

Coleraine Historical Society

Northern Ireland · Charity number 107216

Details

Status Received

Registered 2019-02-05

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

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Activities

Purposes: The aims of the Society will be :- (a) to promote the study of, and public interest in, the history, antiquities and folk-life of the Greater Coleraine area. (b) to work for the preservation of built heritage, and presentation of information and items of historical interest in the area.

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

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

Who the charity helps: General public,Men,Older people,Women

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-02-28	£2,476	£2,464	£0	0

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Aaron Callan (Secretary)		
Alan Millar		
Dr Frank Ferguson		
Fiona Pegrum		
Michelle Knight-Mcquillan		
Mr Joseph Mccoy		
Sharman Finlay		

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Accounts

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner:

As the charity's trustees you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the Charity Act (Northern Ireland) 2008.

It is my responsibility to:

- Examine the accounts under section 65 of the Charity Act.
- Follow the procedures laid down in the general direction given by the Charity Commission for NI under section 65(9)(b) of the Charity Act; and
- States whether matters have come to my attention.

Basic of independent examiner's report

I have examined your charity accounts as required under section 65 of the Charity Act and my examination was conducted in accordance with the general directions given by the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland under section 65(9)(b) of the Charities Act.

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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 of the accounts in connection with following the Directions of the Charity Commission for NI, I have found no matters that require drawing to your attention.

Alexandra Wallace

Alexandra Wallace FIATI

COLERAINE HISTORICAL SOCIETY

As At 28th February 2025

Income		£ Expenses	£
Balance @ Bank 01.03.24	10,938.89	Room Hire	280.00
Conference Ticket Sales	211.50	Insurance (FULS)	75.00
Bann Disc Sales/Downloads	2264.95	Speaker	50.00
		Misc	29.00
		BD Launch Vol 30	9.19
		Conference	111.79
		Bann Disc Printing	1,570.00
		Equipment (Sum Up)	166.80
		Postage/Stationery	71.89
		Finance (Audit)	100.00
		Website	
		Balance @ Bank 28.02.25	10,951.67

Total

13,415.34

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Accounts

Coleraine Historical Society 2023/24 accounts

Auditor Report:

I have been asked by the charity to compile these accounts for the year ended 28th February 2024, due to the former Treasurer's refusal to refurbish the Trustees with the bank statements, lodgement books, cheque books and everything else required to carry out an audit.

Income

I requested all bank statements for the account period to allow me to pull together this income and expenditure statement and these were ordered and provided to me.

I have the following concerns: Subscription money was taken through PayPal and is controlled by only one person who transferred to the bank irregularly. Through my investigation I discovered that £379.85 which includes a donation of £94.81 has not been transferred to the bank accounts and is still outstanding. In relation to the donation there is no evidence as to what this money is being used for, and there are several people who are double paying on the lists sent by the Paypal account holder. The Committee instructed the Paypal account holder to stop all recurring transactions and close the Paypal account. There is no evidence that this has been done.

It was very difficult to ascertain what £1,497.00 lodgement relates to as there was no evidence or paper trail; presumably it is membership and visitor fees as well as Bann Disc sales.

The trustees agreed to close this bank account and funds were transferred on 11 March 2024 and with relating bank fees of £28.37, brought the closing balance for the new financial year to £10,938.89.

The total income for this period is £6,212.27 per bank statement.

Expenditure

It was very difficult to ascertain what £1,250.00 payment relates to as there was no evidence and paper trail of who this was paid out to and for what purpose.

A few members paid £30.00 each towards a trip in June 2023 which did not go ahead. I have no evidence on how many members paid and how, as this is likely to have been via direct bank transfer, in cash, cheque and possibly PayPal and the Treasurer refused to provide a list but refunded by cheque. Neither can it be shown if all this money was refunded back to the members.

The total Expenditure for this period is £4,787.24 per bank statement.

Assets: for the 2022/2023 the former Treasurer has used estimates for the value of display boards as well as merchandise, the latter of which the Trustees do not know what this refers to. The laptop was purchased and has no software on it, so cannot be used by the society and is surplus to requirement. The other equipment remains uninsured and is currently being stored as it is not being used.

Alexandra Wallace

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Bank Statement reconciliation as at 28/02/2024.

INCOME	£
Open balance	9513.86
PayPal	1545.59
Bann Disc sales	2869.68
Lodgement	1497.00
Member trip	210.00
Member fees	90.00
TOTAL INCOME	6,212.27
EXPENDITURE	
Cost of Bann Discs	2,625.00
Speakers Fees	150.00
Bank Fees	112.24
Room Hire	20.00
Other (website)	180.00
Auditor?	150.00
Error lodgement	10.00
Per Treasurer unknown	1,250.00
Possibly refunds for the trip?	240.00
FULS Insurance	50.00
TOTAL EXPS	4,787.24
TOTAL IN BANK	10,938.89

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COLERAINE HISTORICAL SOCIETY Trustees` Annual Report

**For the year ended 28 February 2024
Registered Charity in Northern Ireland (NIC 107216)**

Introduction

The Trustees of Coleraine Historical Society (NIC 107216) present their Annual Report and Financial Statements for the year ended 28 February 2024.

Governance and Review

Following the AGM held in March 2023, a comprehensive review of the Society's constitution and procedures and policies, was conducted. In Quarter 4 of 2023, the Code of Good Conduct was implemented. To support this governance review, a solicitor was engaged to provide legal guidance, and the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland (CCNI) was notified of the review's progress.

Trustees

Trustees that served during the period 16 March 2023 until 28 February 2024 were:

- Neal Anderson
- Geoff Warke
- Helen Perry
- Sarah Carson
- Dr. Niall Comer
- Stephen McCracken
- Alistair Kennedy
- Loretto Blackwood
- Fiona Pegrum
- Aaron Callan
- Sharman Finlay
- Joseph McCoy
- Alan Millar
- Dr. Frank Ferguson, and

- Michelle Knight-McQuillan.

Objectives and Public Benefit

The purposes of Coleraine Historical Society are to

1. To promote the study of, and public interest in, the history, antiquities, and folk-life of the Greater Coleraine area, and
2. To work for the preservation of built heritage, and presentation of information and items of historical interest in the area.

All Trustees are committed to the Commission's Public Benefit Requirement and adhere to its Statutory Guidance.

Activities and Achievements

- Regular talks delivered by experts.
- Distribution of members' newsletters.
- Engagement through social media for promotion, discussions, and updates.
- Publication and sale of the Society's annual journal, *The Bann Disc*, locally and internationally.

Highlights of the Year

- **April 2023:** Talk by Dr. Niall Comer.
- **May 2023:** Talk by Fiona Pegrum.
- **October 2023:** Talk by Grainne Milner-McLoone.
- **November 2023:** Launch of *The Bann Disc Volume 29* and talk by Kenneth Wood.
- **January 2024:** Talk by Dr. Peter Wilson.
- **February 2024:** Talk by Alan Millar.

Below are a selection of images and articles from these.

April 2023: Dr Niall Comer

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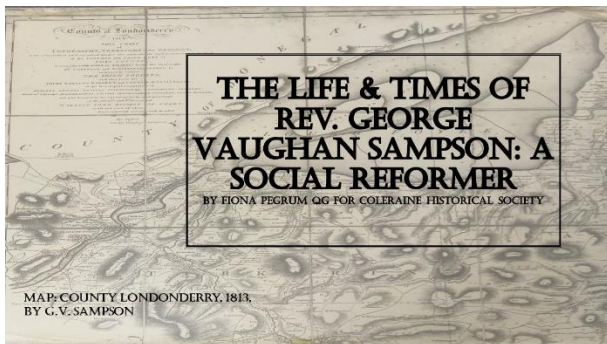
Learn about where your surname comes from with Coleraine Historical Society

By Una Culkin

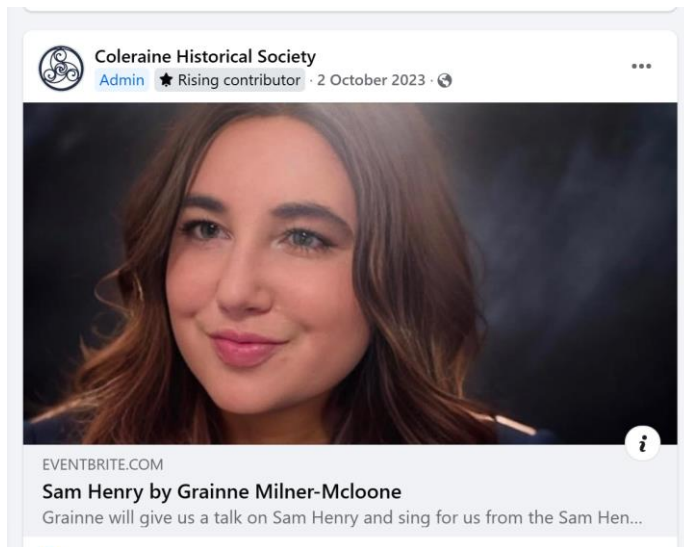
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May 2023: Fiona Pegrum



October 2023: Grainne Milner-McLoone



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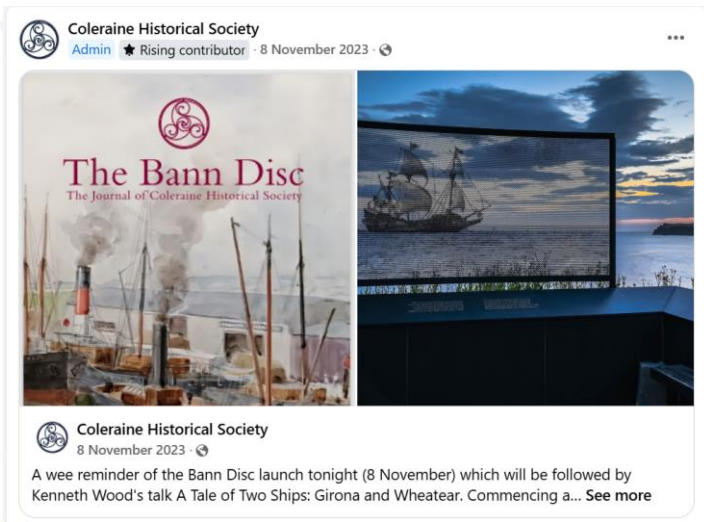
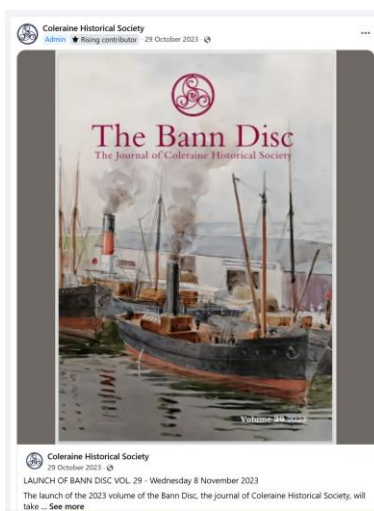
Historian Sam Henry is subject of Coleraine Historical Society's first talk of the season

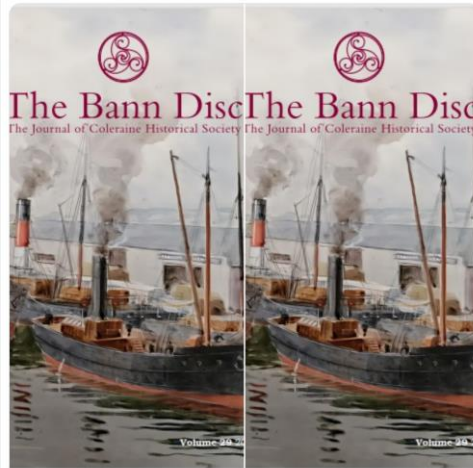
GRAINNE MILNER-MCLOONE TALK EXPLORES CONNECTIONS BETWEEN LOCAL PLACE, NATURE AND SONG CULTURE



Tuesday 17 October 2023 10:27
COLERAINE Historical Society's first talk of the season welcomes Sam Henry historian Grainne Milner-McLoone.
The talk takes place at the Mount Sandel Centre in Coleraine this Wednesday, October 18 at 7pm.
Sam Henry, an active member of the Coleraine community in Northern Ireland, worked as a pension officer for the government and journalist for the Northern Constitution newspaper.
He ran a weekly newspaper series known as Songs of the People where he gathered and published the folk songs known, played and sung by people across the north of Ireland between 1920-1939.
With little interference of his own, Henry's intent was to publish the songs as original as possible and therefore his series captures and reflects important aspects of Irish culture at a crucial time of political and demographic change, following the establishment of Northern Ireland in 1921.
The collection of over 600 songs covers a wide array of themes from local villages and rivers, to versions of folk songs which exist in popular culture today, often with varying lyrics.
As such, the lyrics published by Henry can reveal a lot about the sense of place, space and community in which the songs were situated.
This talk explores how the themes and lyrics of the collection construct, challenge or expand cultural identity across Northern Ireland, and looks at the connection between local place, nature and song culture, particularly across songs of the Causeway Coast and Glens.
Grainne Milner-McLoone is a PhD Researcher at Ulster University whose interdisciplinary AHRC Northern Bridge Collaborative project explores the cultural geography of the ballad collector Sam Henry.
A gifted singer and musician, she has recently recorded and released an album of recordings of songs associated with her PhD, The Songs of Sam Henry (2022), which was nominated for NI music prize 'Album of the Year'.
Her music and research have appeared on BBC Radio Ulster, Raidió Fáilte and LUTV's Mahon's Way.

November 2023: the launch of Bann Disc Volume 29 and talk by Kenneth Wood



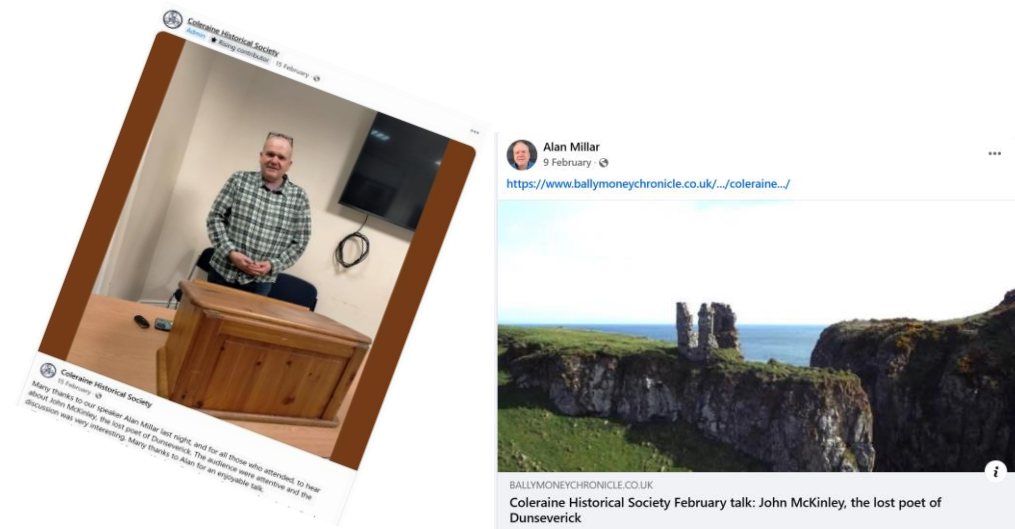


Coleraine Historical Society
17 November 2023

A REMINDER FOR TOMORROW 18 NOVEMBER 2023 Waterstones in Coleraine are hosting an in-store event from 11am to 3pm on Saturday 18 November with the opportunity to... See more



February 2024: Alan Millar



As of 28 February 2024, the Society has no funds in material deficit. The Society's financial position as at 28 February 2024 is:

Balance as at year end: £10,938.89

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Fiona Pegrum

Chairman

Coleraine Historical Society

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Annual return

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Treasurers Report for Coleraine Historical Society year ending 28/02/2022

Income:

Total income from membership fees was £1283.11, a similar figure to the previous year but still well down from 2 years previously (£1982.67). This was likely due to the continuing impact of Covid 19 during the year and the lack of physical meetings so we should be looking to get our membership levels back to pre-covid levels if/when normal business is resumed.

Sales of Bann Discs at £4444.21 were well up on the previous year's figure of £1669.78, but before you all get too excited this is largely down to a combination of late payments for volume 26 and earlier payments of volume 27 from our retailers, specifically our payments from Waterstones, our largest retailer outlet.

It was pleasing to note that we received £170.72 in donations from various sources, and I would take this opportunity to thank all our donors on behalf of the Society.

It should also be noted that there was no income from visitor's fees due to Covid 19; two years ago, these were £1022 so hopefully post covid we can see revenue from this source return albeit that much of this income is lost in the costs of room hire and other expenses.

Expenditure:

This year the cost of printing the Bann discs was £2625 compared to last year's figure of £2265 largely due to the increased print run of volume 27.

Governance costs included Auditor's fee £150, Zoom annual fee of £143.88 and the annual website maintenance fee of £216.00. The society also purchased merchandising window display material at a cost of £150.79 and a sum card reader at a cost of £36.76, first used at the launch of the Bann Disc in November, which will provide us with a useful payment method at meetings going forward.

Bank charges at £78.91 were slightly lower than the previous year largely since we only operate one bank account now.

Profit/Loss:

I am pleased to see that the Society returned a profit for the year of £1993.87, compared to a loss last year of £2467.82 (largely due to the one-off cost of £2255 for our new website) and a loss 2 years ago of £654.82.

This figure would have been approximately £400-500 higher were it not for issues with the transfer of payments to our bank account from pay pal which will hopefully be resolved shortly.

Statements of Receipts and Payments:

The total figures that I have just reported on are shown in detail in this statement and how this is reflected in our total cash at bank and in hand (£100), which now stands at £8481.34 when the profit of £1993.87 is added to the previous year's balance of £6487.47.

Statement of Assets and Liabilities:

As well as showing our assets in terms of cash this statement reflects on the other assets held by the society, notably in terms of our current stock of Bann Discs held (based on their market value) and currently with retailers on a sale or return basis, both of which currently total £2800.00, compared to last year's figure of £3697.50. It should be noted that compared to this year's figure of £630.00 due in from our retailers, for this time last year it was £1535.00.

Summary and Recommendations:

Although our accounts are in a healthy state, and we have returned to profitability I believe that we should continue to seek to increase our revenue through increasing our membership back to pre-covid levels and a return to physical meetings as the year progresses should hopefully help us to do this.

It is good to see that we continue to reduce our stocks of Bann Disc, our most important source of revenue, but we need to look at shifting some of those older volumes where stocks are still too high by promoting them in some manner, possibly using our window space in the shopping centre.

However, I also believe that the funds are there to be used for purposes of increasing our members and adding more value to membership and we should look at capital spending on such projects as we feel would benefit this purpose going forward e.g., making all copies of the Bann disc available to members and visitors in an online format.

Approved by the Trustees on 15 March 2022 and signed on their behalf by:



Alistair T Kennedy

Treasurer



Geoff Warke

Chairperson

Statement of Assets and Liabilities:

Bank Statement Reconciliation as 28/02/2022

	£	£
Cash at Bank and in hand, 28/02/2021	6487.47	
Profit at year end	1993.87	
Cash at Bank and in hand, 28/02/2022	8481.34	
Bank and cash balances:		
Bank current account	8381.34	
Cash on hand (float)	100.00	
Total cash assets	8481.34	8481.34
Other assets:		
Archived Bann discs	540.00	
Dann discs in stock	2170.00	
Bann discs with Retailers (due payment)	630.00	
Sound system (estimated)	180.00	
Exhibition displays (estimated)	100.00	
Merchandising (at cost)	150.79	
Total other assets	3770.79	3770.79
Total all Assets		12252.13
Liabilities:		
Speaker's fees owed	40.00	
Members expenses	42.95	
Total all Liabilities	82.95	(82.95)
Total Assets less Liabilities		12169.18

COLERAINE HISTORICAL SOCIETY RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS FOR YEAR ENDING 28 FEBRUARY 2022													
YEAR	2021	2021	2021	2021	2021	2021	2021	2021	2021	2021	2021	2022	2022
MONTH	MARCH	APRIL	MAY	JUNE	JULY	AUGUST	SEPTEMBER	OCTOBER	NOVEMBER	DECEMBER	JANUARY	FEBRUARY	TOTALS
INCOME													
Donations			47.25		5			118.47					170.72
Grants													0
Fund raising													0
Member fees	210	406.51	170.22	120	90			171.56	99.82			15	1283.11
Visitor fees													0
Bann Disc Sales		546.32	129.98	712	70	20	98	194.25	817.66	496	1050	310	4444.21
Postage Income													0
Other income												25	25
Total	210	952.83	347.45	832	165	20	98	484.28	917.48	496	1050	350	5923.04
EXPENSES													
Cost of fundraising													0
Cost of Bann Discs											2625		2625
Charitable Activities													0
Governance costs	150				143.88		50	216				36.76	596.64
Speaker Fees				40				40	40				120
Postage Costs	11.83				46.05	3.15				125.14		48.22	234.39
Bank charges		21.68			21.33			19.11			16.79		78.91
Other		30							150.79	24		69.44	274.23
Total	161.83	51.68	0	40	211.26	3.15	50	275.11	190.79	149.14	2641.79	154.42	3929.17
PROFIT/LOSS	48.17	901.15	347.45	792	-46.26	16.85	48	209.17	726.69	346.86	-1591.79	195.58	1993.87

Coleraine Historical Society

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Annual report



COLERAINE HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Trustees` Annual Report

For the year ended 28 February 2022

Registered Charity in Northern Ireland (NIC 107216)

The Trustees present their Annual Report and Financial Statements for the year ended 28 February 2022

REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS

Coleraine Historical Society

Registered Charity in Northern Ireland (NIC 107216)

CHARITY TRUSTEES

The Charity Trustees who served during the year or who were trustees at the date of this report were:

Geoffrey Warke	Barbara Harding
Loretto Blackwood	Michael Turner
Joanne Deering	Kenneth Parkes
William Bones	Alistair Kennedy
Anne-Marie Huston	

PRINCIPAL OFFICE BEARERS

Chairperson	Geoffrey Warke
Deputy Chairman	<i>post vacant</i>
Secretary	Joanne Deering
Treasurer	Alistair Kennedy

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER

Denise Kennedy, F.C.C.A.

30 Gill's Lane, Coleraine, BT51 3SD

BANKERS

First Trust Bank, 33 The Diamond, Coleraine BT52 1DP

DESCRIPTION AND PURPOSE

Coleraine Historical Society holds monthly meetings from September to May (excl. December) which mainly involve presentations, either from members or guest speakers, on topics of local historical or cultural interest. In June each year, an outing is normally arranged to visit locations, including buildings of historical interest within the local borough and beyond, assisted by expert guides.

Annually, the Society, through an editorial subcommittee, produces a journal entitled "Bann Disc", the present volume being the 27th edition. The journal comprises articles by members and non-members, covering all aspects of the history, culture, and folklore of our borough council area. Besides availability to local and overseas associate members, the journal is supplied to district libraries and can be purchased by the general public through local commercial outlets. The Society acts as a focal point for enquiries relating to the local heritage and historical scene.

AIMS AND OBJECTIVES

The aims of the Society are:

- To promote the study of, and public interest in, the history, antiquities, and folk-life of the Greater Coleraine area
- To work for the preservation of built heritage, and presentation of information and items of historical interest in the area

ACHIEVEMENTS AND PERFORMANCE

Over the course of the year, the Society held eight monthly meetings where talks were given to members and guests on the following topics:

- `Homes for Heroes`, Nigel Henderson
- `The History of the NW200`, Mervyn White
- `The Castlerock Poisoning Sensation`, Geoff Warke
- `Emigration from Ireland`, Dr Linde Lunney
- `Photography and Folklore`, by Ken Wood
- `A Thorny Subject`, by Neal Anderson
- `The History of Coleraine Football Club`, Hunter McClelland
- `From Belfast to Bendigo, The Life and Work of Dr William Graham`, by Mary Heffernan

The launch of volume 27 of the Society's journal "Bann Disc" was held on 20 November 2021. The launch was attended by a live audience of members and guests while others chose to attend by Zoom or followed the live stream on Facebook. By 28 February 2022, 444 copies from a print run of five hundred had been sold.

OUTREACH

The Society has continued to engage with the wider public through:

- Monthly talks that are now delivered virtually and which are open to both members and non-members. (A return to live meetings is anticipated and it is planned that delivery of talks by Zoom and Facebook livestream will continue alongside those live meetings)
- The Society's journal "*Bann Disc*," the current edition of which had a print run of five hundred copies. Volumes of the "*Bann Disc*" can be accessed by the public at both Coleraine Library and the Linen Hall Library in Belfast.
- The Society's website which is maintained and updated regularly for the benefit of visitors locally and abroad. It incorporates sections on the history and heritage of the greater Coleraine area, synopses of past talks and a searchable Bann Disc Index. The website also provides an easy and accessible means of purchasing our publications on-line, renewing membership and facilitating enquiries in respect of local history

- The Society`s Facebook page which currently has 1,445 followers. Videos of the Society`s talks are loaded onto the Facebook page which also hosts a shop that links directly with the website.
- We now have a Society YouTube page where videos will be loaded going forward.
- We work monthly with our media partners, The Coleraine Chronicle & Coleraine Times. The Society`s activities are regularly advertised and reported, and we submit regular articles of local historical interest to The Coleraine Chronicle's 'Down Memory Lane' section.

VOLUNTEERS

The Trustees wish to acknowledge their deep appreciation of those who give freely of their time by serving on Committee, distribution of the Bann Disc and other Society activities.

PUBLIC BENEFIT STATEMENT

Our purpose is to encourage the study and cross-community appreciation of local history, folklore, archaeology, and antiquities through a varied programme of monthly talks on topics of historical/cultural interest, the publication of our journal and information on our website for the benefit of Society members, visitors and the people of the Coleraine and Causeway coast area. The Society also encourages interest in the historical built environment to highlight the importance of preserving such sites both for the present and future generations.

The identified benefits can be shown by

- Society membership, which in the current year stands at eighty-eight, comprises both local and overseas members
- Monthly talks, now delivered via Zoom, and which attract 25 - 60 members and other interested parties.
- The Society`s Facebook page which to date has 1,445 followers. The monthly talks are also streamed live on Facebook

- The Society's annual journal, "*Bann Disc*", which includes articles by members and non-members. The current edition, volume 27, had a print run of five hundred copies and has been made available to society members and the general public at a sustainable cost. The Society maintains an archive of the twenty-seven editions published to date. That archive, which has been indexed by subject/author and other categories, is an invaluable source of research information on the heritage of the Causeway Coast area. The index has been made accessible on the new website
- The Society's website is maintained and updated regularly for the benefit of visitors locally and abroad. It provides an easy and accessible means of purchasing our publications on-line, renewing membership and facilitating enquiries in respect of local history
- In normal circumstances, regular outings are held for Society members and friends to locations and buildings of historical interest. Those outings fulfil our aim of encouraging interest in and preservation of the historical built environment. While outings were not held over the course of the pandemic, it is hoped they will resume as soon as circumstances permit
- There is no harm arising from our Society's purposes

The charity's beneficiaries are the society's members, visitors and the general public residing in the Causeway Coast and Glens council area together with members from overseas and all others who have an interest in our local history.

In the year ending 28 February 2022, a private benefit accrued to the printing firm engaged to produce all our printed material, to the company retained to maintain the website and to the company that provides the Zoom package. In those cases, the benefit is incidental.

The Trustees have had regard to the Charity Commission's Public Benefit Requirement statutory guidance.

Financial Review

The bank balance at the start of the year was £6487.47 and monies held by the Society at the end of the financial year totalled £8481.34, a significant increase of almost £2000 and largely due to the fact that retailers have paid for their sales of *Bann Discs* somewhat earlier in the year than has happened in the past and the fact that no major items of expenditure were incurred during the year.

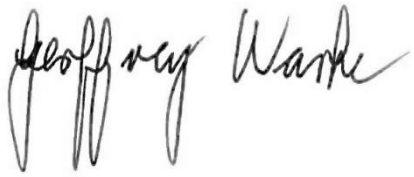
Statement of Trustee Responsibilities

The Trustees are responsible for preparing the annual report and the financial statements of the Society in accordance with applicable law and generally accepted accounting practice.

As the Society's total income does not exceed £250,000, the Trustees have elected under Section 64(3) of the Charities Act (Northern Ireland) 2018 to prepare a receipts and payment account.

The Trustees are responsible for keeping adequate accounting records that are sufficient to show and explain the Society's transactions and disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time its financial position. They are also responsible for taking reasonable steps to prevent and detect fraud and other irregularities.

The 2021 Annual General Meeting of the Society was held on 16th March 2021 via Zoom. The Trustees' Report and Financial Statement for the year ending 28th February 2021 were distributed to the membership prior to that Annual General Meeting. The Trustees' Report and Financial Statement, along with the Independent Examiner's Report, were then submitted to the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland on 28th March 2021.

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Geoffrey Warke". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, stylized 'G' and 'W'.

Geoffrey Warke

(Chairperson)

Date: 8th March 2022

Coleraine Historical Society

Northern Ireland - Charity number 107216

Annual return

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Coleraine Historical Society

Independent Examiner's Report to the Charity Trustees of Coleraine Historical Society

I report on the accounts of the charity for the year ended 28th February 2022.

Respective responsibilities of 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 Charity Commission for Northern Ireland under section 65(9)(b) of the Charities Act; and
- 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.

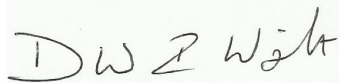
My examination included a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also included consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts and seeking explanations from you as charity trustees concerning any such matters.

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

1. The 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.



David Wright BA FCCA
29 December 2022