

PORTADOWN GARDENING SOCIETY
Northern Ireland Charity Number: 100609

TRUSTEES ANNUAL REPORT
1 April 2023 to 31 March 2024

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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. The meetings were well attended and are summarised below:

April: Sean McAlinden gave a very interesting talk about making the most of garden produce from a small garden using pots, containers and raised beds.

October: Neill Porteous Neill explained the significance of "Annes Grove" in Co Cork, the former home of the Annesley family since the 1600s, and the work being done to ensure the garden's legacy has a dynamic future.

November: "Putting down roots at Rowallane". Claire McNally talked about her many challenges as new head gardener at the National Trust Garden at Rowallane, County Down

December: A Christmas Lunch was held at "Sinton's at the Bridge", Scarva

January: "From Seed to Vase – Charlene McKinstry of Gracehill Flowers in Loughgall, gave us an interesting talk about the family run farm, specialising in flowers fresh from the field.

February: "Art and Architecture in the Gardens of the World" – A talk by Trevor Edwards, an award-winning garden designer, writer and broadcaster, who has led many garden tours throughout the world and organises the National Gardens Scheme in Northern Ireland.

March: Sean McAlinden visited us again and this time his subject was "Plant Propagation: Grow your garden for free" Sean, who runs courses in Leisure Gardening at Southern Regional Colleges, demonstrated his wealth of practical experience to members.

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 2024

The Society's accounts demonstrated that the financial performance for the year ended 31 March 2024 was satisfactory and the reserves at year end were adequate to meet the anticipated expenditure in the incoming year.

Signed

Date

Paula Morgan

Paula Morgan (Chairperson)

13th January 2025

Barbara Robinson

Barbara Robinson (Treasurer)

15th January 2025