

# Tidy Randalstown

Northern Ireland · Charity number 108537

## Details

Status	Received
Registered	2022-02-22
Register	<a href="#">View on the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland register</a>

## Contact

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## Activities

**Purposes:** The Association is established to promote the benefit of the inhabitants of the Randalstown area and its environs (hereinafter called the 'area of benefit') without distinction of age, gender, disability, sexual orientation, nationality, ethnic identity, class, marital status, race, political or religious opinion, by associating the statutory authorities, voluntary and community sector organisations and the inhabitants in a common effort to advance education with the object of improving conditions of life for the said inhabitants and in particular to: (i) undertake environmental protection and improvement (ii) advance environmental education (iii) advance citizenship and community development (iv) create and promote shared spaces

**What the charity does:** The advancement of citizenship or community development

**How the charity works:** Community development, Cross-border/cross-community, Environment/sustainable development/conservation, Volunteer development

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

## Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-12-31	£52,578	£28,230	£0	0

## Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Gerry Lynch		
Helen Boyd		
Jane Mctaggart		
Linda Houston		
Moore Blair		
Mrs Edel Etherson		
Mrs Olive Macleod		
Mrs Stephanie Burns		
Robert Fulton		
Suzanne Winter		

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## **TIDY RANDALSTOWN ASSETS 31.12.2025**

<b>Garden Equipment</b>	<b>£9354.00</b>
<b>Garden/Street Furniture</b>	<b><u>£37258.00</u></b>
<b>Grand Total Assets</b>	<b>£46612.00</b>

# AGM 2026

## RHS Tidy Randalstown Income and Expenditure Account for the year 1<sup>st</sup> January - 31 December 2025

Community Garden A/c	
<b>INCOME</b>	<b>£</b>
Balance 31/12/24	830.50
830.50	
	830.50
<b>EXPENDITURE</b>	<b>£</b>
Balance 31/12/25 C/f	
	830.50

Closing Bank Balance B/F    830.50

I confirm I have examined the books and records of Tidy Randalstown and Certify this to be a true and accurate record.

Signed: William Allen                      William Allen                      Date 12/01/2026

AGM 2026

**Main Account**

Tidy Randalstown  
Income and Expenditure Account for the year  
1<sup>st</sup> January - 31 December 2025

<b>INCOME</b>			<b>£</b>
Opening Bank Balance B/F	7,276.90		4,563.45
Grants			3,467.12
RHS 2024	4,609.00		715.00
RHS 2025	4,931.00		91.18
ANBC	820.75		1,156.29
	750.00		4,764.78
	500.00		13,456.90
	3,750.00	5,820.75	<u>15.52</u>
ASDA	455.00		28,230.24
Lottery Fund	15,940.00		24,301.66
Keep it Local	200.00		<u>47.00</u>
Keep NI Beautiful	1,089.90		52,578.90
Bus and Personal Donations.	10,014.35		500.00
Quiz	825.00		24,801.66
Street Collection	1,032.00		
Steak Night	385.00		
			<b>£52,578.90</b>
<b>EXPENDITURE</b>			
McManus. Hardware			
Plants, Shrubs and H/Baskets			
Insurance			
Bank Fees			
Catering			
Miscellaneous			
Assets and Maintenance			
2024 Cheque			
Balance C/f			
Cash in Hand			
Cheque not Presented (No 459)			
Bank Balance 31/12/25			

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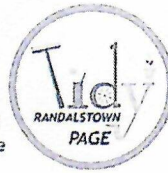
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January 2025

TIDY RANDALSTOWN ENVIRONMENTAL GROUP

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Address: 7 Island Rd., Randalstown, Co Antrim. BT41 2PJ

Signed William Allen

Date: 10/01/2025



**AGM 2025 COMMUNITY  
GARDEN ACCOUNT**

**Tidy Randalstown Income and Expenditure Account  
for the year: 1 January – 31 December 2024**

	£	£	£
<b>INCOME</b>			
Opening Balance b/f			
Antrim and Newtownabbey BC	57.25		
Donations	3,750.00		
Transfer from TR Main Account	200.00		
	1,250.00		
<b>Closing Balance B/F</b>	<b>5,257.25</b>		
	830.50		
			<b>5,257.25</b>
<b>EXPENDITURE</b>			
Nature Fest 2024			4,426.75
Closing Balance C/f			830.50

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Signed William Allen Date 10/01/2025

William Allen





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## **TIDY RANDALSTOWN ASSETS 31.12.2024**

<b>Garden Equipment</b>	<b>£11,351.00</b>
<b><u>Garden/Street Furniture</u></b>	<b><u>£36000.00</u></b>
<b>Grand Total Assets</b>	<b>£47351.00</b>

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## CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT

It is a joy to stand before you tonight in this Tidy Randalstown's 13th year since being established.

Out of a group of nine founder members three still remain - Gerry, Suzanne and Helen, all of whom are trustees of the charity along with Robert, Moore, Jane, Stephanie, Donnie and Linda. We are pleased to report that Olive MacLeod OBE has been co-opted on to the Committee since our last AGM.

Constituted with ANBC in 2013 our name Tidy Randalstown reflects only the focus of our early efforts. For the last seven years Horticulture, Environment and Community together now lie at the core of everything we do. Inextricably linked and powerful in their impact these three foci have proven themselves to be the instruments of change to our town and, as a result, Randalstown is now a very desirable place to live.

In 2024 we are pleased to report that we won nine awards. These were:

- \* Best Kept Small Town in Northern Ireland
- \* Best of the Best in Northern Ireland
- \* Best Kept Small Town in Ireland
- \* Best Kept Town in Ireland
- \* Ulster in Bloom (Small Town of category winner)
- \* RHS Britain in Bloom -Gold Award
- \* another RHS Community Champion
- \* Live Here Love Here Legacy Award
- \* Green Flag Community Award for Elevation.

The long list of awards I have just given is awesome. It is an immense achievement and is testament to the amazing family of talented volunteers we now have.

Please let me tell you what makes our volunteers such a powerful force. Firstly consider the hours the volunteers work In 2024 this was a grand total of 8435 hours (bar chart). Did you know that this is equivalent to more than having 4 full-time workers in our town 12 months of the year?

Secondly:

- \* they care about the environment
- \* they are willing to work in most weathers
- \* they thrive on a challenge

- \* they are skilled and committed
- \* they have a genuine interest in each other
- \* they work 12 months of the year
- \* they want to build community
- \* they are willing to take on leadership roles - this is pivotal to the smooth running of our Monday and Wednesday work groups.
- \* they make their own fun as they work
- \* they see the best in each other

I also want to pay tribute to the Tidy Randalstown Committee/ Trustees. They all give immense thought on how best to: consistently keep our vision clear, fulfill our goals, deliver our projects, manage the finances, look after our volunteers, organise work sessions, communicate with residents, businesses, other community groups and ANBC.

Each member has designated roles and these can be sizeable to say the least. Ask any one of them and they will verify this! Without their strong support, diligence and willingness to give a big amount of their time to all of the above TR would not be flourishing as it is, nor would I be able to do my job.

Our treasurer and secretary work hard in addition to this and, as with the rest of the committee, they are a joy for me to work with.

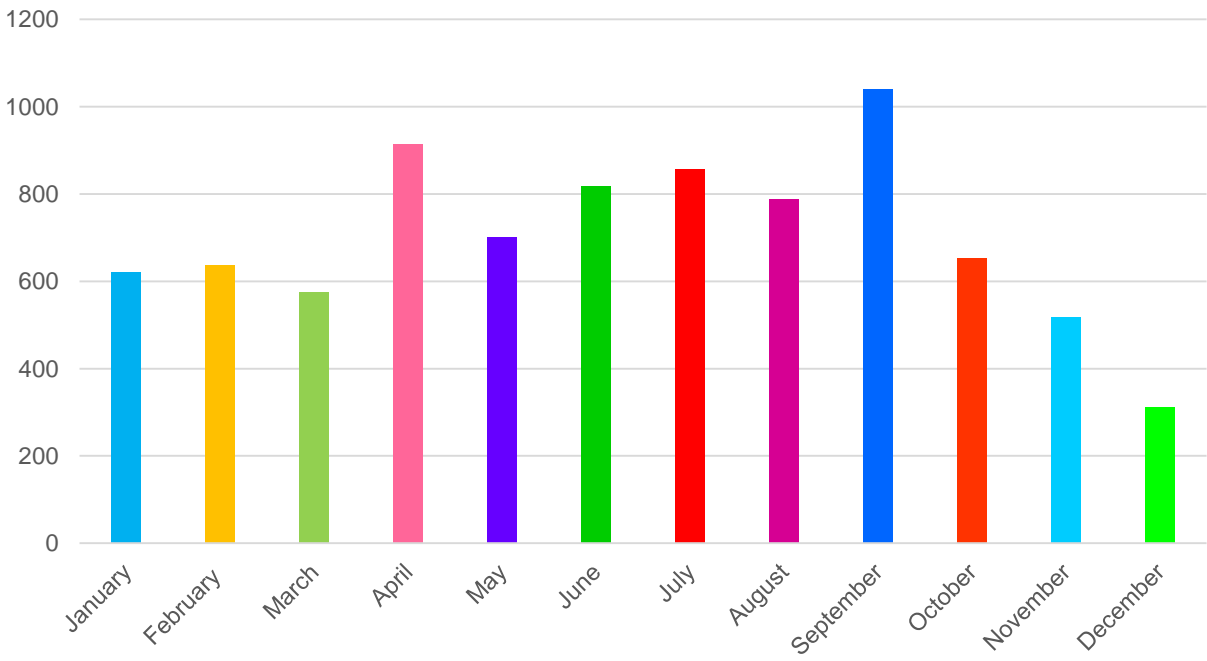
I have been very heartened by the continued moral, practical and financial support which this community gives us. Events throughout the year have been very well supported, have brought immense enjoyment and have strengthened bonds. Our close working relationship with our Council and our public representatives has reaped rewards more than we could have imagined.

As we go forward into 2025 may we strive to be true to our vision, considerate of each other and continue to bring harmony and joy to the town which we cherish.

Thank you.  
Helen Boyd  
Chairperson

23/01/2025

## Volunteer Hours 2024



Total Hours - 8435

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**January 2025**

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# AGM 2024

Tidy Randalstow  
Income and Expenditure Account for the year

1<sup>st</sup> January - 31 December 2023

T.R. Community Garden A/c

<b>INCOME</b>	<b>£</b>
Opening Balance	57.25
A&N Borough Council	2,500.00

**2,557.25**

<b>EXPENDITURE</b>	<b>£</b>
Transfer to TR (Main Account)	2,500.00
Closing Balance C/F	57.25

**2,557.25**

Closing Bank Balance B/F 57.25

I confirm I have examined the books and records of Tidy Randalstow and Certify this to be a true and accurate record

Signed: William Allen William Allen

Date 2/01/2024



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## **TIDY RANDALSTOWN ASSETS 31.12.2023**

<b>Garden Equipment</b>	<b>£14,187.00</b>
<b><u>Garden/Street Furniture</u></b>	<b><u>£42,000.00</u></b>
<b>Grand Total Assets</b>	<b>£56,187.00</b>

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# TIDY RANDALSTOWN



## TRUSTEES ANNUAL REPORT FOR 2023

Registered Charity Number 108537

### INTRODUCTION

Tidy Randalstown is an environmental group constituted within the Antrim and Newtownabbey Borough Council. It attained registered charity status on 22 February 2022. Our governing document is our constitution.

Tidy Randalstown's purposes are

1. the advancement of environmental protection or improvement
2. the advancement of citizenship or community development

The beneficiaries of the charity are the citizens of Randalstown and all who visit the town for business or pleasure. No harm flows from the purpose of our organisation; nor does any private benefit stem from its activities. In setting our objectives and planning our activities for the year the trustees have given careful consideration to the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland's guidance on public benefit to ensure that the activities have helped to achieve the charity's purposes and provide a benefit to the beneficiaries.

### Charity Trustees

Moore Blair (Treasurer)  
Helen Boyd (Chairperson)  
Robert Fulton  
Linda Houston  
Gerry Lynch  
Jane McTaggart  
Catherine Purdy  
Suzanne Winter (Secretary)

### Committee members co-opted in 2023

Stephanie Burns  
Donnie Sweeney

### Financial Year

1 January – 31 December

## SUMMARY OF ACTIVITIES

During 2023 our volunteers engaged in regular litter picking activities throughout the town and immediate surrounding area.

Regular work teams also met, usually twice weekly to undertake a variety of activities which included, street sweeping, planting and maintenance of community gardens, street planters, window boxes and hanging baskets.

## HIGHLIGHTS OF THE SEASONS

WINTER	<p>AGM and Friends Evening attracts a full house for special guest and designer of our Elevation garden, Johnny Knox.</p> <p>TR provides guided walking tour to members of Ballycastle U3A.</p> <p>TR representatives attend pre-match lunch hosted by Randalstown Rugby Club.</p> <p>5 TR trustees raise over £2,000 for planting from Randalstown businesses.</p> <p>Chinese themed night raises £825.</p> <p>Tidy Randalstown's work foregrounded in major feature in <i>Ulster Tatler</i> magazine.</p> <p>TR representatives visit Riverridge Recycling Depot.</p> <p>TR hosts health and safety refresher training evening for volunteers, funded by Live Here Love Here.</p> <p>Based on a visit to Randalstown and also interviews with TR representatives. Patrick Mahon selects Randalstown for the programme Mahon's Way.</p> <p>Nearly 50 volunteers turn out for the annual Big Clean Up, collecting some 47 bags of litter. Associated street collection raises £825 for TR funds.</p> <p>TR representatives travel to Derry/Londonderry to receive the 2022 Ulster in Bloom Small Town award.</p>
SPRING	<p>Randalstown Young Farmers join TR volunteers for a 'Spruce and Sweep' morning around town and gather 112 bags of weeds!</p> <p>TR volunteers support Randalstown Arches members in undertaking a major overhaul of the container garden in Arches Lane.</p> <p>Joe Mahon of UTV's Mahon's Way and his team carry out two days filming, including TR volunteers at work, for an edition of the programme to be broadcast in the autumn.</p> <p>TR hosts a Coronation Afternoon Tea for invited guests with funding from ANBC.</p> <p>TR representatives attend the opening by the King and Queen of ANBC's Coronation Garden, designed by Diarmuid Gavin. TR Chairperson interviewed for UTV News.</p> <p>TR receives funding of £9,882 from DFI to Restoring Our Greenway.</p> <p>Four new interpretive boards installed in 'Elevation'. Content provided by TR. Layout, production and installation by ANBC.</p>

SUMMER	<p>TR gains funding for the maintenance of Elevation from the RHS.  'Elevation' wins a Green Flag Community Award.  TR and 'Elevation' are celebrated in a poem, "The Flower Train" written by a supporter.  A representative from the National Trust North Coast spends a morning with TR volunteers to learn about our work and community links.  TR installs four additional dog waste bag dispensers at locations suggested by local residents.  TR hosts a group of past and present High Sheriffs who visit the town for morning coffee followed by a walking tour of our planting schemes and gardens.  TR volunteers enjoy a 'horticultural mystery tour' to the Maghera area.  Annual volunteers' barbecue followed by dancing.  TR learns of first wedding shoot taking place in Elevation.  TR volunteer embarks on horticulture course at CAFRE Greenmount Campus.  TR volunteer delivers talk in Elevation to a walking group from Antrim.</p>
AUTUMN	<p>TV gardener David Domoney visits Elevation and meets TR volunteers.  Randalstown wins Small Town category in the Ulster in Bloom Awards for the 5<sup>th</sup> time.  Randalstown named best small town and Best of the Best in NI Best Kept Awards.  Annual Table Quiz raises over £800 for tidy Randalstown funds.  1,000 crocus corms, donated by Antrim Rotary Club to raise awareness of their Purple4Polio campaign, are planted in the Widows Row Garden.  An episode of Mahon's Way dedicated to Randalstown and featuring the work of Tidy Randalstown is aired on Ulster Television.  Volunteers enjoy Christmas Dinner in the Rugby Club, thanks to ANBC financial support for the event.  Tidy Randalstown receives Highly Commended Certificate in the Volunteers category of the National Railway Heritage Awards for Elevation Community Garden.</p>

## SUMMING UP THE YEAR

Tidy Randalstown enjoyed yet another year of outstanding success in 2023, picking up numerous awards. We were particularly proud to be named 'Best of the Best' in the Northern Ireland Amenity Council's Best Kept Awards. The comments of the judges truly left us with a warm glow:

"The Judges' visit to Randalstown was most enjoyable and an unforgettable experience, one cannot but be impressed by the standard of cleanliness and tidiness throughout the town."

"It is clearly evident that the whole community supports the standard of dedication and work that makes this town outstanding."

Just as precious to us as the awards and prizes are the comments we receive from the public, in person and in social media. Here are just a few examples:-

“You have all done the town proud with your hard work and dedication.”

“Everywhere so well maintained. A joy to look at.”

“An outstanding award for an outstanding team! Well done to all involved.”

“Great team effort. I’ve been coming to Randalstown for nearly 30 years to visit family. You can see the transformation in recent years, it’s truly admirable what you have done to the town.”

We never forget that we owe our ongoing success to:

- The unfailing support we receive from all sections of the local community. Their degree of buy-in to Tidy Randalstown’s ethos has enabled us to reach for and attain goals that couldn’t have been dreamt of just a few years ago.
- Our close partnership with Antrim and Newtownabbey Borough Council. Agreement on priorities and areas of work means that we can all make more effective use of scarce resources.
- The outstanding dedication of the Tidy Randalstown volunteers. This happy band work hard together and support each other through good times and bad, not to mention in some atrocious weather! In 2023 they gave 8,118 hours of their time in the service of our beloved town.

No doubt in 2024 the work will go on. We look forward to it.

*Helen Boyd*

Chairperson

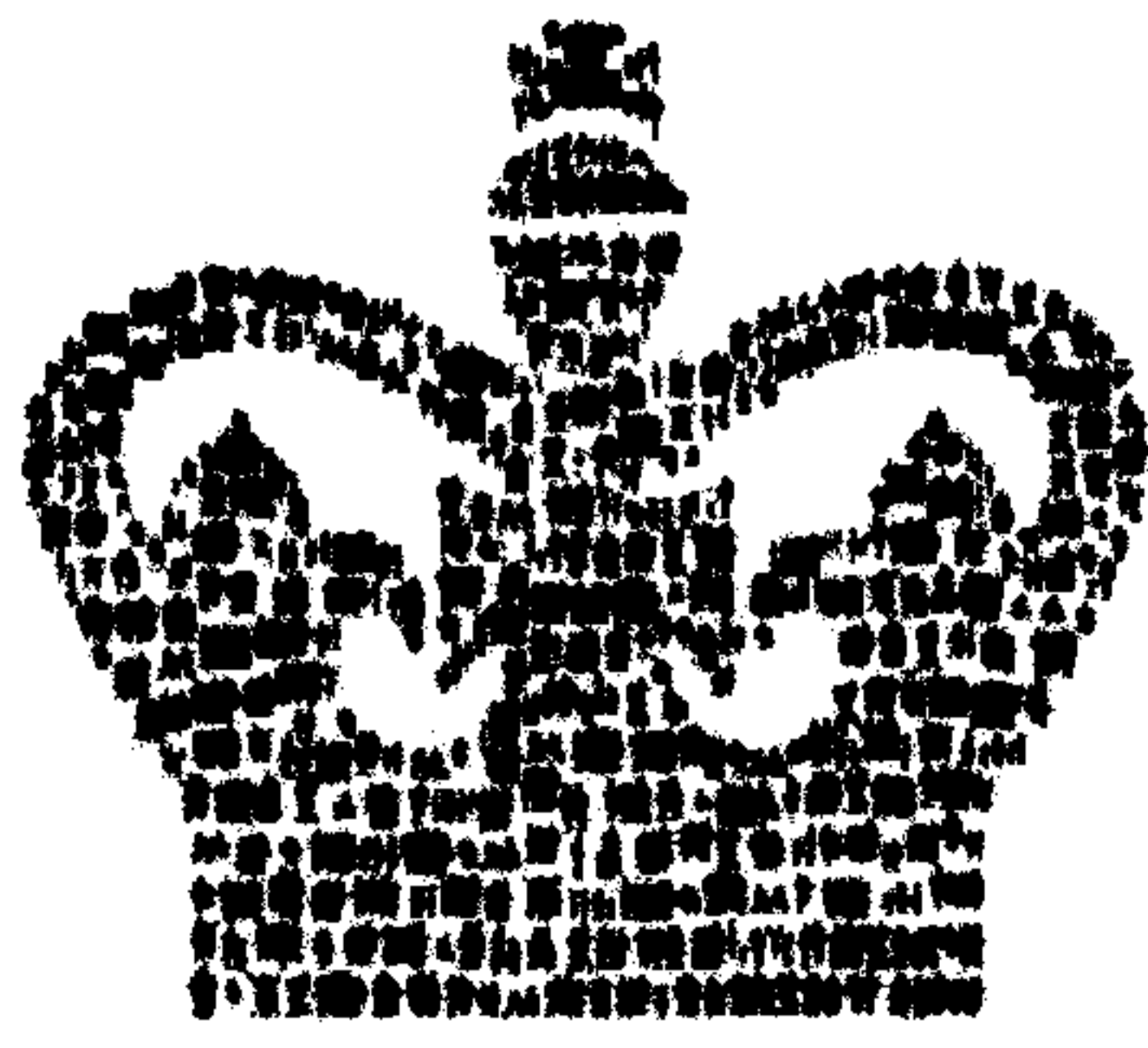
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Signed:.....

Dates:.....26/02/2024