

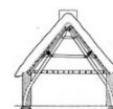
# Craigavon Historical Society

## Trustees' Annual Report

For the year to 31 August 2023

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The trustees of Craigavon Historical Society are pleased to submit their report and accounts for the period 01 September 2022 to 31 August 2023

### The objects of Craigavon Historical Society:

- a. Preserving community history through the publication of an historical journal and other local history material.
- b. Sponsoring an annual historical lecture which shall be open to all members of the public.
- c. Sponsoring other historical lectures primarily but not exclusively for paid-up members of the society.
- d. Working with other agencies concerned with the collection, conservation, interpretation and exhibition of artefacts relating to the history and local heritage of the Craigavon area.

### The Year in numbers

<b>56<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>75</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>1</b>
<b>Anniversary of the Society</b>	<b>Members</b>	<b>Historical Lectures</b>	<b>Outing</b>

### Public Benefit

Those who benefit from the activities of Craigavon Historical Society include not only its members but also the public both inside and beyond the boundaries of what was the designated Craigavon area. There is no private or personal benefit arising from the purpose of the Society.

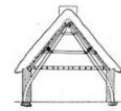
### Programme of events

Our programme of meetings was back in full swing after the hiatus caused by the Covid-19 coronavirus pandemic.

11 Oct 2022	An Introduction to Zooarchaeology	Ryan Montgomery
08 Nov 2022	‘And the old enchantment lingers...’: Reflections on the great literary personalities of Craigavon.	Michael McKernan
13 Dec 2022	AGM followed by the Atkinson lecture: ‘The Clan McCann’ and launch of our Journal Review	Jim Conway
10 Jan 2023	Captain Jack Crawford: the Poet Scout	Alister McReynolds
14 Feb 2023	Early Christian Bells: making, using and keeping	Cormac Bourke
25 Mar 2023	‘Reading Books with New Eyes’ – seeing Beyond Cover, Content, and Cost to Construction, Connections and Corresponding Value	David Dunlop
15 Apr 2023	Visit to Grange House and Retreat, Moyallon	Caroline Somerville
09 May 2023	‘Depending on the generosity of the outside public to carry on the conflict?’ – The 1913 Lurgan Weavers and Winders Strike	Dr Barry Sheppard
24 June 2023	Trip to Ram’s Island Heritage Project	

### Annual Outing

We had a very successful and well attended outing to Grange House and Retreat, and the adjacent Quaker Meeting House in Moyallon on 15 April 2023 and the Ram’s Island Heritage Project on 24 June 2023.

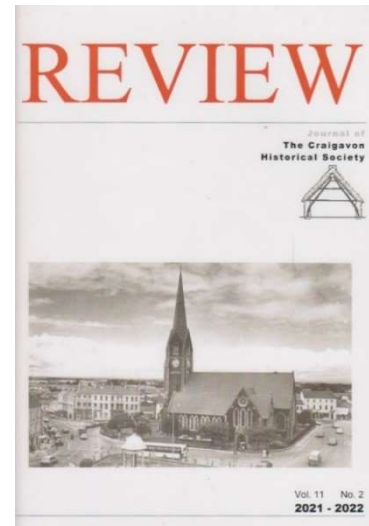


## Publications

We were delighted to publish our biennial journal, "Review" in September 2022 – publication had been delayed by one year because of covid.

## Web site and Social Media

[www.craigavonhistoricalsociety.org.uk](http://www.craigavonhistoricalsociety.org.uk) - the society's website - gives free access to much of our published material including over 250 articles from past Reviews, primarily but not exclusively those up to Vol. 9 No. 1 (published 2007); a number of significant articles published since that date were uploaded in 2023. We also maintain a presence on social media (Facebook) which we hope will help us reach a wider audience.



## National Lottery Heritage Fund

We were delighted to receive NLHF funding for a major project "Digging Deeper Together: Rediscovering Our Sacred Landscapes". The total grant payable will amount to £36,800, in two phases (2022/23 and 2023/24). There were many strands to this project; a principal element was a successful community archaeology dig at Kilmocholmóg field, located off the Kilmore Road, Lurgan.

## Finance

In the aftermath of the covid-19 pandemic we were pleased to return to a full programme and collected £1,025 in subscriptions from members. Publication of Review (given free to members) incurred costs of £896.40 but sales of our publications remained healthy and gave us receipts of £369.50. We received the first part of the NLHF grant (£18,400) during this year but delays in some payments for expenses incurred on this project resulted a surplus of £874.71 for the year.

## Trustees

- Mr Jim Conway
- Mr Jack Gilpin
- Mr David Weir (Honorary Secretary)
- Ms Alex Barr (Minutes Secretary)
- Mr John Bustard (Honorary Treasurer)
- Dr Ian Hunter (Chairman)
- Mr John Trimble

Jim Conway (Chairman – from October 2024)

Date 12 November 2024

David Weir (Honorary Secretary)

Date 12 November 2024

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