

# Lecale Conservation

Northern Ireland · Charity number 108658

## Details

Status	Received
Registered	2022-03-16
Register	<a href="#">View on the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland register</a>

## Contact

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## Activities

**Purposes:** The association's purposes are: 1. to protect and conserve the natural habitat and the built environment of an area bounded by the ancient Barony of Lecale that is the thirteen parishes of Ardglass, Balee, Ballyculter, Ballykilmalar, Bright, Down, Dunsfort, Inch, Kilclief, Kilmegan, Rathmullan, Saul, Tyrella, in Co Down. 2. to promote sustainable farming methods which retain and encourage biodiversity.

**What the charity does:** The advancement of environmental protection or improvement, Other charitable purposes

**How the charity works:** Environment/sustainable development/conservation

**Who the charity helps:** General public

## Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2024-11-25	£746	£2,886	£0	0

## Trustees

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Name	Role	Appointed
John Peacock		
Mr Noel Killen		
Mrs Anne Odlingmee		
Ms Lorna Brown		

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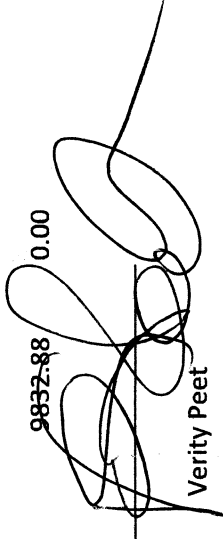
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# Accounts

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# Lecale Conservation Accounts 25th Nov 2023 to 25th Nov 2024

<b>Opening balances</b>	17/10/2024	<b>Bank</b>	
		<u><b>11973.44</b></u>	
<b>Receipts</b>			
06/01/2024	Marie Lee bequest	240.00 ✓	240
	Grants for beach restorations	0.00 ✓	money on hand from last year
	Lecale Youth Climate Camp grants	6.10 ✓	balance of grant received last year
	on several dates	500.00 ✓	300
	memberships		200 ✓
		<u><b>746.10</b></u>	
<b>Expenditures</b>			
14/02/2024	Marsh/ mcGrady Insurance	391.75 ✓	by cheque
	True Harvest Beach Project expenditures	1000.00 ✓	from grants received previous years by cheque
08/12/2023	Youth Climate Campaign Bristol trip	358.30 ✓	by cheque
	Council Green Economy campaign	0.00 ✓	(owing to lack of funds all costs covered by Cadogan )
28/11/2023	Website developer	1136.61 ✓	(covered by grants from 22/23 year)
		<u><b>2886.66</b></u>	
<b>Closing balances</b>		<u><b>9832.88</b></u>	<u><b>9832.88</b></u> 0.00
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			10/01/2026

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# Accounts

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# Lecale Conservation Accounts from 10/10/2022 to 25/11/2023

		<u>Bank</u>		
<b>Opening balances</b>	10/10/2022	<b>3043.13</b>		
	<b>Receipts</b>			
11/01/2023 Marie Lee bequest		240.00	240	
on 2 dates Grants for beach restorations		11500.00	10,000	1,500
on 2 dates Lecale Youth Climate Camp grants		600.00	600.00 (bal from last year= 2000-481.68= 1518.32 )	
on several dates memberships		160.00	150	10
		<u>12500.00</u>		
	<b>Expenditures</b>			
14/02/2023 Marsh/ mcGrady Insurance		371.69		
on 3 dates Beach Project expenditures		2100.00	300	1500      300
on 2 dates Youth Climate Change Campaign		1098.00	600	498 (balance = 1020.32 )
			<u>3569.69</u>	
<b>Closing balances</b>		<b>11973.44</b>		

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NOTE £10,000 on hand for beach projects and £1020.32 for website youth project  
 and £150 owed to Cadogan for website domain hosting  
 and £1000 owed to web developer trainer for youth project

Brenda Enright  
 22/11/2023

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# Annual report

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## CHAIRMAN`S REPORT LECALÉ CONSERVATION 23 NOVEMBER 2023

On behalf of the members of Lecale Conservation Association, I bid welcome to everyone here tonight, for the 2023 AGM of our Society.

During the past 12 months we have re-established and consolidated the activities of Lecale Conservation. We endeavour to protect the natural and historical environment of the Barony of Lecale, we support ethical and sustainable land and marine management, we lobby and engage with the appropriate Authorities.

We can offer advice encouragement and help to other communities and individuals who might have problems of an environmental nature.

In the last 12 months, we have seen the establishment of a dynamic Youth Members` group

who have engaged in a Climate Change study group, designed our new website and have challenged our local Council over its poor response to Climate Change.

The BLUE EARTH ENVIRONMENTAL SUMMIT 2023 was held in Bristol and it was attended by three members of the Youth Group.

Lecale Conservation has some important ongoing responsibilities... The Ballyhornan sand dune reclamation contract will be completed next Spring. This work, involving procurement and planting of specialised grasses, has been recognised by Council and by National Trust as Exemplary. A further, much more ambitious, project at Tyrella dunes has been funded and preliminary groundworks are complete.

We will have to organise a great deal of planting work, and I suggest that we make plans to involve organisations such as GAA, Scouts, sports clubs..... and the like, to tackle the work in manageable stages.

We continue to press for action in the matters of rights-of-way at Rossglass and Hollymount among other sites, and we have an input into other planning cases.

The flooding of Downpatrick Market Street and the devastation at ASDA and the Railway works should be a wakeup call for people to become involved in environmental activity.

Lecale Conservation should be well placed to help or to advise.

We maintain links with NICVA SLLP, NIEL. PAW, FOE, NIEA, and of course with our old friends the Planning Service.

Our Youth Group and Dune repair activities have been featured on local and national media.

As a Registered Charity, our first Annual Report will be due next January.

Our Bank Account has some Signatory business to be tidied up.

We continue to receive an annual bequest on behalf of the late passionate environmentalist Marie Lee, and I would like to see some accessible acknowledgement of her long-term engagement with the beaches of Lecale.

As I see things at present, the priorities of our Society are to widen the membership, not only by recruiting middle aged Full Members, but also to form links with members of other organisations who would be welcome as Affiliated Members.

May I in closing acknowledge the patient and conscientious assistance I have had from Hon. Secretary David Beckett, Hon. Treasurer Cadogan Enright with Brenda at his side, Anne Odling-Smee our Chair Emeritus and our long time fireside host Noel Killen.

We all look forward to the creativity which our Youth Members will contribute next year.

**John also also acknowledged the report from the Youth Group following a very active and successful yea with a report prepared by Cathal Quinn**

## **1. 2021 to 2023 Recap**

Lecale Conservation Youth Group has slowly been progressing, going from strength to strength. This summer, we successfully launched our website project, focusing on renewable energy. Our all-island interactive map allows you to research your own council's "climate credentials" when it comes to renewable energy. Judging them on a number of factors, councils are ranked accordingly and we aim to use this in conversation with our local council, currently the worst in Northern Ireland. The map is the first of its kind and as such, the website is perfectly placed to gain publicity for Lecale Conservation and our projects, through the website and social media.

## **2. Summer Successes**

Annual Summer 'Climate Camp' returned in 2023, which involved website building, freedom of information requests, financial information management and campaign tools for young people to hold local government authorities to account. This fed into the website project.

Social Media movement - Instagram has been set up to appeal to more people, with 100 new followers in just two months. The Instagram was used as a blog during the youth group's visit to Blue Earth Summit and was well received by followers.

Blue Earth Summit 2023 was attended by Cathal, CadÓg and Maja since the last meeting. The summit was a brilliant experience for the three, despite the flight cancellation at the end! The summit offered vast opportunities to learn, engage and network with a range of groups across the world. The youth group met business leaders like Deborah Meaden, activists like Feargal Sharkey, and made great connections.

## **3. Youth Membership**

There are currently 8 youth members who have been involved in campaigning and protests, and a further 12 have expressed strong interest in joining. This includes an age range of 12 - 18, and people from across the Lecale area with all attending school/college within Downpatrick.

## Additional Note

It was agreed by all members that the cost of attendance for three Youth Group representatives to attend the 'Blue Earth Summit' in Bristol would be financed from the general account of Lecale Conservation. The total sum is £360.

## **Treasurers Report**

Cadogan Enright presented the up-to-date accounts, as attached. They were agreed and proposed as correct by David Beckett and seconded by Ruth McCoy.

***The members expressed their sincerest thanks to Cadogan for ending the year with such an excellent balance due to his hard work in getting funding.***

## **Election of Officers for the year November 2023 to November 2024**

The Officers for the period from 23 November 2022 to 23 November 2023 had resigned and proposals were asked from the Members for their nomination for New Officers until the next AGM in November 2023.

All the Officers agreed to stand again in their respective roles but fully agreed by all those in attendance that there should be a few changes to the structure of Officers.

**CHAIRPERSON:** The attendees all agreed to nominate **John Peacocke as Chairperson** and this was Proposed by Cadogan Enright and Seconded by Ruth McCoy

**VICE CHAIRPERSON:** The attendees all agreed to nominate **Noel Killen as Vice Chairperson** and this was Proposed by David Beckett and Seconded by Bill Corry

**TREASURER:** The attendees all agreed to nominate **Cadogan Enright as Treasure** and was Proposed by Bill Corry and Seconded by Chris Murphy

**DEPUTY TREASURER:** It was agreed by all members present that a Deputy Treasurer is not required but proposed that **Brenda Enright** should now be appointed as the **External Examiner** and Support Officer for some of the formal matters that she is so able to assist in. Proposed by David Beckett and Seconded by John Peacocke

**SECRETARY:** The attendees all agreed to nominate **David Beckett as Secretary** and this was Proposed by Chris Murphy and Seconded by Cadogan Enright

**DEPUTY SECRETARY:** It was agreed by all the members present that a deputy is not required and the Secretary would call on members if assistance required.

**YOUTH OFFICERS:** It was unanimously agreed that the post of Youth Officers should be established with **Cathal Quinn**, proposed by David Beckett and seconded by Anne Odling-Smee and **CadOg Enright**, proposed by Chris Murphy and seconded by Ruth McCoy, the elected Youth Officers in recognition of all the hard work they have undertaken during the past year.

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# Annual return

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## **Independent examiners report to the charity trustees of Lecale Conservation Association**

I report on the accounts of the above Charity for the year ended 30 October 2023 as set out on the income and expenditure attached.

### **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 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 Charity 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.

Claire Hillman

20th November 2023