

Armagh Natural History and Philosophical Society

Northern Ireland · Charity number 108682

Details

Status	Received
Registered	2022-06-08
Register	View on the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland register

Contact

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Activities

Purposes: The Armagh Natural History and Philosophical Society exists to promote education in, and discussion of the natural sciences, philosophy, literature, the arts, and similar matters of common or public interest.

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

How the charity works:
Advice/advocacy/information,Arts,Cultural,Education/training,Heritage/historical,Research/evaluation

Who the charity helps: General public

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2024-10-31	£587	£709	£0	0

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Dr Gerald Millar		
Dr John Faulkner		
Jill Armstrong		

Accounts

Armagh Natural History and Philosophical Society

Brief Summary of Income and Expenditure 1st November 2023 - 31st October 2024

Item	Credit	Debit	Balance
Initial Balance			£2,360.77
Members Subscriptions	£ 355.00		
Talks, Events		£ 391.00	
Bank Interest	£ 33.42		
Progressive Bond Interest	£ 189.22		
NI Central Investment Fund	?		
Leasehold (ACM)	£ 10.00		
Mailshots		£ 128.15	
Refreshments		£ 99.95	
Services		£ 10.00	
Fed. Ulst. Loc. Studies		£ 50.00	
Fed. Ulst. Loc. Studies		£ 30.00	
TOTALS	£ 587.64	£ 709.10	
Closing Balance			£2,239.31

Investments

Progressive Building society Fixed Rate Bond	Value on 11.11.24	£5189.22
NI Central Investment Fund for Charities	Value on 11.07.23	£5000 (awaiting current

Jill Armstrong (Honorary Treasurer)

Accounts

Armagh Natural History and Philosophical Society

Accounts: 1st November 2022 - 31st October 2023

Ulster Bank Armagh, Current Account

Date	Item	Credit	Debit	Balance
01.11.22	Opening Balance			£ 1,106.40
09.12.22	Interest	£ 0.80		
20.02.23	Subscriptions	£ 40.00		
22.02.23	Progressive BS Bond Account (closed)	£ 10,758.35		
22.02.23	Subscriptions	£ 105.00		
23.02.23	Printing expenses		£ 55.25	
23.02.23	Recording Equipment		£ 192.04	
10.03.23	Interest	£ 2.25		
19.04.23	Royal Bank of Scotland Shares	£ 753.61		
22.05.23	Recording Equipment		£ 58.99	
30.05.23	Progressive BS Bond Account		£ 5,000.00	
09.06.23	Interest	£ 30.04		
07.06.23	Subscriptions	£ 11.00		
11.07.23	NI Central Investment Fund for Charities		£ 5,000.00	
11.07.23	Bank Transfer Fee for NICIFC above		£ 25.00	
05.09.23	Subscriptions	£ 16.00		
08.09.23	Interest	£ 17.14		
02.10.23	FULS Annual Subscription		£ 50.00	
02.10.23	FULS Insurance		£ 30.00	
12.10.23	Printing expenses and refreshments		£ 80.85	
12.10.23	Refreshments		£ 17.69	
18.10.23	Subscriptions	£ 30.00		
31.10.23		£ 11,764.19	£ 10,509.82	£ 2,360.77

Investments

Progressive Building society Fixed Rate Bond	Value on 30.05.23	£5000
NI Central Investment Fund for Charities	Value on 11.07.23	£5000

Jill Armstrong (Honorary Treasurer)

Armagh Natural History and Philosophical Society

Brief Summary of Accounts 1st November 2022 - 31st October 2023

Item	Credit	Debit	Balance
Initial Balance			£1,106.40
Members Subscriptions	£ 202.00		
Bank Interest	£ 50.23		
Progressive Bond Interest	£ 758.35		
Leasehold (ACM)	£ 10.00		
Recording Equipment		£ 247.29	
Printing Expenses		£ 113.81	
Refreshments		£ 43.72	
Sale of RBS shares	£ 753.61		
Bank Charges (Chaps Transfer)		£ 25.00	
Services		£ 10.00	
Fed. Ulst. Loc. Studies		£ 50.00	
Fed. Ulst. Loc. Studies		£ 30.00	
TOTALS	£ 1,774.19	£ 519.82	£2,360.77

Investments

Progressive Building society Fixed Rate Bond	Value on 30.05.23	£5000
NI Central Investment Fund for Charities	Value on 11.07.23	£5000

Jill Armstrong (Honorary Treasurer)

Annual report

ARMAGH NATURAL HISTORY AND PHILOSOPHICAL SOCIETY

TRUSTEES' REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 OCTOBER 2023

The Trustees present their report for the year ended 31 October 2023.

NAME AND ADDRESS

The Society is named 'Armagh Natural History and Philosophical Society'. It is also known as 'ANHPS'.

Its address is:

The Society's House,
Armagh County Museum,
Armagh, BT61 9BE

The Society's NI Charity Commission Registration Number is: NIC108682

The Society has a website: www.armaghsociety.org

PRINCIPAL OBJECTIVE

The Armagh Natural History and Philosophical Society (ANHPS) exists to promote education in, and discussion of, the natural sciences, philosophy, literature, the arts, and similar matters of common or public interest.

The Society owns the Grade A listed Armagh County Museum building, which is leased to Armagh, Banbridge and Craigavon Council for a nominal rent. The Society retains the use of its Reading Room within this building. This is available for use by other charities and societies.

TRUSTEES

The following Trustees have held office since its establishment as a charity on 8th June 2022:

Dr John Faulkner
Dr Gerald Millar
Mrs. Jill Armstrong

TRUSTEES' RESPONSIBILITIES

The Trustees are responsible for running the society with the assistance of the management committee, of which they are members.

The Trustees are required to prepare financial statements for each financial year that give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the society and of the surplus or deficit of the Society for that period.

In preparing the financial statements, the Trustees are required (i) to select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently; (ii) make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent and (iii) prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the Society will continue in operation.

The Trustees are also responsible for maintaining proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy the income and expenditure for the year. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the Society and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

FINANCIAL REVIEW

The accounts for the period 1st November 2022 to 31st October 2023 show receipts of £1,744.19 and payments of £421.28. The balance at the beginning of the period was £1,106.40 and the closing balance was £2,429.31, showing a net increase in the current account of £1,322.91

The bulk of expenditure was on postage, refreshments, and insurance. The Society is funded mainly by membership subscriptions, with some income arising from its investments and bank interest.

The Society's reserves comprise a Progressive Building Society Fixed Rate Bond valued on 31st October 2022 at £5,000, and an investment of £5,000 in the NI Charities Fund.

The Society's accounts have been discussed at the Annual General Meeting, independently inspected and approved by the management committee.

ACTIVITIES AND PERFORMANCE IN 2021-22

The ANHPS organises events in the City of Armagh and its environs in accordance with its principal objective. The Society's programme comprised the following lectures, performances and outings:

Title	Speaker	Attendance		
		In Person	Online Views	Total
An Evening of Seasonal Readings		30		30
Trauma and Battle Injuries in Ancient Egypt	Dr Gerry Miller	28	33	61
The Circular Economy	Heidi Miller	18	22	30
Visit to Southern Regional College		18		18
Lord Kelvin, Absolute Zero Hero	Declan Fitzmaurice	30	17	46
Visit to the Organic Gardens at Townley Hall		6		6
Political Postcards from the Island of Ireland	Karen McShane	12	73	85
The Small Streets of Armagh	Sean Barden	12	22	34

Previous talks are archived on our website and have continued to prove popular. The talk 'The Fucine Tunnel' has been viewed 209 times and 'Armour of Ballymoney' 154 times. The total number of people who have watched the Society's recordings now stands at over 700.

PUBLIC BENEFIT

The trustees have had regard to the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland's Public benefit requirement statutory guidance.

The events organised by the Society deliver significant educational and heritage benefits to the citizens of Armagh and the surrounding areas. All our events are normally open to both members and the public, and no charge is made to attend them. Recordings of many of our events are available through our website and on YouTube.

We have made our Reading Room available free of charge for meetings of other charities and societies. We have publicised events run by other charitable societies and organisations.

PLANS FOR THE FUTURE

The Society intends to continue its programme of events with a particular emphasis on widening the diversity – particularly in terms of age – of its membership and audiences.

GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

The management of the Society is governed by its Constitution, which was last amended and approved at an Extraordinary General Meeting convened on 29th March 2022. A copy of the Constitution is available on the Society's website www.armaghsociety.org.

In 2021-22, the Society had 41 paid-up members. There are over 100 individuals on the Society's email distribution list, which comprises those who have asked to be kept informed of its events.

The Society's Management Committee comprises nine elected members. It met on ten occasions during the year - including by Zoom videoconference.

The Society's officers comprise the President, Chair, Secretary, and Treasurer. The committee and office-bearers are elected at the Society's Annual General Meeting.

The Annual General Meeting of Society members was held on 10th October 2023.

[Signed]

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Jill', followed by a large, stylized flourish or loop.

**Mrs Jill Armstrong
For the Trustees**

[Date]

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Annual return

Auditor's Report

Independent examiner's report on the accounts of the Society for the period 1st November 2022 – 31st October 2023.

Basis of independent examiner's report.

I have examined the society's accounts and the accounting records kept by the Honorary Treasurer. I have compared the accounts present with those records and considered any unusual items in the accounts, seeking explanations from the treasurer concerning any such matters.

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

1. The accounting records were not kept properly.
2. The accounts do not accord with those accounting records.
3. There is further information needed to reach a proper understanding of the accounts

Independent Examiner's Report

I have completed my examination and have no concerns in respect of the matters listed above and I have found no matters that require drawing to the attention of the Committee or members.



Sarah Millsopp
Honorary Auditor

31st October 2023