

LISNASKEA HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Northern Ireland · Charity number 107828

Details

Status Received

Registered 2020-12-15

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

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Activities

Purposes: The Society has been established for the benefit of the people of Lisnaskea, County Fermanagh, without distinction of age, sex, race, political or religious persuasion, by associating inhabitants in a common effort to advance education and to provide facilities to learn, discuss and share heritage and history in a friendly atmosphere.

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

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

Who the charity helps: Children (5-13 year olds), General public, Older people, Voluntary and community sector

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-04-30	£2,162	£2,877	£0	0

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Elaine Fawcett		
John Cunningham		
Judy Waker		
Kathleen Cassidy		
Linda Swindle		
Nuala Reilly		
Russell Storey		
Vicky Herbert		

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Accounts

RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS REPORT ACCOUNTING YEAR 1/5/2024 – 30/4/2025

LISNASKEA HISTORICAL SOCIETY – NIC107828

INCOME

Grant funding DAERA RCMGS & LELP HLF	£725
Talk Fees at Door	£880
Old Time Market Day	£350
Annual Book Sale & Craft Fair	£97
Book Sales	£20
Annual Dinner Deposits members	£90
Total Income	<u>£2,162</u>

EXPENDITURE

Old Time Market Day June 2024	£720
Speakers	£300
Media	£145
Room Hire	£443
Refreshments	£216
Membership Fees	£50
Insurance (PL)	£30
Stationery	£80
Grant expenses - equipment	£793
Replenish petty cash	£100
Total Expenditure	<u>£2,877</u>

Net Loss as at 30.04.2025

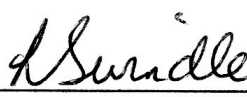
-£715

Opening Balance at 1/5/24	£3,847
Lodgements	£2,162
Cheques	£2,878
Closing Balance at 30/4/25	£3,131

	£6008	£6008
NB: Balance per bank statement 30/04/25	£3,221	
Less O/S chq No 685	-£ 90	
(Actual Balance)	£3,131	

SIGNED: 
TREASURER, ERIC GRAYDON

DATED 21/10/2025


CHAIRPERSON, LINDA SWINDLE

DATED 21/10/25

LISNASKEA HISTORICAL SOCIETY

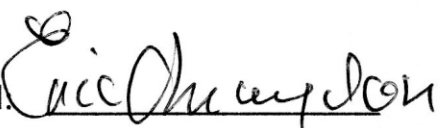
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**STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES YEAR 2024-25
@ 30/04/2025**

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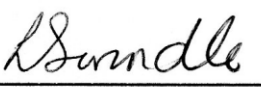
- (1) HP Laptop computer (in use by Treasurer)
- value when new £399.00 (2020)
- (2) Portable loudspeaker system valued £269 (2024)
- (3) Tabletop Display Stand valued £212 (2024)
- (4) Stock of books by society Apr 2025 - 'Lough Head Revealed' – x 210 approx.
value £10 each

'Other than cash in hand currently £ **£300.96** (@ 30.04.2025) or at bank (per Receipts and Payments report), this charity has no other assets or liabilities.'

Signed: 

ERIC GRAYDON, Treasurer

Dated: 2/9/2025

Signed: 

LINDA SWINDLE, Chairperson

Dated: 2/9/25

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RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS REPORT - ACCOUNTNG YEAR 01.05.2023 - 30.04.2024

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INCOME @30.04.2024

Grants - LELP	£36.00
Talk Fees at Door	£1,068.00
Old Time Market Day & Belle Isle Castle tour	£231.44
Book Sales	£420.00
 Total Income	 <u>£1,755.44</u>

EXPENDITURE

Old Time Market Day 2023	£499.75
Speakers	£130.00
Media	£50.00
Room Hire	£258.00
Refreshments	£134.46
Books and Craft Fair - Cash	£28.84
Membership Fees	£140.00
Insurance (PL)	£25.00
Stationery	£12.00
Safeguarding Course	£50.00
	<u>£1,328.05</u>

Net Gain as at 30.04.2024 £427.39

	Opening Bal	£3,427.67
	Lodgements	£1,755.44
LISNASKEA HISTORICAL SOCIETY	Cheques	£1,336.15
NIC 107828	Closing Bal	£3,846.96
		£5,183.11 £5,183.11

SIGNED: *L Swindle* 24/9/24 *R J Toopy* 24-9-24
 TREASURER, LINDA SWINDLE VICE CHAIRPERSON, GEORGE ELLIOTT

LISNASKEA HISTORICAL SOCIETY

NIC 107828

STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES @ 30/04/2024

Assets:

- (1) HP Laptop computer (in use by Treasurer LAS) 2023-2024
- value when new £399.00 approx 2020 - *needs Office 365 renewed to use*
- (2) Stock of books by society 2022 - 'Lough Head Revealed' - x 180
- approximately value £10 each when sold

'Other than cash in hand currently £17.63 or at bank (per Receipts and Payments report), this charity has no other assets or liabilities.'

Signed: Linda Swindle 24/9/24
LINDA SWINDLE, TREASURER

Dated: 24/9/24

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VICE CHAIRPERSON 24-9-24

LISNASKEA HISTORICAL SOCIETY

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Annual report

LISNASKEA HISTORICAL SOCIETY TRUSTEES REPORT FOR YEAR ENDED 30/04/2024

Charity Regd. Northern Ireland: NIC107828

Charity address: 22 Coolcannel Square, Maguiresbridge, Co. Fermanagh, BT94 4RE

Committee: Chairperson - George Elliott; Secretary - Victoria Herbert; Treasurer - Linda Swindle; Vice-Chairperson - Russell Storey; Under/Minutes Secretary - Kathleen Cassidy; Public Relations Officer - Nuala Reilly; Hospitality Provider - Anne Elliott; and President - John Cunningham. (@AGM 16/10/2023)

Objectives and Aims - The Society has been established for the benefit of the people of Lisnaskea, Co. Fermanagh, without distinction of age, sex, race, political or religious persuasion, by associating inhabitants in a common effort to advance education and to provide facilities to learn, discuss and share heritage and history in a friendly atmosphere.

The **beneficiaries** are the members of the society and the general public who attain an increased awareness of the varieties of traditions that go to make up the present, and gain knowledge of the experiences of people in former generations. There is no private benefit from the activities of the society and no payments are made to members who volunteer their help with the programme of events (excepting incidental benefits). We are a welcoming society whose members are adults, predominantly elderly, who share a common interest in local history.

The **public benefits** that flow from any presentations, research or publication of any articles of local interest by society, raises community awareness of their heritage and traditions, thereby encouraging others to engage in a similar process by helping local people both within and outside the society to develop their skills and knowledge. As a rural community, rural isolation is a huge concern especially among our mainly membership of older people. We aim our activities at helping those feeling isolated, by providing a regular, safe, friendly place to meet and learn together, helping both their mental health and well-being. Other public benefit is from interaction via our facebook page where people actively engage by sharing snippets of their known oral history, photographs and comment on historical items we highlight there. We deal with numerous queries from home/abroad via our facebook, email, in person, assisting when and where we can with both family history and local history queries/research and occasionally meeting them if time permits and sharing our rich history. We also liaise regularly with other local groups/charities so building awareness and connectedness locally.

The charity hosts monthly heritage talks/lectures for the general public in the Castle Park Centre, Lisnaskea on a variety of topics. The charity also arranges outside annual events where public get to enjoy fresh air, aiding health and well-being, e.g. an educational Olde Tyme Market Day involving three local Primary Schools in the Commarket Yard, Lisnaskea in June 2023. The expenses for this event typically include hire of venue and personnel, Public Liability insurance for events, hire of demonstrators/exhibitors, refreshments for attending schoolchildren and hire of media system. We annually support EHOD NI, 2023 we had a heritage walk and talk tour of our Lisnaskea Main Street with 17 attending. No bus outing was held this year due to vast increase in all costings and considerations of membership issues with cost of living concerns. Instead we opted for a shorter local tours - Belleisle Castle tour in January 2024. This was well attended and pre-booking system worked well. Meetings are minuted and agreed at talk and committee meetings. Committee aim to keep abreast of our wide-ranging responsibilities.

Vicky, our secretary, attended a Safeguarding course (Designated Officer Refresher) on 26 June 2023 in her role as Safeguarding Officer. The society were nominated for Heritage Angel Award NI by Lough Erne Landscape Partnership, organised by Ulster Architectural Heritage, for Best Project involving Young People in our annual Olde Tyme Market Days for which we were Highly Commended. The award was accepted at the Award Ceremony at Braid Arts Centre, Ballymena on 27 March by Linda Swindle and Russell Storey, on behalf of the society.

Our 2023 AGM was held in the Castle Park Centre, Lisnaskea on 16 November 2023. Members above were duly elected, making this a full committee. We welcomed Nuala Reilly as Public Relations Officer;

Kathleen Cassidy as Minutes Secretary, a vital role, taken on with enthusiasm and Anne Elliott was elected as Hospitality Provider, taking on the role of organising needs for society events with ease.

Opening Bank Bal. @ 01.05.2023	£3,427.67	
Petty Cash in hand @ 01.05.2023		£9.53
Income:	£1,755.44	
Expenditure:	£1,328.05	
Profit/Loss:	£ 427.39	
Closing Bank Bal. @ 30/04/2024	£3,846.96	
Closing Cash Bal. @ 30.04.2024		£17,63

Six monthly talks were held under the leadership of chairman, George Elliott on the third Monday of the month in the Studio Room, Castle Park Centre, Lisnaskea. Attendance varied month to month, and one event we enjoyed the largest attendance at a meeting since the group began over 30 years ago (pre-charitable status). EHOD event in September went well, with a town tour led by members of Lisnaskea Historical Society sharing history at various sections of the Lisnaskea Main Street tour, finishing in Frank's Bar where George gave a history of the premises. A heritage tour was carried out in January at Belleisle Castle. A sizeable income was generated from sales of our society book @ £420, these are available from McBrien's Newsagents and Enniskillen Castle online bookshop. Donations gratefully received from Fairs & Markets Committee toward Olde Tyme Market Day £750 helped offset expenses. Help from LELP at OTMD also greatly appreciated, in organising and assisting at the event itself. Overall, a successful year, ending with a profit of £427.39. This will be used to fund the upcoming Olde Tyme Market Day event in June 2024. A small grant of £36 was received via LELP this year, however this was to offset of expenses paid by us the foregoing accounting year in relation to archaeological dig talk.

L Sunde Treasurer 24/9/24,
R Story VICE CHAIR person 24-9-24

LISNASKEA HISTORICAL SOCIETY

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Annual return

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

I report on the accounts of the Trust for the year ended 30.04.2024, which are set out on page 1.

Respective responsibilities of the charity trustees and examiner

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

It is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under section 65 of the Charities Act.
- follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Commission under section 65(9)(b) of the Charities Act.
- state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of independent examiner's report

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

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

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

1. That accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 63 of the Charities Act.
2. That the accounts do not accord with those accounting records.
3. That the accounts do not comply with the accounting requirements of the Charities Act.
4. That there is further information needed for a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Independent examiner's statement

I have completed my examination and have no concerns in respect of the matters (1) to (4) listed above and, in connection with following the Directions of the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland, I have found no matters that require drawing to your attention,

Name: *Caroline Fitzpatrick*

Address: *5 BANCROFT HATS, ENNISKILLER, BT74 6SW*

Date: 08.08.2024

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NIC 107828

30.04.23

INCOME

Grants - LELP	£2,850
- Old Time Market Day Fairs & Mkts	£750
Old Time Market Day Donations	£27
Talk Fees at Door	£995
Donations	£125
Book Sales	£1,937
Total Income	£6,684

EXPENDITURE

Speakers	£300
Room Hire	£220
Refreshments	£141
Lough Head Project	£2,767
Postage	£45
Stationery	£11
Old Time Market Day	£1,136
Insurance	£15
Total Expenditure	£4,635

Net Gain as at 30.04.2023 £2,049

Opening Bal £1,292

Lodgements £6,684

Cheques £4,548

Closing Bal £3,428

£7,976 £7,976

SIGNED: *L Swindle*
 TREASURER, LINDA SWINDLE

George Elliott
 CHAIRPERSON, GEORGE ELLIOTT

16/10/23.

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Signed: L Swindle

LINDA SWINDLE, TREASURER

Dated: 16/10/23



Chairperson
16/10/23

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Meetings were minuted and agreed at talk and committee meetings. The committee are conscious of our wide-ranging responsibilities. On Friday 17th June 2022 we were able once again to hold our society's largest annual traditional event, our Olde Tyme Market Day in conjunction with local primary schools. Due to the previous few years absence of such events with the pandemic in place, we were most grateful to Lough Erne Landscape Partnership with funding from Heritage Lottery Fund, which enabled us to put on a bigger and better event than ever before with many more heritage stalls exhibiting their particular skills and even playing old time traditional games which were all very well received by the children and adults alike. There were bee keepers, men's shed woodwork, wool spinning, crochet and butter churning demonstrations, hay rope making, basket weaving, boxty making workshop and more. The biggest attraction of the day however, was the presence of Westway Film Productions with Joe Mahon of 'Mahon's Way' talking to vendors and children taking part. The programme was televised in the autumn of 2022. Joe Mahon also interviewed Vicky Herbert on the

history of the Commarket Yard and at the old ruins and graveyard at Aghalurcher, he also interviewed Linda Swindle at Castle Balfour on the history of the site and Plantation Balfour settlers there for this same episode of 'Mahon's Way.' The old market day ended with treats from the ice cream van for the children attending. The children from the three local primary schools also took part in an art competition and received prizes.

As part of (EHOD) European Heritage Open Day in September 2022 we held two walk and talk tours, firstly at Sheebeg Henge led by George Elliott and afterward at Aghalurcher old graveyard, led by Vicky Herbert and Linda Swindle. Both were popular, having almost 20-30 attending each tour. We had two local guided trips during the year, one to Enniskillen Workhouse with 15 attending and the other to Munville House with 17 attending. Also in September 2022 society assisted LELP in an archaeological dig at Lisdoon Ringfort and had a talk from site leader, Dr Ruairi O'Baoill in April 2023 giving feedback on their findings. Further updates are expected in due course when further analysis of finds is completed.

Linda, our treasurer, attended a course at Fermanagh House for guidance for Treasurers.

Our 2022 AGM was held in the Castle Park Centre, Lisnaskea on 8/8/2022. Members listed above were duly elected, with two posts remaining unfilled due to being unable to get others involved. The post of Public Relations Officer has been covered by Vicky Herbert along with her Secretary role, and since December 2022 she has covered the post of Under Secretary (Minutes) following the resignation of elected secretary. No Hospitality Provider Officer is in post, Linda has fulfilled this along with Treasurer role in meantime. We hope to have this addressed at our upcoming AGM.

04/05/22 (Opening) Bank Balance	£1,291.97
Petty Cash in hand	£9.53
Income:	£6,683.94
Expenditure:	£4,548.24
Profit/Loss:	£2,049.00
Closing Balance @ 30/04/2023	£3,427.67

The society events are slowly coming back to a more normal pattern this year, however the earlier part of the year still suffered with poor attendance at talks as people were wary of contracting viruses in group situations. For the first time in a few years, we have made a profit. This is primarily due to book sales of our society publication, the proceeds to be used for reprinting.

L Swindle 16/10/23
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Name: *Candice Fitzpatrick*

Address: *5 Bannadorry Hill ENNISKILLEN, BT76 6JW*

Date: *20.08.2023*
