For all these talks from April to October 2022, my thanks go to Josephine Herbison for all the work involved in their preparation.

Our long anticipated Anniversary Dinner was finally arranged in the Dunsilly Hotel on the 10th November 2022. Again a goodly number (with at least one person in attendance, who was a founder member of the Society, way back in 1980) enjoyed a lovely meal, Cabaret, and a few speeches.

Members were now happy to meet indoors and after a break during December, arrangements were made for us to use Stiles Community Centre, Clotworthy not being available in the evenings. Our first meeting in the new venue, was a history of Arthur Bell Nicholls, husband of Charlotte Bronte. Again thanks are due to Josephine Herbison, for her research.

February was most enjoyable, when Rev Derek Kerr, provided us his potted history of "Royal Bits and Pieces" and in addition to the historical part, also gave us an hour filled with humour. March was in in house, with members bringing along and talking about, items which are of sentimental value and interest to them. Again an enjoyable evening was had.

April brought along Danny Kinahan, who talked about and showed a power point, concerning his family and Castle Upton. A goodly number enjoyed an interesting evening. This evening brings us to our Annual General Meeting, held indoors for the first time in the past three years.

It's good to be back.

Thank you all for your continued support through the bad times and hope that the Society will now continue from strength to strength, as we continue in 2023 into 2024.

Matt Herbison (Chairperson)

SECRETARY

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Josephine Herbison

23/05/23

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