

HERVEY HERITAGE SOCIETY

Northern Ireland · Charity number 107432

Details

Status Received

Registered 2020-04-15

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

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Activities

Purposes: 2. THE PURPOSES OF THE CHARITY ARE TO: 1. Increase public understanding and raise awareness of the life and legacy of the Earl Bishop by: 1.1 creating, maintaining and developing a Heritage Trail taking in places of interest associated with the Earl Bishop extending from the Giant's Causeway to the City of Derry; 1.2 providing information in all forms of media; 1.3 erecting a memorial and producing a bust of the Earl Bishop. 2. Foster a sense of community by: 2.1 facilitating organisations, interest groups and individuals to participate in discovering and preserving knowledge, encouraging and celebrating a sense of place, civic pride and ownership and an appreciation of all aspects of local heritage; 2.2 supporting strong inter-community relationships as exemplified by the Earl Bishop; 2.3 fostering social and economic regeneration in areas along the Heritage Trail.

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

How the charity works: Advice/advocacy/information,Arts,Community development,Community enterprise,Cross-border/cross-community,Cultural,Economic development,Education/training,Environment/sustainable development/conservation,Heritage/historical,Research/evaluation,Rural development,Volunteer development

Who the charity helps: General public,Interface communities,Older people,Parents,Volunteers,Youth (14-25 year olds)

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees	
2025-03-31		£325	£156	£0	0

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Mr Ian Bartlett		
Mr Ian Bunting		
Mr James Andrew Hunter		
Mr Jeremy Sayers		
Mr Ken McCormack		
Mrs Helen Mark		
Ms Hester McCunn		
Ms Loretto Blackwood		

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REPORT Period 2024 - 2025

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There has been a considerable amount of business transacted at these meetings:

- a) **Membership.** The Society welcomed one new member, Valerie Morgan.
- b) **Review of Constitution.** It was noted that the Society was formally constituted on 16 March 2016. The Society had operated prior to this as a project within the Causeway u3a. A sub-group was appointed to review the constitution, which made the following recommendations to the meeting on 7 February 2025:
 - The Committee should continue to hold at least 4 meetings per year with at least 3 Trustees for a quorum,
 - A list of members should be maintained recording full names, addresses, telephone numbers and email addresses- Loretto Blackwood has compiled a definitive list,
 - The number of Trustees should be greater than 3 and less than 12,
 - A recommendation should be made to the next AGM that Trustees must act by a majority decision and in the case of a split vote, the Chair has the casting vote.
- c) **Presentation to North Coast Association.** Ken McCormack and Gerard Harvey gave a well-researched and fascinating presentation to the North Coast Association at Portballintrae to a capacity audience.
- d) **Benevenagh Lowland Partnership Scheme.** It was noted that the Benevenagh Lowland Partnership Scheme had cleared the wild growth covering the Hervey-Bruce tomb in Dunboe Graveyard. It was also noted that it was planned to transfer Downhill Forest South to the National Trust, who intended to provide forest tracks, waymarking and information boards. The Society has been requested to assist with historic information for the boards.
- e) **Downhill House Survey.** Keith Gilmour has continued with his assiduous work on two sets of plans and elevations of Downhill House, one for 1790 and the other for 1890. Ken McCormack and Jim Chestnut have provided assistance with the project. This intricate and complex work has been favourably received by Heather McLachlan, Director for the National Trust Northern Ireland. On completion it is hoped to offer a building 'walk through'
- f) **Contact with National Trust Ickworth.** Ickworth plans to mount an exhibition on the Earl Bishop in 2026. Two members of their research group, Mr & Mrs McGee, have visited Ireland to meet members of the Society and gather information about his life and times in Ireland. During their visit they attended a briefing from Ken McCormack, a presentation from Ken assisted by Gerard Harvey and tours of St Columb's Cathedral and the Long Tower Chapel arranged by Ken. Jim Hunter took them on a tour of the Earl Bishop Trail. Hester McCunn, Val Morgan and Gerry Sayers met them at Downhill, where Hester provided a tour of the Demesne. During their visit they travelled to the Giant's Causeway. Consideration is being given for a party from the Society to visit the Exhibition.

- g) **Walks and Talks.** This year's Walks and Talks programme commenced on 17 March 2025. Laurence Ghisoiu has arranged, as a trial, for this programme to be advertised and marketed by the Causeway Coast & Glens.
- h) **Cabina Family.** The Society has continued its detailed research regarding two young men from the Italian Cabina family, whose father was likely to have been known to the Earl Bishop. One was brought by Henry Hervey Bruce to Downhill and the other by him to Dublin. These young men are ancestors of one of the Society's members, Marion Hamill. Arrangements are being made to meet the Cabina family in Dublin.
- i) **A Hervey Day in Derry.** It has been suggested that a Hervey Day should be organised to raise the profile of the Earl Bishop in the city. This would be a joint event between St Columb's Cathedral and the Hervey Heritage Society. A draft paper has been prepared outlining our proposals for submission to the Cathedral and the Council.
- j) **Reprint of Earl Bishop Trail Booklet.** Our application to the Council for funding was unsuccessful. Loretto Blackwood has investigated why our application has failed and has been advised to make some adjustments to the submission and to try again.
- k) **Book on Earl Bishop.** It was noted that Ken McCormack's book on the Earl Bishop was being proofed and would soon be published.
- l) **Spanish Chestnut Tree.** Margaret Boyce and Hazel Siberry informed the Society that they had visited and found the Spanish Chestnut sapling planted by the Society at Downhill in a healthy state. The sapling was grown from seeds from one of the remaining Spanish Chestnut trees planted by the Earl Bishop at his summer residence, now the grounds of Lumen Christi College.
- m) **Debt of Thanks.** The Society owes a debt of gratitude to Helen Mark (President); Officers Loretto Blackwood (Treasurer) and Jerry Sayers (Secretary); Trustees; and Members, who have given generously of their time during the period of the Report. The Society thanked the Cathedral, National Trust and St Columb's Park House for providing venues for its meetings.



Jim Hunter
(Acting Chair)

**INDEPENDENT EXAMINERS REPORT TO THE CHARITY TRUSTEES OF
HERVEY HERITAGE SOCIETY**

I report on the accounts of the Trust for the year ended **31 March 2025** which are set out on the following pages.

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.

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- examine the accounts under section 65 of the Charities Act
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Basis of independent examiner's report

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Signed: *B. J. Mullan*
Name: *BRENDAN J MULLAN, TREASURER CAUSEWAY USA*
Address: *27 Mourssandel Rd, Coleraine, BT52 1JE*
Date: *13 November 2025*

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INCOME & EXPENDITURE Account 1 April 2024 to 31 March 2025


INCOME	<u>2024 - 2025</u>	<u>2023 - 2024</u>
Balance as at 01 April 2024	421.78	247.78
 Grants:		
National Trust Organisation		
NT - Downhill Tours	325.00	330.00
Fundraising		
Donations		
Total Income Received	<u>325.00</u>	<u>330.00</u>
 EXPENDITURE		
Stationery & Postage		
Publicity/Advertising		
Printing		
Events & Activities		
Bank Charges		
Fees (External Examiner)	60.00	60.00
Sundry Expenditure		
Insurance	96.00	96.00
Total Expenditure	<u>156.00</u>	<u>156.00</u>
Surplus of Income/Expenditure	<u><u>169.00</u></u>	<u><u>174.00</u></u>
Account Balance as at 31 Mar 2025	<u><u>590.78</u></u>	31/03/2024 <u><u>421.78</u></u>

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Balance Sheet as at 31 March 2025

Current Assets	<u>2024- 2025</u>	<u>2023-2024</u>
Bank	590.78	421.78
Debtors	<u>0.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>
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 Creditors	 <u>0.00</u>	 <u>0.00</u>
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Acting Chair 
JA Hunter

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Signed: *David Douglas*

Name: David Joseph James Douglas FCA (Chartered Accountant)

Address: 1 Caw Hill Park, Londonderry BT47 6LU

Date: *30th August 2024*

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Organisation		
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Fundraising		646.00
Donations		
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HERVEY HERITAGE SOCIETY ANNUAL REPORT 2023/2024

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There has been a considerable amount of business transacted at these meetings:

- a) **Membership.** The Society welcomed three new members: Margaret Boyce, Hazel Siberry and Ian Bunting
- b) **Death of Roy Hamilton.** The Society noted with sadness the death of Roy Hamilton one of its founding members. He had played an active role in the Society's affairs and was working on a publication on the Earl Bishop right up to the time of his death.
- c) **Constitution.** It was agreed that Section 6 of the Constitution relating to the number of our Trustees should be updated as follows: 'The number of Trustees should not be less than three but no more than twelve'.
- d) **Presentations.** The Society received two fascinating and well-researched presentations from Ken McCormack one on the Earl Bishop and Downhill House and the other on the Cabena family and their links with Downhill and Dublin. Ken received technical assistance from Gerard Harvey.
- e) **Website.** Lawrence Ghisoiu has agreed to assist Loretto Blackwood with the Society's website and social media work.
- f) **Downhill House.** Ken McCormack, Keith Gilmour, Jerry Sayers and Lawrence Ghisoiu, have continued with their work in the production of accurate drawings to replace the current inaccurate plans and elevations of Downhill House. The Society has now an accurate survey of the House with the data loaded on a software system allowing easier changes of different layout options and offering walk-through imagery both internally and externally. It is planned for this team to meet with Malachy Conway, the National Trust archaeologist, to review the plans and make arrangements for the signage of rooms.
- g) **Walks and Talks.** Hester McCunn, Jerry Sayer and Lawrence Ghisoiu offered a successful programme of 'Walks and Talks', at Downhill, during July and August 2023. The programme has been featured on Radio Ulster. The National Trust has agreed to continue with this programme during summer 2024.
- h) **Auditor.** BCRC who acted in the past as an examiner of our accounts are no longer offering their services. The Society has found a replacement Mr David Douglas FCA to audit the accounts. Loretto Blackwood has been preparing this year's accounts in conjunction with him.
- i) **Spanish Chestnut Tree.** Ken obtained seeds from one of the remaining Spanish Chestnut trees planted by the Earl Bishop in the grounds of his summer residence, now the grounds of Lumen Christi College. Charlie Morrison nurtured a sapling from one of the seeds and kindly presented it to the National Trust. Una Quinn, the North Coast Garden Manager, is now looking after the sapling and plans to plant it in a suitable location at Downhill.
- j) **Cabena Family.** Ken McCormack has conducted in-depth research regarding the ancestors of one of our members, Marion Hamill. Her great-great-grandfather, Joseph Cabena was brought to Downhill from Italy by the Hervey-Bruces in 1813. They discovered that his brother, Luigi, had also come to Ireland and lived in Dublin. Ken and Marion are continuing their investigations.
- k) **North Coast Association Talk.** Ken McCormack has been invited and has agreed to give a talk on 'The Earl Bishop and Downhill House' on 18 April 2024 at Portballintrae Village Hall. This will provide an opportunity for him to thank the Association for their generous donations, which have assisted the work of the Society.
- l) **Thanks.** The Society owes a debt of gratitude to its President, Helen Mark, and to its members, who have given generously of their time during the period of the Report.



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Date: *30th August 2024*

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Balance as at 01 April 2023	247.78	221.56
Grants:		
National Trust	330.00	
Organisation		
NT - Downhill Tours		
Fundraising		646.00
Donations		
Total Income Received	<u>330.00</u>	<u>646.00</u>
EXPENDITURE		
Stationery & Postage		
Publicity/Advertising		
Printing		
Events & Activities		
Bank Charges		
Fees (External Examiner)	60.00	619.78
Sundry Expenditure		
Insurance	96.00	
Total Expenditure	<u>156.00</u>	<u>619.78</u>
Surplus of Income/Expenditure	<u>174.00</u>	<u>247.78</u>
Account Balance as at 31 Mar 2024	421.78	

HERVEY HERITAGE SOCIETY
1 April 2023 - 31 Mar 2024

Balance Sheet as at 31 March 2024

	<u>2023 - 2024</u>	<u>2021-2023</u>
Current Assets		
Bank	421.78	247.78
Debtors	<u>0.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>
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Creditors	<u>0.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>
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Chair *James A Hunter*
 JA Hunter

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HERVEY HERITAGE SOCIETY

Northern Ireland - Charity number 107432

Accounts

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Charity Commission No. NIC107432

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Grants:		
Organisation		
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Fundraising		
Donations	646.00	20.00
Total Income Received	646.00	20.00
EXPENDITURE		
Stationery & Postage		
Publicity/Advertising		
Printing		
Events & Activities		
Bank Charges		
Fees	619.78	50.00
Sundry Expenditure		
Total Expenditure	619.78	50.00
Surplus of Income/Expenditure	26.22	221.56
Account Balance as at 31 Mar 2023	247.78	

HERVEY HERITAGE SOCIETY
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Current Assets		
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Debtors	0.00	0.00
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HERVEY HERITAGE SOCIETY

Northern Ireland - Charity number 107432

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INCOME & EXPENDITURE Account 1 April 2022 to 31 March 2023

INCOME	2022 - 2023	2021 - 2022
Balance as at 01 April 2022	221.56	251.56
Grants:		
Organisation		
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Fundraising		
Donations	646.00	20.00
Total Income Received	646.00	20.00
EXPENDITURE		
Stationery & Postage		
Publicity/Advertising		
Printing		
Events & Activities		
Bank Charges		
Fees	619.78	50.00
Sundry Expenditure		
Total Expenditure	619.78	50.00
Surplus of Income/Expenditure	26.22	221.56
Account Balance as at 31 Mar 2023	247.78	

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Balance Sheet as at 31 March 2023

	2022 - 2023	2021-2022
Current Assets		
Bank	247.78	221.56
Debtors	0.00	0.00
	<u>247.78</u>	<u>221.56</u>
Creditors	<u>0.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>
Net Current Assets	247.78	221.56

This income and expenditure report has been produced from the information supplied by the committee of **HERVEY HERITAGE SOCIETY**

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Treasurer 
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