

**PORTADOWN GARDENING SOCIETY**  
Northern Ireland Charity Number: 100609

**TRUSTEES ANNUAL REPORT**  
1 April 2022 to 31 March 2023

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Charity Trustees

Paula Morgan, Frances Daly, Barbara Robinson, Andrew White, Mitchell Graham, Valerie Daly, John Lambe, Philomena Hagan, Rosaleen Hamill, Sheila O'Malley, Ann Trimble.

When administering the Society the trustees have had regard to the Commission's Public Benefit requirement and statutory guidance.

Governing document

The Society is an unincorporated association established under a constitution.

Purposes and activities

The Society's purpose is to provide education aimed at promoting, sustaining and increasing individual and collective knowledge and understanding of horticulture, gardening and the environment in the Portadown and surrounding area. These were well attended and are summarised below:

April: "Weird and Whacky Plant Show" – Michael Perry, who travels the world in search of new plants, gave a very interesting talk about his discoveries.

September: "Tour of Mahon Garden Centre" – This outing gave members an insight into the work involved in a Garden Centre.

October: "A tale of Two Gardens" - Conrad McCormick gave a talk detailing the move from his previous house through the creation of his new exotic garden and the challenges it presented.

November: "The Making of a Gardener and a Garden" - David Maxwell, a well known TV and Radio Broadcaster gave a talk on the creation of a garden.

December: A Christmas Lunch was held at which Linda Lyons demonstrated the making of floral arrangements.

January: "The Bees Knees" – John Lambe, a member of our Society, gave us a look at solitary bees with an emphasis on the Mason Bee and flowers as pollinators throughout the year.

February: "Shady Plants and Shady Places"- Maurice Parkinson showed ways in which the shady areas of gardens could be made to come alive.

March: "50 Favourites" – Richard Barnes, a Chartered Landscape Architect, took us on a virtual tour of his garden showing us the plants he had chosen as his favourites

**Benefit provided to beneficiaries**

The horticultural talks provided a wide variety of educational and social benefit to members, guests and other members of the public attending.

**Private benefit incidental to the provision of public benefit**

There has been no private benefit incidental to the provision of public benefit

**The Society's financial position at 31 March 2023**

The Society's accounts demonstrated that the financial performance for the year ended 31 March 2023 was satisfactory and the reserves at year end were adequate to meet the anticipated expenditure in the incoming year.

**Signed**

**Date**

Paula Morgan      5 April 2023  
Paula Morgan (Chairperson)

Barbara Robson      6 April 2023  
Barbara Robson (Treasurer)