

# Bangor Horticultural Society

Northern Ireland · Charity number 105714

## Details

Status	Received
Registered	2016-10-27
Register	<a href="#">View on the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland register</a>

## Contact

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## Activities

**Purposes:** The objects of the Society are to promote and encourage all aspects of Horticulture, including educational and artistic activities, and to organise shows and exhibitions.

**What the charity does:** Other charitable purposes

**How the charity works:** Education/training

**Who the charity helps:** General public

## Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-08-31	£3,811	£4,349	£0	0
2024-08-31	£4,621	£3,821	£0	0

## Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Miss Rae Lowry		
Miss Yvonne Mcilmail		
Mr Derek Andrew McClure		
Mrs June Jones		
Mrs Linda Carole Patterson		
Mrs Liz Mcwatters		
Mrs Norma Brown		
Ms Judith Myers Holmes		
Peter Lyons		
Phil Sorrell		
Vicki Maybin		

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# Accounts

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## Bangor Horticultural Society Annual Accounts Summary 2024/25

Bangor Horticultural Society Charity Reg No : NIC105714	Accounts Year Ending 31 August 2025		
Item	Income Year 2024/25		Expenditure Year 2024/25
Members Fees	£ 899		£ 153
Plant Sales & Christmas	£ 2,912		£ 826
		Postage & Printing etc	£ 75
		Halls/Speakers/Bank	£ 190
		Audit	£ 2,512
		RHS Fees & Insur	£ 592
		Sales Outings & GQT	
		Teas & Competitions	
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>£ 3,811</b>	<b>Total Expenditure</b>	<b>£ 4,349</b>

Loss for the Year - £ 538

Bank Reconciliation			
1 Sept '24 : Open Bank	£ 8,917		31 Aug 25 : Close Bank
Cash	- £ 61		Cash
Total	£ 8,856		Total
			£ 8,221
			£ 97
			£ 8,319

Note : As many of the Society's transactions are for small amounts, the audited Accounts are created using 2 decimal places. The Summary Accounts, for submission to NI Charity Commission, require zero decimal places and are rounded by spreadsheet

Note : Account summary as submitted to Auditor in October 2025

*L. Patterson*  
HON. TREASURER

*[Signature]*  
AUDITOR

Date: 1st October 2025

12th October 2025

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# Bangor Horticultural Society Annual Accounts Summary 2023/24

Charity No : NIC105714

Bangor Horticultural Society : Financial Summary 2023/2024				
Income 23/24			Expenditure 23/24	
Members Fees	£870		Postage	£33
Plant Sale	£2,201		Printing	£71
Plant Sale at Meetings	£118		Audit	£75
Bus Trip	£550		RHS Fees & Insurance	£235
Annual Dinner	£832		Room Hire	£262
Donation	£50		Speakers	£578
			Annual Dinner	£875
			Teas	£142
			Bus Hire Giles	£775
			Walled Garden project	£648
			Plant Sale Costs	£30
			M&S Voucher	£50
			Bank Charges	£48
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>£4,621</b>		<b>Total Expenditure</b>	<b>£3,821</b>

2023/24 SUMMARY			
1st Sept '23 to 31st Aug '24			
	Opening		Closing
Cash	-£62	Cash	-£61
Opening Bank	£8,464	Closing Bank	£8,917
1 Sept Opening Balance	£8,402	Closing Bal	£8,856
Less 2x Ch not lodged	-£395		
23/24 Opening Balance	£8,007	Less Ch 876 (not lodged)	-£50
23/24 Income	£4,621		
23/24 Expend	£3,821		
Closing Balance	£8,806		£8,806

**Surplus for 2023/24 Year £800**

Note : Account Summary (Rounded) as submitted to Auditor in October 2024

Signed : *db Patterson*

(Hon Treasurer)

Date : 1.10.24

*[Signature]*  
(Auditor)

(Auditor) 1.10.24

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Bangor Horticultural Society :		Accounts Year Ending 31 August 2023		Page 1
Charity Reg No : NIC105714	Income		Expenditure	
Item	Year 2022/23		Year 2022/23	
Christmas Lunch Dec '22	£827	Christmas Lunch (members)		£866
Centenary Dinner May '23	£1,005	Centenary Dinner (Members & Guests)		£2,354
<b>Plant Sales</b>				
Ad Hoc Plant Sales	£64			
Garden Festival Plant Sale	£779	Garden Festival Expenses		£284
Main Plant Sale- June	£2,784	Plant Sale Expenses		£50
<b>General</b>				
Membership Fees	£685	Teas & Prizes		£109
		RHS Membership and Insurance		£225
		Speakers & Show Judges		£720
<b>Garden Visits</b>				
RHS Tatton Park Visit deposits	£2,390	Tatton Park Visit Costs		£3,767
Garden Visits Aug '23	£481	Aug Bus Trip Costs		£445
<b>Other Income</b>		<b>Other Expenditure</b>		
Grant	£7,100	Grant specific Expenditure (see Note 1)		£6,317
Donations	£51	Bank Charges		£69
Giles Tours Refund	£100	ANDBC Room Hire		£264
		Accounts Audit Fee		£50
		Postage Stationary Photocopy		£242
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>£16,266</b>	<b>Total Expenditure</b>		<b>£15,761</b>
<b>Bank Reconciliation</b>				
	<b>Year 2022/23</b>		<b>Year 2022/23</b>	
1 Sept 2022 : Open Bank	£7,454	31 Aug 2023 : Close Bank		£8,464
Cash	£47	Cash		-£62
<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>£7,502</b>	<b>Subtotal</b>		<b>£8,402</b>
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>£16,266</b>	Less Cheq 865		-£50
<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>£23,768</b>	Less Cheq 871		-£345
<b>less 22/23 Total Expenditure</b>	<b>-£15,761</b>	<b>(Cheques not Cashed at bank)</b>		
	<b>£8,007</b>			<b>£8,007</b>

**Notes :**

**General :** As many of the Society's transactions are for small amounts, the audited Full and Summary Accounts are created using 2 decimal places. The Summary Accounts, for submission to NI Charity Commission, require zero decimal places and are rounded up or down by spreadsheet. Thus small arithmetic errors may appear in the submitted accounts due to the rounding function.

**Note 1 :** The Grant Expenditure shown here does not include all Grant Items such as speakers, room rentals etc. These items are included under separate headings above. Thus the figure shown does not equal the total grant. A separate full analysis of the Grant expenditure has been submitted to the appropriate agency.

<b>Total Income 2022/23</b>	<b>£16,266</b>	<b>Total Expenditure 2022/23</b>	<b>£15,761</b>
		<b>Surplus for the Year 2022/23</b>	<b>£505</b>

**Note :** Account summary, for Charity Commission, as submitted to Auditor in October 2023

Signed (Hon Treasurer):

*L. Patterson*

Date :

30.9.23

Auditor:

*J. Henry*

Date :

16.10.23

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# Annual report

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past 100 years. After the opening, members and guests moved into the cafe next door for refreshments, where we heard short presentations from three local speakers.

May was a really busy month and on the 13<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup> we had our Festival of Gardening in the Museum Courtyard, where there was a range of gardening stalls, such as Alpines, Bee-keeping and Bonsai, as well as a range of plants supplied by members.

To end the month of May, we had our Centenary Dinner at the Stables Restaurant, Groomsport, where we had an excellent meal followed by an after dinner talk by David Maxwell of BBC Gardeners' Corner, and I would like to say a special thanks to Yvonne McIlmail who produced the floral arrangements for the tables.

So May was over and most of the members needed a rest, but only for a few days, because June saw three members' gardens open for other members to come and have a look. Likewise, in July we had another three gardens open. The changeable weather was kind to us and we had a good turnout at each garden.

Before we leave June and July, there were still two big events to take place. On Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> and Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> June we held our annual plant sale, with refreshments being offered this year for the first time since Covid. Thanks to all the members who brought along a wide selection of plants for sale, and those who worked hard over that weekend talking to members of the public, giving advice, selling the plants and serving refreshments. We achieved the highest total of sales ever, raising approx £2,500.

The second big event, and one we have never tried before, was a 4-night coach trip to Scotland and England, ending up at the RHS Show at Tatton Park. This was a great trip, where we saw many great gardens, stayed in an excellent hotel with good food and entertainment every night. A large vote of thanks must go to Liz McWatters who put the whole trip together, and I know that everyone who went along on the trip enjoyed it immensely.

The second coach trip that Liz organised was up the Antrim Coast, stopping at the new Coronation Gardens, followed by Glenarm Castle, ending the day with a visit to Ian Scroggy's nursery at Carnlough, and once again everyone had a very enjoyable day.

The last event in our Centenary year was our Summer Show, which was judged by one of our own members, Kay Dunlop. It was nice to see that a number of our new members were starting to take part in the show and some of them were getting Firsts and Seconds in the sections they entered.

I would like to say a special thank you to three long-serving members of our committee who are standing down after many years of service; Norma Nutt, Gertie Baxter and Nancy Graham. However, I hope all three will continue to come to the society's meetings. It really was a very busy year. Firstly, I would like to thank the committee, who were very hard-working during the past year, and to all the members who supported all the events, and I look forward to meeting all the new members who joined the society during the summer.

### **Charitable Status**

As a registered Charity, the Trustees of Bangor Horticultural Society are aware of its 'Educational' charitable status and consider that the programme of Events, Talks and Visits and provision of help and information to both its members and the general public, adequately fulfil its 'Educational' criteria.



Derek McClure CBE  
Chairman

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# Annual return

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**Independent Examiner's Report to the Charity Trustees of Bangor Horticultural Society**  
**( Charity Reg No. : NIC 105714 )**

I report on the accounts of the Society for the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> August 2023 , which are set out on page 1.

**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 included 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 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.

**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 following the Directions of the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland, I have found no matters that require drawing to your attention.

**Name : Mr J Henry**

**Relevant professional qualification or body :** Bsc (Acc), Trustee Diploma (Institute of Bankers)

**Address : 33 Abbey Park, Bangor, Co Down**

**Date : 16 October 2023**

  
J. HENRY

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# Accounts

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Bangor Horticultural Society :		Accounts Year Ending 31 August 2022			Page 1
Charity Reg No : NIC105714		Income		Expenditure	
Item	Year 2020/21	Year 2021/22		Year 2020/21	Year 2021/22
<b>Annual Lunch</b>	Cancelled	629	Meals	Cancelled	620
			Refunds	-	
			Profit	-	9
	-	629		-	629
<b>Spring Show</b>	Cancelled		Hall	Cancelled	21
			Judge	-	50
Subsidy	-	71		-	-
	-	71		-	71
<b>Plant Sales</b>			Plant Sale Expenses	50	50
Ad hoc Plant Sale: June	975	1,592			
July	600	447			
Aug	5	-			
Other Misc Plant Sales	20		Profit	1,550	1,989
	1,600	2,039		1,600	2,039
<b>Summer Show</b>			Hall		21
			Judge	50	50
Subsidy	50	71			-
	50	71		50	71
<b>Visits</b>	Visits Cancelled		Coach	Visits Cancelled	
Income		235	Garden Visits		272
Subsidy		37	Refund	-	
	-	272		-	272
<b>Donations</b>			Donation		-
<b>General Account</b>			Halls (RoomHire)	-	160
Membership Subs	15	700	Teas	19	108
Plant Sales at Meetings	-	237	Speakers	-	150
	-	-	Secy Exp post/copy/Web)	89	367
Misc (donations)	0	-	Daffodil Bulb Purchase	-	115
Bank Int & Refund	5	1			
Visitors	-	-	Audit	35	50
	-	-	RHS Sub & Ins	210	210
Subtotal	20	938	Misc/Bank Chg	22	46
Subsidy	355	266		-	-
	375	1,205		375	1,205
<b>Bank Reconciliation</b>		<b>Year 2020/21</b>			<b>Year 2020/21</b>
1 Sept '21 : Open Bank		5,904	31 Aug 2022 : Close Bank		7,454
Cash		44	Cash		47
Subtotal		5,948	Subtotal		7,502
Subtotal		5,948			
Lunch Profit		9			
Spring Show Subsidy	-	71			-
Summer Show Subsidy	-	71			-
Subtotal		5,816			
Plant Sale Profit		1,989			
Garden Visits Subsidy	-	37			
Subtotal		7,768			
General A/C Loss	-	266			
		7,502			7,502
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Total Income 2021/22		£	3,841	Total Expenditure 2021/22	
				£	2,288
				Actual Surplus for Year	
				£	1,553

Note : Account summary as submitted to Auditor in October 2022

Note : All meetings, visits and Spring Show cancelled 2020/21 due to Covid-19 and no Membership Fee charged

Signed: *Al Patterson*  
30.9.22  
Hon. Treasurer

*J. Henry*  
11.10.22  
AUDITOR / INDEPENDENT EXAMINER

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## Finance : Income and Expenditure

The Society has three main sources of income :

- Membership Subscriptions
- Profits from the annual public Plant Sale
- Individual payments, by participants, for garden visits, coach trips and meals

In the 2021/22 year, the Society made a surplus of £ 1,553

The Society is currently self-financing and does not receive any public or Local Authority Grants.

## Charitable Status

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## Planning Centenary Year Events

The Trustees found that organising joint visits with other similar societies was beneficial to all those groups involved. We would hope, therefore, to follow the same idea next year, but as we enter our centenary year (3<sup>rd</sup> May 2023), we hope to have many extra activities for members to enjoy. Here are just a few dates for your diary:-

(a) Festival of Gardening – Friday 5<sup>th</sup> May through to Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> May 2023.

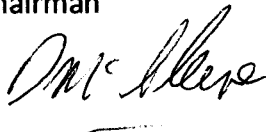
(b) Visit to Tatton Park and RHS Bridgewater, England – 19<sup>th</sup> to 23<sup>rd</sup> July 2023.

Everyone will receive a full programme of activities.

I would like to thank the whole committee for their hard work during the past 12 months and we will see the fruits of their labour during the centenary year.

I would like to thank Jill Montgomery who is stepping down from the committee after many years of service. If any members would like to join the committee, which meets about four times a year, please come forward and speak to any of the committee members.

Derek McClure CBE  
Chairman



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Name: *Jim Henry*

Relevant professional qualification or body: *BSc (ECON) WITH CONCENTRATION IN ACCOUNTING*

Address: *33 ABBEY PARK, BANGOR, CO. DOWN BT20 4BZ*

Date: *11 OCTOBER 2022*