

Blue Coat School Heritage Centre

Northern Ireland · Charity number 107546

Details

Status	Received
Company number	656025
Registered	2020-09-21
Register	View on the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland register

Contact

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Activities

Purposes: 1.To tell the story of First Derry Presbyterian Church and the contribution that the Presbyterian community has made to the City and Region since the first Presbyterian Meeting House was established on the present site in 1690. 2.To explain:- a.the arrival of Presbyterians in North West Ulster in the 17th century. b.the challenges they have faced over successive centuries until the present time. c.the role they are continuing to playing the life of the community in Londonderry and the North West. 3.to tell about the closure of the Church in 2002,the major refurbishment works and the re-opening ceremony in 2011. 4.To work in consultation with Tourism N.I.,Derry City and Strabane District Counciland other statutory and community partnerships to maximise the potential benefits of cultural heritage tourism for the whole community in the North West. 5.To demonstrate through this work how the story of Presbyterianism can contribute to promoting peaceful relationships and building reconciliation in a divided society.

What the charity does: The advancement of education,The advancement of the arts, culture, heritage or science,The advancement of human rights, conflict resolution or reconciliation or the promotion of religious or racial harmony or equality and diversity

How the charity works: Community development,Cross-border/cross-community,Cultural,Education/training,Heritage/historical,Volunteer development

Who the charity helps: Children (5-13 year olds),General public,Interface communities,Men,Older people,Parents,Voluntary and community sector,Volunteers,Women,Youth (14-25 year olds)

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2024-12-31	£2,286	£1,664	£0	0

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Lucinda Watt		
Mrs. Mellon		
Sam Mclorn		

Accounts

BLUE COAT SCHOOL HERITAGE CENTRE
STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
INCLUDING INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st DECEMBER 2024

		Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total
		2024	2024		2023	2023	
	Notes	£	£	£	£	£	£
Income from:-							
Donations and legacies	2	2,286	0	2,286	2,106	0	2,106
Expenditure on:-							
Charitable Activities	3	1,664		1,664	1,845	0	1,845
Net Expenditure for the year							
Net Movement in Funds		622	0	622	261	0	261
Fund balances at							
31st December 2023		2,690	887	3,577	2,429	887	3,316
Fund balances at							
31st December 2024		3,312	887	4,199	2,690	887	3,577

The Statement of financial activities include all gains and losses recognised in the period.

All income and expenditure derive from continuing activities.

The Statement of financial activities also compiles with the requirements for an income and expenditure account under the Companies Act 2006.

**BLUE COAT SCHOOL HERITAGE CENTRE
BALANCE SHEET
AS AT 31st DECEMBER 2024**

	2024		2023	
	£	£	£	£
Current assets				
Cash at bank	4,559		3,937	
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	360		360	
	<u>4,199</u>		<u>3,577</u>	
Income funds				
Restricted funds	887		887	
Unrestricted funds	<u>3,312</u>		<u>2,690</u>	
	<u>4,199</u>		<u>3,577</u>	

For the year ended 31st December 2023 the company was entitled to exemption under Section 477 of the Companies Act 2006 relating to small companies.

We acknowledge our responsibilities as directors for:

- (1) Having not requiring the Company to obtain an audit of its accounts for the year in question in accordance with Section 476.
- (2) Complying with the requirement of the Act with respect to accounting records and the preparation of accounts

The accounts have been delivered in accordance with the provisions applicable to companies subject to the small companies regime.

The financial statements were approved by the Trustees on 23rd September 2025



Company registration number NI656025

Accounts

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	Notes	£	£	£	£	£	£
Income from:-							
Donations and legacies	2	2,106	0	2,106	1,664	0	1,664
Expenditure on:-							
Charitable Activities	3	1,845		1,845	1,441	2,748	4,189
Net Expenditure for the year							
Net Movement in Funds		261	0	261	223	-2,748	2,525
Fund balances at							
31st December 2022		2,429	887	3,316	2,206	3,635	5,841
Fund balances at							
31st December 2023		<u>2,690</u>	<u>887</u>	<u>3,577</u>	<u>2,429</u>	<u>887</u>	<u>3,316</u>

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Blue Coat School Heritage Centre

Northern Ireland - Charity number 107546

Annual report

BLUE COAT SCHOOL HERITAGE CENTRE

TRUSTEES' REPORT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st DECEMBER 2023

The trustees present their annual report and financial statements for the year ended 31st December 2023.

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the accounting policies and comply with the charity's governing document, the Companies Act 2006 and SORP applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the FRS 102.

Objectives and activities

Objectives

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The Charity's objectives are specifically restricted to the following:-

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To explain:-

The arrival of Presbyterians in North West Ulster in the 17th century

The challenges they faced over successive centuries until the present day

The role they are continuing to play in the life of the community in Londonderry and the North West

To tell the story of the closure of the Church in 2002, the major refurbishment works and the re-opening ceremony in 2011

To work in conjunction with Tourism N.I., Derry City and Strabane District Council and other statutory bodies to maximise the potential benefits of cultural heritage for the whole community of the North West.

To demonstrate through this work how the story of Presbyterianism can contribute to promoting peaceful relationships and building reconciliation in a divided society.

Activities

Blue Coat School Heritage Centre became a registered charity on 21st September, 2020. The operation and management of the Heritage Centre is supported by a team of 12 volunteers who provide personal guided tours to local and international visitors every Wednesday, Thursday and Friday between May to September. Volunteers also open the premises on request outside these times. During 2023 we welcomed over 6,300 visitors.

Public benefit

The charity meets the public benefit requirement through contributing to improving community relationships and building reconciliation in a divided society.

Our purposes have the potential to make a significant contribution to improving community relationships and building reconciliation in a divided society. The direct contact between Blue Coat School Volunteers and visitors facilitates one to one dialogue and discussion which together with the contents and exhibits on view throughout the Heritage Centre buildings provide information, education, illustration and increased understanding for visitors about the legacy left by the Planters in shaping today's society. The explanation of our culture and heritage, as part of a guided tour process, provides informal and relaxed opportunities for social interaction with all communities, opens up dialogue, helps build a path to greater understanding, promotes good will and contributes to the lowering of barriers. We also re-inforce the commitment of the Presbyterian community to peace building by promoting the Church not only as a place of worship but as a shared space accessible to all. A written notice in the Church vestibule emphasises our commitment to a shared society. One of our specific objects at paragraph 4(3) of the Company's Memorandum and Articles of Association is to tell about the reopening of the Church after 9 years' closure due to an infestation of dry rot. The rededication service included a large attendance of Church, Community and Political representatives from all communities. Volunteers use photographs and written reports of this inter denominational service to illustrate to local and international visitors our enduring efforts of engagement to lower community tensions and underpin peace building. 3. There is direct positive feedback from verbal and written comments left by visitors, not only in the Heritage Centre Visitor book but also on social media and other online platforms. Our work contributes to Central and Local Government policy objectives which encourage unlocking of the potential of cultural heritage tourism as a means of addressing difficult or contested histories... Museums, heritage sites and their collections are perceived as offering vital tools for these purposes. Blue Coat School Heritage Centre is a member of City Council's Heritage Venues Group which, prior to Covid, met monthly as a team to devise programmes which can contribute constructively to these objectives. 4. No known harm has arisen from direct implementation of our purposes. As the general public has access to our buildings we take account of health and safety considerations for all users. A risk assessment which identifies physical hazards and potential risks has been carried out and circulated to all volunteers who maintain constant vigilance and encourage visitors to mind steps and use handrails. The Charity's buildings and displays are open to everyone so the beneficiaries are the local community, the regional, national and international communities who will receive information, education and have the opportunity to engage in dialogue with the Blue Coat School volunteers about the history and heritage of Presbyterian community in the context of the 17th.Century Plantation of Londonderry. 5. Wider public benefits flow from our activities which entail purchasing leaflets, documents, display materials, audio-visual facilities and creating a website .This generates income for suppliers of goods and services. To the extent that we contribute to increased visitor numbers in the City we are also generating income for accommodation providers and retail outlets. 6. Throughout 2023 we continued to build upon this framework in an effort to maximise our contributions to the public benefit. Our interrelationships with Derry City and Strabane District Council and the enlarged Heritage Venues Group which followed the Council's August initiative have widened considerably our cross-community relationships within the Council area and will make a significant contribution to building increasing trust and reconciliation in a divided

Financial review

The trustees consider the charity's financial performance to be satisfactory.

Trustees

The trustees who served during the year are:-

Rev. C. Jones

Mr S McLorn

Mrs G Mellon.

The Trustee's report was approved by the Board of Trustees

Mr S McLorn

Trustee

23rd September 2024

Blue Coat School Heritage Centre

Northern Ireland - Charity number 107546

Annual return

Independent examiner's report to the Charity Trustees of Blue Coat School Heritage Centre .

I report on the accounts of the Charity for the year ended 31st December 2023 which are set on pages 7 to 10.

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 general Directions given by the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland under section 65 (9) (b) of the Charities Act.

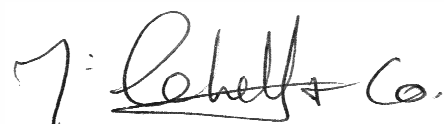
My examination included a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also included consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, seeking explanations from you as charity trustees concerning any such matters.

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.



Richard A McCorkell
McCorkell & Co, 41a Clooney Terrace, Waterside Londonderry, BT47 6AP
Fellow of the Association of Chartered Certified Accountants
23rd September 2024

Accounts

BLUE COAT SCHOOL HERITAGE CENTRE
STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
INCLUDING INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st DECEMBER 2022

		Unrestricted Funds 2022	Restricted Funds 2022	Total	Unrestricted Funds 2021	Restricted Funds 2021	Total
	Notes	£	£	£	£	£	£
Income from:-							
Donations and legacies	2	1,664	0	1,664	100	0	100
Expenditure on:-							
Charitable Activities	3	1,441	2,748	4,189	1,480	3,657	5,137
Net Expenditure for the year							
Net Movement in Funds		-223	-2,748	2,525	1,380	3,657	5,037
Fund balances at 31st December 2021		2,206	3,635	5,841	3,586	7,292	10,878
Fund balances at 31st December 2022		<u>2,429</u>	<u>887</u>	<u>3,316</u>	<u>2,206</u>	<u>3,635</u>	<u>5,841</u>

The Statement of financial activities include all gains and losses recognised in the period.

All income and expenditure derive from continuing activities.

The Statement of financial activities also compiles with the requirements for an income and expenditure Account under the Companies Act 2006.

BLUE COAT SCHOOL HERITAGE CENTRE
BALANCE SHEET
AS AT 31st DECEMBER 2022

	2022		2021	
	£	£	£	£
Current assets				
Cash at bank		3,676		6,874
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year		360		1,033
		<u>3,316</u>		<u>5,841</u>
Income funds				
Restricted funds		887		3,635
Unrestricted funds		<u>2,429</u>		<u>2,206</u>
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We acknowledge our responsibilities as directors for:

- (1) Having not requiring the Company to obtain an audit of its accounts for the year in question
In accordance with Section 476.
- (2) Complying with the requirement of the Act with respect to accounting records and the preparation of accounts

The accounts have been delivered in accordance with the provisions applicable to companies
Subject to the small companies regime.

The financial statements were approved by the Trustees on 27 th September 2023



Mr S McLorn
Trustee

Company registration number NI656025

BLUE COAT SCHOOL HERITAGE CENTRE
NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st DECEMBER 2022

1 Accounting policies

Charity information

Blue Coat School Heritage Centre is a private charitable company limited by guarantee incorporated in Northern Ireland. The registered office is Offices of First Derry Presbyterian Church, Upper Magazine Street, Londonderry BT48 6PH

Accounting convention

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the charity's governing document, the Companies Act 2006 and Accounting and Reporting by charities SORP applicable to charities preparing their Accounts in accordance with the FRS applicable in the UK and Ireland.

Going concern

At the time of approving the financial statements the trustees have a reasonable expectation that the charity will continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future.

Charitable funds

Unrestricted funds are available for use at the discretion of the Trustees.

Restricted funds are subject to specific conditions by donors as to how they may be used.

Endowment funds are subject to specific conditions by donors that the capital must be maintained.

Income

Cash donations are recognised on receipt. Other donations are recognised once the charity has been notified of the donation. Income tax recoverable in relation to donations received under Gift Aid are recognised at the time of the donation.

Legacies are recognised on receipt.

Expenditure

Expenditure is recognised once there is a legal obligation to make a payment to a third party.

Taxation

The company is a charity and is recognised by HMRC under the charity tax number NI00926.

BLUE COAT SCHOOL HERITAGE CENTRE
NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st DECEMBER 2022

2 Donations and legacies

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds
	2022	2021
	£	£
Donations and gifts	1,664	100

3 Charitable activities

Website expenses	276	517
Heritage expenses	-	342
Volunteer expenses	146	-
Printing & translation expenses	-	2,799
	<u>422</u>	<u>3,658</u>
Share of support costs	109	847
Share of governance costs	910	632
	<u>1,441</u>	<u>5,137</u>

4 Trustees

None of the Trustees received any remuneration from the charity

5. Employees

The average number of employees is nil

**6. Creditors: amounts falling due within one year
within one year**

Accrual	360	1,033
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BLUE COAT SCHOOL HERITAGE CENTRE
NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
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7. Restricted Funds

The income funds of the charity include restricted funds comprising the following unexpended balances of donations and grants held on trust for specifies purposes:-

	Balance at 31 December 2021		Resources Expended	Balance at 31 December 2022
	£		£	£
Heritage fund		3,635	2,748	887

This is for the establishment of the Presbyterian Heritage Centre within the Walled City of Londonderry

Blue Coat School Heritage Centre

Northern Ireland - Charity number 107546

Annual report

Charity registration number NIC107546
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**BLUE COAT SCHOOL HERITAGE CENTRE
ANNUAL REPORT AND UNAUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2022**

BLUE COAT SCHOOL HERITAGE CENTRE

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**BLUE COAT SCHOOL HERITAGE CENTRE
LEGAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION**

Trustees	Rev C Jones Mr S McLorn Mrs G Mellon
Secretary	Mr J Cowan
Charity Number	NIC 107546
Company Number	NI656025
Registered Office	Offices of First Derry Presbyterian Church Upper Magazine Street Londonderry BT48 6PH
Independent Examiner	McCorkell & Co 41a Clooney Terrace Londonderry BT47 6AP
Bankers	Danske Bank Donegal Square West Belfast PO Box 183

BLUE COAT SCHOOL HERITAGE CENTRE

TRUSTEES' REPORT

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Achievements and performance

Blue Coat School Heritage Centre re-opened for visitors in May, 2022 after a two year closure due to the impact of the Covid19 pandemic. We were uncertain at that stage as to how quickly the tourism industry and visitor numbers would recover from lockdown. Prior to Covid in 2019 our seasonal footfall was just over 8000 visitors. By the end of 2022 our recovery figures amounted to 5530 which we felt was encouraging. We look forward, however, to significant increases for 2023 and beyond. In June Rev Colin Jones was appointed Chairperson of Blue Coat School Heritage Centre following the retirement of Rev.Dr.Latimer. The Bluecoat Team looks forward to working under Colin's leadership as we move onwards to strengthen and sustain our unique Presbyterian Heritage Centre as one of the City's leading cultural venues. We also wish to record our thanks and appreciation to Dr.Latimer for his unwavering support and constant encouragement throughout his four year tenure of office. Our efforts to ensure the longer -term sustainability of Blue Coat School Heritage Centre received a significant boost in August when Derry City and Strabane District Council announced a new initiative aimed at strengthening collaborative working between 10 of the District's heritage venues. The August announcement confirmed the appointment of Consultants to work closely with personnel in each venue to create an overall and coherent visitor experience for the City and District. Since then Blue Coat School representatives have attended monthly discussions with City Council officers, consultants and representatives from 9 other heritage venues. The City Council's collaborative working initiative will be a key element in promoting and marketing the District as a significant and diverse cultural heritage destination. In parallel with this, however, it will be essential for long-term sustainability to evaluate constantly how our visitor offer compares with other organisations. Increasing emphasis is being placed on digitalisation by cultural heritage venues worldwide. Blue Coat School has now taken a step down this road. In August a small working group was created to tackle the daunting task of sorting, cataloguing and computerising boxes of Church and Blue Coat School records. It is hoped that the first results from this significant document archiving project will start to become accessible on the company website next year. In December BlueCoat School agreed to collaborate with Derry City and Strabane District Council on the creation of digital and audio-guided tours for cultural organisations. On completion of this project a link will be available on the Blue Coat School website to provide visitors with a virtual reality tour of the premises which includes a narrative about the attractions and accessibility of the heritage centre. We hope that this will be a useful additional marketing tool which will contribute to additional footfall within our venue.

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Financial review

The trustees consider the charity's financial performance to be satisfactory due to tourism only returning after Covid.

Trustees

The trustees who served during the year are:-

Rev. C. Jones

Mr S McLorn

Mrs G Mellon

In this year Rev Dr D Latimer resigned as a trustee and Rev C Jones was appointed.

The Trustee's report was approved by the Board of Trustees



Mr S McLorn

Trustee

27th September 2023

Blue Coat School Heritage Centre

Northern Ireland - Charity number 107546

Annual return

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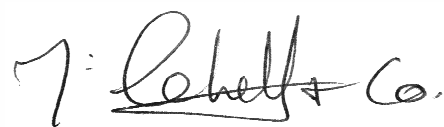
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Richard A McCorkell
McCorkell & Co, 41a Clooney Terrace, Waterside Londonderry, BT47 6AP
Fellow of the Association of Chartered Certified Accountants
27th September 2023

