

Trustee Report 2022-23

*Great to return after covid*

We have had a busy year with both new speakers and the return of some old friends

September. Tom Neill - Donaghadee Parish Graveyard

October. Billy McCullough - History of old cinemas

November George Busby - Quiet Man from Donaghadee

January Dr Ron Bishop - Copeland Bird Observatory

February Leanne Briggs - Sir James Hamilton. The Plantation of Bangor and the Raven Maps.

March Freda Lemon - Mount Stewart Collection.

Membership has increased this year and we now have 94 members.

Average attendance per meeting is around 65

Thanks to all who have helped throughout the year with- tea and biscuits, - putting out and clearing away the chairs before and after each meeting-design and distribution of posters.

Exhibitions

Last year Shirley and Roberts 'borrowed' an empty shop in Bow Street for a few weeks. This turned into 3 months and was open 2 days a week for people to bring along their old Donaghadee photos which were scanned and are being added to a Donaghadee Archive to be preserved for the future

We teamed up with Donaghadee Heritage Preservation Company and held an exhibition for the late Queen Elizabeth's Jubilee in June 2022, 'A Decade in the Dee -1950s', using some of the new photos that had been scanned. This was funded by a Jubilee Grant from Ards and North Down Council. This was well attended and was successfully repeated in August with the addition of a model of the Donaghadee Railway Station & line made by Gordon Hunt

Thanks also to Allan & Pauline Moffat for allowing us to borrow their shop and to both Donaghadee Methodist Church and Shore St Presbyterian Church for permitting the use of their halls for the exhibitions