

History Hub Ulster

Northern Ireland · Charity number 106993

Details

Status Received

Registered 2018-02-14

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

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Activities

Purposes: The purpose of History Hub Ulster is to advance public education, encouraging interest in the history or shared heritage of communities within the province of Ulster, in particular: (a) To act as a facilitator to link members of the community to like-minded historical projects and groups in Ulster. (b) To act as a signpost for members of the public to find historical groups, societies and projects in their local area. (c) To put family and communities at the centre of the historical narrative. (d) To engage with contemporary methods of presenting research using open source methods in the digital arena. While history is often confined within museums and books, the idea is to make our history accessible to all those online and to the Irish diaspora. (e) To engage the communities of Ulster with their history by pursuing interesting and innovative projects which enhance the individual's understanding of their shared heritage. (f) To provide expert knowledge, speakers and research using associate partners and members. (g) To forge partnerships with like-minded organisations and community partners. (h) To promote and produce projects and partnerships which are engaging to all members of the community and to instil a sense of pride in their ancestors achievements.

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

How the charity works: Cultural, Education/training, Heritage/historical, Research/evaluation

Who the charity helps: Adult training, Ethnic minorities, Ex-offenders and prisoners, General public, Interface communities, Men, Older people, Parents, Sexual orientation, Voluntary and community sector, Volunteers, Women

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-04-30	£2,616	£2,062	£0	0

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Catherine Burrell		
Gavin Bamford		

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Accounts

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Receipts and Payments for the year ended 30th April 2025

RECEIPTS	2024/25		2023/24	
	£'s	£'s	£'s	£'s
Mid & East Antrim Borough Council	1,495.00			
Belfast City Council			500.00	
Bank Compensation			75.00	
Donations	65.50		515.50	
Badges / Books Sold	160.00		258.50	
Walking Tours Receipts	35.00		45.00	
Lisburn & Castlereagh City Council	500.00			
Gardners Books	61.00		95.00	
Irish Military Heritage Foundation CLG	300.00			
Total Income		2,616.50		1,489.00
PAYMENTS				
Researchers	(705.00)			
Travel Expenses	(81.00)			
Research Subscriptions	(352.73)		(519.50)	
Artist/Director/Producer/Event Production	(100.00)		(500.00)	
Technical	(157.48)		(172.74)	
Refreshments	(9.10)			
Exhibition Costs / Seminar Fees	(20.00)			
Publicity/Advertising	(17.00)			
Public Liability Insurance	(349.59)		(339.60)	
Public Liability Insurance (project)	(67.72)			
PayPal Fees / EventBrite Fee	(3.08)		(3.22)	
Postage	(5.20)		(16.99)	
Independent Charity Examiner	*(100.00)			
Friends of Neill's Hill Railway Station	(33.25)			
Peter McCabe	(61.00)		(95.00)	
Total Expenditure		(2,062.15)		(1,647.05)
Net Receipts / Expenditure		554.35		(158.05)

Statement of Assets & Liabilities

Opening resources	833.11	991.16
Net Receipts / expenditure	554.35	(158.05)
	1,387.46	833.11
Represented by:		
Barclays Bank – number 1 account	1,326.48	738.88
Barclays Bank – number 2 account	60.98	94.23
	1,387.46	833.11
Funds not yet received		4.50
Uncleared items totalling	(158.00)	(145.00)
Reserved funds	(560.98)	(94.23)
Sale or return of goods	(18.00)	120.00
Goods written off	18.00	(120.00)
	668.48	598.38

Note: Independent Charity Examiner – 2 years invoices totalling £100.00

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	£'s	£'s	£'s	£'s
Belfast City Council	500.00			
Bank Compensation	75.00			
Donations	515.50		186.00	
Badges / Books Sold	258.50		238.50	
Ticket Receipts / Paid Research			27.00	
Walking Tours Receipts	45.00		145.00	
The Inniskilling Museum			240.00	
Gardners Books	95.00		68.00	
Total Income	1,489.00		904.50	
PAYMENTS				
Researchers			(308.00)	
Research Subscriptions	(519.50)		(176.77)	
Artist/Director/Producer/Event Production	(500.00)			
Technical	(172.74)		(134.34)	
Public Liability Insurance	(339.60)		(429.81)	
Incidental Expenses			(1.00)	
PayPal Fees / EventBrite Fee	(3.22)		(9.02)	
Postage	(16.99)		(20.85)	
Independent Charity Examiner			*(150.00)	
Peter McCabe	(95.00)		(68.00)	
Total Expenditure	(1,647.05)		(1,297.79)	
Net Receipts / Expenditure	(158.05)		(393.29)	

Statement of Assets & Liabilities

Opening resources	991.16	1,384.45
Net Receipts / expenditure	(158.05)	(393.29)
	833.11	991.16
Represented by:		
Barclays Bank – number 1 account	738.88	531.03
Barclays Bank – number 2 account	94.23	460.13
	833.11	991.16
Funds not yet received	4.50	86.00
Uncleared items totalling	(145.00)	(205.39)
Reserved funds	(94.23)	(94.23)
Sale or return of goods	120.00	172.50
Goods written off	(120.00)	
	598.38	950.04

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History Hub Ulster - Trustee Annual Report

1st May 2023 to 30th April 2024

This Trustee Annual Report details our activities during the year 2023-2024.

Charity Number: NIC106993

President: Karen O'Rawe

The Committee (Trustees) Members for the year 2023-2024 were:

Chair: Gavin Bamford
Secretary: Vacant
Treasurer: Catherine Burrell

Activities

History Hub Ulster aim to promote and produce interesting and innovative projects and partnerships which are engaging to all members of the community, enhancing the individual's understanding of their shared heritage.

Group members were able to undertake a wide variety of activities this reporting year:

Karen O'Rawe

- Research Irish men who died on Borneo, including on the Sandakan Death March during the Second World War and at various POW camps. Included visiting Sandakan and the Australian War Memorial.
- Research Irish men who are buried or memorialised in Malaysia (in particular Labuan) and Singapore. Included visiting Labuan and Singapore.
- Research the Royal Marine Commandos who took part in the Raid on Limbang during the 1962 Revolt. Included visiting Limbang and Singapore.
- Research for a UK group who aim to undertake part of the death march route for the 80th anniversary in 2025.
- Genealogical research for people in the UK and USA.
- UK Military research project in South East Asia.

Gavin Bamford

- Partnered with **Nick Garbett** (former Irish News editor) and **Northern Bank Ltd** (t/a Danske Bank) to research, write and source many historical photographs for a book celebrating the 200th anniversary of Northern Bank being the first joint stock bank in Ireland. '*Northern*

Bank, An Illustrated History, 1824-2024' follows on from their 1924 centenary book, their 1970 Belfast Bank book, their 175th anniversary booklet and is due out in summer 2024.

Catherine Burrell

- Attended a meeting with members of the **Ballinderry War Memorial Hall** Committee along with Nigel Henderson and John McCormick (friend of our group) to discuss how to celebrate and commemorate its centenary in 2024.

Nigel Henderson

- Cregagh Colony Ex-Servicemen's Homes
- Cambrai Colony Ex-Servicemen's Homes
- 'Belfast Blitz' tours to various groups
- 'Belfast Blitz' presentation to various groups
- 'Great War Veterans Cottages' (Homes for Heroes) presentation to various groups
- 'RUC in the Second World War' presentation to various groups
- Publication jointly with Michael Nugent of their book '*Killester Garden Village. The lives of Great War Veterans and their families*'.
- Continuing to develop biographies for publication for Homes for Heroes in Greater Belfast and German Air Raid fatalities.

Eddie Connolly

- Participated in the Ballyclare 'Family History Fair'.

Michael Nugent

- Publication jointly with Nigel Henderson of their book '*Killester Garden Village. The lives of Great War Veterans and their families*'.
- Publication of my third book, '*A Bad Day I Fear. The Irish Divisions at the Battle of Langemarck, 16 August 1917*'.

Peter McCabe

- Priory, Holywood cemetery walk with Peter McCabe
- Launch of 'A A S Barbour – 70 years not out' book with Peter McCabe
- Balmoral Cemetery tour with Peter McCabe (multiple events)
- Carnmoney cemetery 'Troubles' tour with Peter McCabe
- Friar's Bush Graveyard tour with Peter McCabe (multiple events)
- Participation in the Eastside Arts Festival (multiple events)

- Participation in the C S Lewis Festival (multiple events)

HHU Chair, Gavin Bamford and Treasurer, Catherine Burrell along with associate member, Michael Nugent attended the rededication service of the Ballymena WW2 War Memorial as guests of Mid and East Antrim Borough Council.

Various members attended in person or via video, activities that included:

- Talks by the Northern Ireland War Memorial Museum ‘Still Over Here; US Forces in NI 1941-1945’ and ‘Honouring the Dead and Serving the Living; The History of the Northern Ireland War Memorial’
- Zoom session on ‘Watchmakers Slavery’ – a Zoom session presented by Mark Doherty
- Visiting the Overloon War Museum, Netherlands to further research Gordon Kerr, RAF Lancaster pilot, Belfast Bank
- Visiting the Ulster Tower, Thiepval, France followed by a visit to the Somme Museum, Conlig
- Irish Linen Centre & Lisburn Museum talks

Throughout the year we have continued to make use of our website and social media as a signpost educating and sharing information from like-minded organisations, groups and partners.

Our book ‘Ulster War Memorials from History Hub Ulster’ which highlights unusual, hidden and missing War Memorials around the Province of Ulster is still available. Copies can be obtained via our Facebook page or our website.

Our YouTube channel (<https://www.youtube.com/@historyhubulster7891>) now has 91 videos, 83.9k views and 661 subscribers as at 30th April 2024 (report date). 3 videos were posted during this reporting year.

- Walking Tour of the Ex-Servicemen’s Colony at Cregagh, east Belfast with Nigel Henderson. This was our first film length video of a walking tour giving viewers who were unable to attend on the day. Our thanks go to Justin Macartney for undertaking the video work.
- The 1886 Albert Bridge Collapse with Gavin Bamford
- Ypres Park ‘Homes for Heroes’ Colony Tour with Nigel Henderson

We continue to share interesting and innovative articles on our Facebook page with 7,888 followers <https://www.facebook.com/HistoryHubUlster> and via our Twitter account @historyulster

Our popular posts on Facebook have included:

- 50k reach – Ulster Covenant database – over two posts
- 42k reach – ‘A Women’s Working Day, 1963’ – over two posts
- 25k reach – Dennison Bros, Bradbury Place
- 18k reach – Arthur Square & Cornmarket – a photo in the Guy Butler archive
- 15k reach – Libraries in Belfast – collection of newspaper clippings
- 14k reach – 2024 Civic War memorial centenary dates
- 13k reach – Moneybroom Lime Kilns destruction

- 12k reach – 200th anniversary of the Royal National Lifeboat Institution (RNLI)
- 11k reach – Scaffolding coming down on the former Presbyterian War Memorial Building
- 10k reach – Belfast Streetnames Project

Our webpage, www.historyhubulster.co.uk is for articles written mainly by our members and invited guest authors. It has a worldwide audience of over 15k readers of which over 11k live in the United Kingdom and over 1k live in Ireland. It is promoted via our Facebook page. During this reporting period, we have published informative articles on such diverse subjects as:

- Homes for Heroes in Glengormley by Nigel Henderson
- The Last Man to Let You Down by Chris Scott, Wilton Funeral Service
- Albert Bridge, Belfast collapse 1886 by Gavin Bamford
- Sheila the Belfast Blitz Elephant by Nigel Henderson
- The Belfast Blitz: Lost Church Memorials by Nigel Henderson

We continue to extend our invitation to guest authors to send us suitable articles.

Partnerships

Our partnership with newspapers continues with articles submitted to and published in the **News Letter ‘The Roamer’** page.

With great regret, our ‘Trace a Relative’ research contract with the **Inniskillings Museum** came to an end with the reorganisation of army museums in Northern Ireland. We offer the museum team best wishes as they take on their own research.

HHU partnered with **Antrim and Newtownabbey Borough Council** on a project to commemorate the various ‘Homes for Heroes’ sites in the council area. This was led by Nigel Henderson. Plaques were erected in July 2024.

HHU researchers, Nigel Henderson, Catherine Burrell and Michael Nugent undertook considerable preparation work for the **Mid and East Antrim Borough Council** on a research programme to identify further names that could be added to the Larne WW2 War Memorial. It is hoped that further work on this project will take place in the coming year or two.

HHU linked up with the **Friar’s Bush Graveyard, Belfast** team of Peter McCabe and Mark Doherty to successfully apply for funding from the **Belfast City Council ‘Belfast Learning Festival’**. Three separate events were run entertaining circa 60 members of the public to an ‘actor led’ tour of the graveyard.

We continue to promote and produce interesting and innovative projects and partnerships which are engaging to all members of the community whilst also enhancing the individual

Our members continue to add to their websites and Facebook pages/groups:

[Belfast Paper and Ephemera](#) Facebook

[Belfast Shipyard of Workman, Clark](#) webpage

[Castleton Lanterns](#) webpage & [Facebook](#)

[Eddies Extracts](#) webpage & [Facebook](#)

[Family Photos of Old Northern Ireland](#) Facebook

[Friends of Neill's Hill Railway Station](#) Facebook

[Great War Ulster Newspaper Archive](#) Facebook

[Homes for Heroes NI \(1921 to 1939\)](#) Facebook

[Missing War Memorials in Ulster](#) a History Hub Ulster Facebook page

[Northern Bank War Memorials](#) webpage & [Facebook](#)

[Ulster Bank War Memorials](#) webpage & [Facebook](#)

[Ulster War Memorials](#) a History Hub Ulster Facebook page

[William J English VC](#) webpage

[Workman Clark in the Great War](#) Facebook

[WW1 Research Ireland](#) webpage & [Facebook](#)

In addition to the above websites and Facebook pages/groups, our members own subjects include cemetery tours with Nigel Henderson, Richard Graham and Peter McCabe; talks by Nigel Henderson and Richard Graham; books on cemeteries by Peter McCabe; blitz tours with Nigel Henderson; local banking by Gavin Bamford, and historic railway infrastructure with Gavin Bamford and Eddie Connolly (*Friends of Neill's Hill Railway Station*).

We were pleased to support our associate member Peter McCabe with the gift of an ISBN for his 7th book:

- 'A A S Barbour; 70 years not out' in association with Stewart Barbour who has now raised close to £40k for Cancer Focus NI (as at 30th June 2024) in many varied tasks.

As a group, History Hub Ulster funds subscriptions to various research sites to which all its members have access. These have proved invaluable to our members' ability to research cases for their own projects as well as our History Hub Ulster contracted cases and also the individual research undertaken on behalf of members of the public.

Financial Reserves Policy

No awards were granted in this reporting year under our 'Reserves Funding Award' policy.

Summary

2023/24 has been our 10th year in operation and my 7th year as Chair. The group continues to be a trusted source that can deliver accurate research on many subjects. We take pride in offering voluntary and commercial research to individuals and groups alike.

Although there continues to be less money around in the council and museums communities, work by the team has mostly been in the background as we prepare research quotations and funding applications. Unfortunately, our partnership with the Inniskillings Museum came to an end. However, we were pleased to receive funding from Belfast City Council to support the great work being undertaken by the Friar's Bush team. In addition, Antrim and Newtownabbey Borough Council have now erected the 'Homes for Heroes' plaques in various locations.

It was a great honour for me to be asked by Northern Bank to write the 200th anniversary book for them, joining the ranks of E D Hill, Director and Noel Simpson, Head of Finance with their associated books.

The team have continued to provide research information and interesting articles via our various social media platforms and newspapers alike.

Finally, on a personal note, I wish to thank the team for their support during the year.

Gavin Bamford

Chair, History Hub Ulster

1st September 2024

Well done to everyone for another great year! This year, 2014 is our tenth since we formed. That the group is still in existence through so much change and adversity is a testament to your dedication. The content produced by our members is outstanding and well received. In addition, our channels are sharing relevant and interesting content, and engagement is high. It's really important to note our successes and move forward with our aim to instil a sense of pride in our ancestors' achievements. I wish you luck with the team endeavours, as well as your personal projects.

I want to thank the committee and members for all their work over the past year and hope to see you all later this year.

Karen O'Rawe

Honorary President, History Hub Ulster

1st September 2024

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Trustees of History Hub Ulster
History Club Ulster
12 North Circular Road
Lisburn
BT28 3AH
Charity No: NIC106993

06 January 2025

Dear Trustees

Re: Independent examiner's report for year end 30th April 2024

I report on the accounts of the Trust for the year ended 30th April 2024, which are set out in section 3 of my examination file.

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.

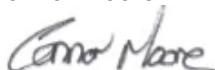
My role is to state whether any material matters have come to my attention giving me cause to believe:

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.

Connor Moore



ACA (Institute of Chartered Accountants Ireland)

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Receipts and Payments for the year ended 30th April 2023

RECEIPTS	2022/23		2021/22	
	£'s	£'s	£'s	£'s
Mid & East Antrim Council			2,920.00	
Donations	186.00		240.00	
Badges / Books Sold	238.50		194.00	
Ticket Receipts / Paid Research	27.00			
Walking Tours Receipts	145.00			
The Inniskilling Museum	240.00		45.00	
Friends of Neill's Hill Railway Station				
Rural Action			100.00	
Larchfield Community Development			200.00	
Lisburn & Castlereagh City Council			200.00	
Gardners Books	68.00			
Total Income		904.50		3,899.00
PAYMENTS				
Researchers	(308.00)		(3,150.00)	
Travel Expenses			(40.80)	
Research Subscriptions	(176.77)		(403.88)	
Technical	(134.34)		(120.00)	
Visits - Charges			(37.50)	
Public Liability Insurance	(429.81)		(430.78)	
Incidental Expenses	(1.00)			
PayPal Fees / EventBrite Fee	(9.02)		(1.18)	
Postage	(20.85)		(15.83)	
Charitable Donations			(100.00)	
Project Grant			(100.00)	
Independent Charity Examiner	*(150.00)			
Friends of Neill's Hill Railway Station			(20.00)	
Peter McCabe	(68.00)			
Total Expenditure		(1,297.79)		(4,419.97)
Net Receipts / Expenditure		(393.29)		(520.97)

Statement of Assets & Liabilities

Opening resources	1,384.45	1,905.42
Net Receipts / expenditure	(393.29)	(520.97)
	991.16	1,384.45
Represented by:		
Barclays Bank – number 1 account	531.03	1,012.17
Barclays Bank – number 2 account	460.13	372.28
	991.16	1,384.45
Funds not yet received	86.00	8.00
Uncleared items totalling	(205.39)	(100.00)
Reserved funds	(94.23)	(94.23)
Sale or return of goods	172.50	335.00
	950.04	1,533.22

Note: Independent Charity Examiner – 3 years invoices totalling £150.00

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History Hub Ulster - Trustee Annual Report

1st May 2022 to 30th April 2023

This Trustee Annual Report details our activities during the year 2022-2023.

Charity Number: NIC106993

President: Karen O'Rawe

The Committee (Trustees) Members for the year 2022-2023 were:

Chair: Gavin Bamford
Secretary: Vacant
Treasurer: Catherine Burrell

Coronavirus / Covid-19 Pandemic

2022 saw the end of the Covid-19 pandemic that had started in early 2020 resulting in many public health directions being made by local and national government. History Hub Ulster continued to present interesting talks via Zoom and YouTube together with full use of our other social media channels.

Unfortunately, our contract with the **Inniskillings Museum** continues to be severely disrupted resulting in a profound effect on our income with our annual expenditure once again exceeding our income for the year.

Activities

History Hub Ulster aim to promote and produce interesting and innovative projects and partnerships which are engaging to all members of the community, enhancing the individual's understanding of their shared heritage.

This reporting year saw the group present on the many centenaries of public war memorials being dedicated. We were able to promote, attend and present via social media on centenaries covering the Hillsborough, Crumlin, Clogher & District, Money more, County Fermanagh, Ballywalter, Coleraine, Portrush and Dungannon War Memorials - **#warmemorials100**.

Our 'live' Zoom presentations continued throughout this reporting period and were subsequently recorded, edited and published on our YouTube channel within a few days.

<https://www.youtube.com/@historyhubulster7891>.

Presentations were made on varying subjects by our members, Nigel Henderson and Peter McCabe. Further short videos were produced by Gavin Bamford. The subjects that interested our members included (in alphabetical order):

- Belfast Banking Company Limited – 1918 Property Portfolio Album
- Commuter Train from Comber to Newcastle via Downpatrick using Google Earth
- Fifty Footballers
- Somme Memorials in Dundonald Cemetery
- Stranmillis College and the Second World War
- The Princess Victoria Disaster – 70 Years On
- Ulsterville Presbyterian Church – A History in Memorials
- War Memorial Centenaries series – Hillsborough, Crumlin, Clogher, Moneymore, County Fermanagh, Ballywalter, Coleraine, Portrush and Dungannon
- War-related Graves in Carrickfergus

As restrictions ended, members organised public walks in Carrickfergus and Dundonald cemeteries.

Members attended other groups activities that included the Ulster Architectural Heritage Society (W J Barre), Donegal County Museum (Battle of Pettigo & Belleek Centenary), Belfast City Cemetery Visitors Centre (introduction to), Bushmills and the War, Campbell College Archives, Irish Linen Centre & Lisburn Museum (Army Museums in NI), PRONI (Belfast Central Railway) and Translink (Lisburn Area Track Renewals).

Our project ‘Friends of Neill’s Hill Railway Station’ continues to interest users of the Comber Greenway. We are pleased that the **Department for Infrastructure** have now installed red spectrum lighting on the greenway. Seating at various locations is still awaited from **Belfast City Council**.

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We continue to share interesting and innovative articles on our Facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/HistoryHubUlster> and via our Twitter account @historyulster

Our popular posts on Facebook have included:

- >22k reach – Lagan Valley Hospital ‘1920s Peace Trees’
- >18k reach – ‘War Veteran’s Child’, RNAS Sydenham
- >18k reach – Commuter Train from Comber to Newcastle via Downpatrick
- >17k reach – Patricia Curran Murder – 70th Anniversary
- >16k reach – Belfast Banking Company Limited – Buildings video

- >15k reach – BBC Ards TT including aerial photographs from ‘Britain from Above’ website
- >12k reach – Northern Banking Company Limited, Newtownstewart Murder
- >12k reach – Ladies Football. A Belfast Telegraph Euro 22 Supplement article
- >12k reach – Dalchoolin House
- >11k reach – ‘New War Room’ at Stormont Castle
- >8k reach – Centenary of Stranmillis College
- >7k reach – Links to our centenary talks about War Memorials Centenaries

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- Wartime Aircraft Tragedy at RAF Aldergrove
- Dalchoolin, A History
- County Fermanagh War Memorial
- Belfast Banking Company Limited – A Branch Study Report
- Three Towns, Three Counties, Three War Memorials
- Heroes of the Belfast Blitz
- Belfast Blitz Plaques

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[Great War Ulster Newspaper Archive](#) Facebook

[Homes for Heroes NI \(1921 to 1939\)](#) Facebook

[Missing War Memorials in Ulster](#) a History Hub Ulster Facebook page

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[WW1 Research Ireland](#) webpage & [Facebook](#)

In addition to the above websites and Facebook pages/groups, our members own projects include cemetery tours with Nigel Henderson, Richard Graham and Peter McCabe; talks by Nigel Henderson and Richard Graham; books on cemeteries by Peter McCabe; blitz tours with Nigel Henderson; and historic railway infrastructure with Gavin Bamford and Eddie Connolly (*Friends of Neill's Hill Railway Station*).

We are pleased to support our associate member Peter McCabe with the gift of ISBNs for his books:

- 2020: 20 Graves from 20 different cemeteries
- Roselawn 2021
- Fifty Footballers

As a group, History Hub Ulster funds subscriptions to various research sites to which all its members have access. These have proved invaluable to our members' ability to research cases for their own projects as well as our History Hub Ulster contracted cases and also the individual research undertaken on behalf of members of the public.

Financial Reserves Policy

No awards were granted in this reporting year under our 'Reserves Funding Award' policy.

Summary

2022/23 has been our 9th year in operation and my 6th year as Chair. The group continues to be a trusted source that can deliver accurate research on many subjects. We take pride in offering voluntary and commercial research to individuals and groups alike.

Once again it has been a difficult year with less money around and project funding very much reduced in the community. We envisage many further cutbacks in government and council community budgets in 2023 and beyond.

Never the less, the History Hub Ulster team have continued to provide a great deal of research information to the public along with interesting articles found on various social media platforms and newspapers alike.

Finally, on a personal note, I wish to thank the team for their support during the year. Please keep yourselves and your families safe.

Gavin Bamford
Chair, History Hub Ulster
27th June 2023

While it has not been an easy year for History Hub Ulster, the group continues to maintain a reputation for excellent research and relevant content. Congratulations on ensuring that well researched historical information is still being shared and appreciated across social media and 'in the field'. As the organisation moves forward and experiences new challenges, it is your ability to work together as a team to suggest new projects and find relevant histories that will keep History Hub Ulster relevant and interesting.

I want to thank the committee and members for all their work over the past year and hope to see you all later in 2023.

Karen O'Rawe
Honorary President, History Hub Ulster
13th July 2023

History Hub Ulster

Northern Ireland - Charity number 106993

Annual return

Trustees of History Hub Ulster
History Club Ulster
12 North Circular Road
Lisburn
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Charity No: NIC106993

18 December 2023

Dear Trustees

Re: Independent examiner's report for year end 30th April 2023

I report on the accounts of the Trust for the year ended 30th April 2023, which are set out in section 3 of my examination file.

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.

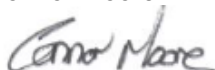
My role is to state whether any material matters have come to my attention giving me cause to believe:

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.

Connor Moore



ACA (Institute of Chartered Accountants Ireland)