

Charity No NIC 101110

Armagh Robinson Library



Annual Report

for the Year ended

31 December 2022

ARMAGH ROBINSON LIBRARY

Annual Report and Financial Statements for the year ended 31 December 2022

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ARMAGH ROBINSON LIBRARY

References and Administrative Details

Charity Name: Armagh Robinson Library

Charity Registration Number: NIC101110

HMRC Number: XN45495

Business Address: 43 Abbey Street, ARMAGH, BT61 7DY

Trustees:

The Trustees are the Governors and Guardians of Armagh Robinson Library, as prescribed in the Governing Document.

The Governors and Guardians in 2022 were:

- The Most Revd J F McDowell, Archbishop of Armagh and Primate of All Ireland
- The Very Revd T S Forster, Dean of Armagh
- The Revd Canon R J N Porteus, Precentor of Armagh Cathedral
- The Revd Canon W J A Dawson, Chancellor of Armagh Cathedral
- The Revd Canon W M Adair, Treasurer of Armagh Cathedral
- The Ven T Scott, Archdeacon of Armagh
- The Revd Canon Dr P A Thompson, Prebendary of Mullabrack
- The Revd Canon D Hilliard, Prebendary of Tynan
- The Revd Canon J Moore, Prebendary of Loughgall
- The Revd Canon B Paine, Prebendary of Ballymore
- Mr R B Hannam
- Mr J-G Willis (from June 2022)

Keeper

The Very Revd T S Forster

Director

Dr Robert Whan

Independent Auditor

WHR Accountants Ltd
Chartered Certified Accountants
26 The Square
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BT71 7SG

Bankers

The Library's primary working account is at:

Danske Bank
78 Scotch Street
ARMAGH
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TRUSTEES' ANNUAL REPORT FOR THE YEAR 1st JANUARY TO 31st DECEMBER 2022

The Purpose of the Charity

The purpose of the charity is as defined in an Act of the Irish Parliament of 1773-4, for 'settling and preserving a publick library in the City of Armagh for ever' (George III; Chap. XL).

The Act of Parliament provided for the incorporation and establishment of the Library with funds and collections donated by the then Archbishop of Armagh and Primate of All Ireland, Richard Robinson. The legislation covers the building to house the collections and the Keeper, makes provision for the increase and preservation of the collections, and specifies the constitution of Governors and Guardians to oversee the fulfilment of the Act. Archbishop Robinson provided an endowment of land in the townland of Lisanally, to be held in trust for the Library, which is now represented by a number of properties in the City of Armagh. The rents of these properties support the upkeep and management of the Library.

In accordance with this purpose, the mission and values of the Charity have been established as follows:

Mission

To safeguard and share the treasures of the past for the enjoyment, enrichment and enlightenment of the city [of Armagh] and the world forever.

Core Values

Stewardship: Safeguard, preserve and conserve the building and collections for future generations by ensuring that the collections are researched, catalogued, and stored in a well maintained and cared for building.

Sharing: Share the collections with a broad audience, facilitating original scholarship in the fields of its collection; making new ideas relevant, enriching, enjoyable and exciting to a broad audience by means of the display of books and collections, as well as outreach, public tours and educational programmes, keeping the stories of the past alive for future generations.

Partnership: Foster a strong relationship with the community; developing and maintaining strategic partnerships, and working with those who can assist the Library to meet its mission and strategic objectives, and whom we can assist to deliver their own mission and goals.

Developing and Inspiring: Develop our skills and expertise to understand, and care for the collections and building, in order to provide a stimulating, and inspiring environment for visitors of all ages.

Independent Status of the Library

The Library is a registered charity and an accredited museum. For the sake of clarity, it should be stated that, although the governing body is constituted primarily by the Archbishop of Armagh and the Dean and Chapter of Armagh Cathedral, the Library is neither owned nor funded by the Church of Ireland and is not under the authority of its central institutions. From its foundation by Archbishop Richard Robinson, the Library has enjoyed a relationship with the Church of Ireland, but it is independent of it, with no religious mission or function. The Library is, in the great tradition of the European Enlightenment to which it owes its foundation, a place of learning and scholarship open to all, irrespective of creed and background.

Background

Armagh Robinson Library, the oldest public library in Northern Ireland, was founded in 1771 by Archbishop Richard Robinson. He gave his own library as the nucleus of its collections.

The Library was the first of Archbishop Robinson's public building projects in Armagh between 1771 and 1794, including also the Diocesan Registry at No 5 Vicars' Hill, the Infirmary, the Armagh Observatory and the Gaol. His Palace now serves as the mayoral headquarters of Armagh City, Banbridge and Craigavon Borough Council. He laid out The Mall as the civic space that remains to this day at the heart of the City.

The Library building is Grade A listed, in ashlar limestone and classical style, whose oldest parts date from 1771 to the design of Thomas Cooley. Extensions date from 1785 and, by Robert Law Monsarrat, 1845. The building's footprint is of approximately 370 square metres.



The Long Room (Photograph by Brian Mason)

The Library's Long Room (150 square metres) at first-floor level, with a gallery, is the principal room, and is accessed by a stairway from the public entrance in the east end. The south side and downstairs rooms are mainly used for the Keeper's accommodation. A return on two floors over cellars provides additional administrative and storage space.

The importance of the Library and its collections lies not just in their individual elements but also in the fact that both building and collections remain intact as a very rare example of a once-essential resource for advanced scholarship, a visual dimension of Europe's classical heritage, as part of Archbishop Robinson's purpose to encourage learning among the clergy and people of his day.

The Registry

No 5 Vicars' Hill was built in 1772 as the Diocesan Registry by Archbishop Richard Robinson. Its octagonal rooms held the records of the Church of Ireland Diocese of Armagh, as well as some public records. While the Diocesan records are no longer kept in the building, some examples are on display, with ancient coins, gems, significant prints, early Christian artefacts and other examples of the collections of Armagh Robinson Library. In 2010–2011 the building was restored with grant aid from the then Heritage Lottery Fund and Northern Ireland Tourist Board and converted into an exhibition area to display some of the Library's non-book collection. It is now known as No 5 Vicars' Hill.



The Robinson Room in No 5 Vicars' Hill

The Collection

The Library is a reference library of some 48,000 titles with additional collections of fine art, coins, gems and archaeological items. The Library is also an accredited museum whose role is to care for, display and make accessible to the public the collections in its care.

The Library's collections currently consist of the following:

- Approximately 48,000 books, the earliest one printed in 1484;
- 310 manuscripts, of which 23 are from the Middle Ages, the earliest from the twelfth century;
- 7 incunabula, dating from the second half of the fifteenth century;
- 4,500 prints and engravings, from the sixteenth to eighteenth centuries;
- 38 maps and atlases, from the seventeenth century;
- 4,000 eighteenth-century gems/sulphurs;
- 400 coins (mainly pairs of Roman coins from the first two centuries of the Roman Empire, with some medieval and eighteenth-century items including some very rare specimens);
- 4,000 items of music from Armagh Church of Ireland Cathedral's collection;
- 6 volumes of eighteenth-century newspapers covering a ten-year period;
- the complete original series of 15 costume drawings for a pageant to mark the 1,500th anniversary of St Patrick in Ireland by the distinguished Irish artist, William Conor;
- prehistoric and historic antiquities of the personal collection of Archbishop Marcus Gervais Beresford, including Bronze Age tools and weapons, some of great rarity;
- two portraits in oils of Archbishop Robinson, one by Angelica Kauffman and the other attributed to the studio of Sir Joshua Reynolds.

The Library also houses the Armagh Observatory's collection of the 1835 edition of the Ordnance Survey of Ireland, which is of particular interest for local history and genealogical research.

The Library's current acquisition subjects are Local History (Armagh City and County), St Patrick, Jonathan Swift, and Church History. While the material on Church history consists mainly of printed books, journals and pamphlets, the Library also holds the archives of three former Church of Ireland Archbishops of Armagh, namely those of Beresford (1822-1862), Gregg (1939-1959) and Eames (1986-2006).

The Library owns Jonathan Swift's personal copy of *Gulliver's Travels* (1726), annotated for re-printing, along with some of his most significant writings such as *A Tale of a Tub* and *A Modest Proposal*. The nucleus of the collection is Archbishop Robinson's personal library which contains 17th- and 18th-century books on theology, philosophy, classic and modern literature, voyages and travels, history, medicine and law. Included in the collection are many rare and valuable books such as John Gerson's *De Praeceptis Decalogi*, printed in Strasburg, 1488; Sir Walter Raleigh's *History of the World*, 1614; Fynes Moryson's *Travels*, 1617; Colgan's *Acta Sanctorum Hiberniae*, 1645; Seneca's *Tragoediae*, published in Amsterdam in 1665; Richard FitzRalph's *Defensorium Curatorum*, 1485; and Coryat's *Crudities*, 1611, amongst others. There is also a collection of medieval and 17th- and 18th-century manuscripts. There are over 6,500 items published before 1801 included on the English Short Title Catalogue (ESTC) and 7 incunabula. The Library contains Robinson's large collection of important and rare engravings, known as the 'Rokeby Collection', which includes examples from the work of Claude Mellan, Robert Nanteuil, Wenceslaus Hollar, William Hogarth and Giovanni Battista Piranesi.

The Irish antiquities span a period of several millennia from the Neolithic to the Middle Ages and include Neolithic polished stone axe-heads, Bronze Age tools and weapons, 8th–10th century ringed pins and late medieval bells.

Contemporary Uses of the Library

The Library is a research library open to academic researchers, and to general visitors free of charge. It welcomes visitors from Northern Ireland and across the world. Current visitors include local schools, both primary and post-primary, university lecturers and students, specialist interest groups, all-Ireland and overseas tourists, as well as local Armagh people.

For all the groups identified above, guided tours are offered to suit the ages, abilities, backgrounds and interest areas of the participants. Programmes for schools are related to the appropriate Key Stage of the Northern Ireland Curriculum. Book-handling is an integral part of the experience.

The Library works to promote both its buildings with representatives of Tourism NI, Tourism Ireland, and tourism development representatives of Armagh City, Banbridge and Craigavon Borough Council. All events and activities are promoted on the Library's website (armaghrobinsonlibrary.co.uk), and on other websites, such as the local council's 'Visit Armagh', and those of Tourism NI and the Northern Ireland Museums Council.

The Library's catalogue is available online at <https://armaghrobinsonlibrary.co.uk/collections/main-catalogue/>. There are separate catalogues for the Rokeby Collection of Prints (<https://armaghrobinsonlibrary.co.uk/print-collection/>) and the archive of Archbishop John Allen Fitzgerald Gregg (<https://armaghrobinsonlibrary.co.uk/collections/gregg-archive/>).

Staffing

During 2022, the Library employed seven members of staff:

Director - full-time until 31/12/22;

Assistant Keeper - part-time;

Administrative Officer - part-time;

Archivist - part-time;

Curatorial Research Fellow - full-time until 31/03/22;

Registry Officer - part-time until 30/06/22

Cleaning Supervisor - part-time.

These posts are overseen by the Library's Keeper, who is also the Dean of Armagh.

FURTHERING OUR PUBLIC BENEFIT

Opening Hours

The Library's usual opening hours are Monday–Friday, 10.00 a.m. to 1.00 p.m., and 2.00 p.m. to 4.00 p.m. Its associated museum at the former Diocesan Registry, No 5 Vicars' Hill, is open for the same hours Tuesday–Saturday, April–September, and Thursday–Saturday, October–March. Due to the retirement of the Registry Officer in June 2022 and until a new appointment is made, visits to No 5 Vicars' Hill are by prior booking.

Admission both to the Library and to No 5 Vicars' Hill is free. For group tours, the Library charges £2.50 per adult for visits to the Library, and a further £2.50 for visits to No 5 Vicars' Hill. Free tours are provided for school pupils.

Exhibitions

The following temporary exhibitions were held in the Long Room of the Library:

- February – April 2022: *'Archbishop Richard Robinson – Builder of Armagh'*
- May – July 2022: *'A Spotlight on the Beresford Collection: Rediscovering Treasures from the Prehistoric to the Medieval'*
- September – November 2022: *'The History of Fishing around the British Isles (500 – 1800)'*
- December 2022 – June 2023: *'Written by Hand'*

Online versions of all but the most recent exhibition are now available on the Library's website, <https://armaghrobinsonlibrary.co.uk/collections/past-exhibitions-and-displays/>.



Exhibition Launch by Archbishop John McDowell on Archbishop Richard Robinson.

School Visits

In collaboration with St. Patrick's Church of Ireland Cathedral, the Library offers an educational programme entitled, 'A Morning on the Hill'. This year the following schools visited the Library as part of this programme:

Date	School	No. of Children/Adults
05/05/22	Saint Malachy's Primary School	27
10/11/22	Armstrong Primary School	23
17/11/22	Armstrong Primary School	23
01/12/22	Armstrong Primary School	22

Fewer schools were in a position to venture out for school trips, either due to post pandemic protocols or transport costs. Primary schools participate in the visit to link with the 'World Around Us' topic on the NI Curriculum.

Community Engagement and Collaboration with Other Organisations

Playful Museums Festival

For the sixth year, the Library and No 5 took part in the Playful Museums Festival, organised by the Northern Ireland Museums Council in February. The Festival seeks to engage under 5s and their adults with museums and their collections.



Playful Museums Event in No 5 with Stephen Day, Registry Officer

STEM Sessions

For the fourth year, the Library participated in the Northern Ireland Science Festival Schools Programme in February 2022. There was a mix of both online and in-person outreach sessions, which provided an opportunity for primary school age children to connect the Library's collections with Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics.

The City Chapter Partnership

Working together within the partnership that is 'The City Chapter', the Library collaborates with three other libraries in Armagh (Armagh City Library, The Cardinal Ó Fiaich Library and Archive, and the Irish and Local Studies Library, renamed during the year as Cultural Heritage Library in Armagh) to deliver events to promote the spoken and the written word. Funding for the National Poetry Day event was obtained from the John Hewitt Society. This year City Chapter events included:

- an in-person event with author Marianne McShane in the Cardinal O'Fiaich Library to celebrate World Book Day on 03/03/22;
- poets Grainne Tobin and Mel McMahon celebrated National Poetry Day with the City Chapter by reading in-person in this Library.



Representatives of the City Chapter and the John Hewitt Society with poets Grainne Tobin and Mel McMahon for National Poetry Day in Armagh Robinson Library

Dementia Friendly Museum

The Library continues to work to become a dementia friendly museum. During 2022, it provided on-line sessions, called *Memories, Movement and Museums*, with people living with the diagnosis of dementia, with considerable support from Dementia NI, the Alzheimer's Society of Northern Ireland and Sunnymead Residential Home.

Climate Change Project

Having been successful in gaining a grant from the Northern Ireland Museums Council to contribute positively to climate change, the Garden Project in the garden of No 5 Vicars' Hill was completed and launched in July 2022 with representatives of NIMC and Dementia NI's Empowerment Group.



Representatives of the Library, Northern Ireland Museums Council and Dementia NI's Armagh Empowerment Group who launched the Garden Project.

Armagh's Georgian Festival

The Library has always participated in Armagh's Georgian Festival held annually in late November. Armagh City, Banbridge and Craigavon Borough Council funds the Library's Rokeby Lecture which is held each year on the Thursday before Georgian Day. This year the guest speaker was Dr Elizabethanne Boran, Librarian of the Edward Worth Library in Dublin. The title of her talk was '*Botany and Gardens in the libraries of Dr Edward Worth and Archbishop Richard Robinson*'. The Library and No 5 were also open to welcome visitors on Georgian Day, held on 26/11/22/

External Exhibition

The Library collaborated with the Office of Public Works for an exhibition at the Coach House Gallery at Dublin Castle. The temporary exhibition *For the Love of the Master: 25 Artists Fascinated by Piranesi*, included some of the Library's volumes of prints by the Italian artist, Giovanni Battista Piranesi. The exhibition ran from June to September 2022.

To assist its financial sustainability, the Library's published charges for the hire of the Long Room are as follows:

Long Room: Capacity 50 (seated)
Half day (9.00-13.00): £100
Full day (9.00-17.00): £200
Evenings (17.00-22.00): £150

For charities, and for bookings of two or more days, a discount of 20% applies. The Long Room is not available for daytime private hire during the months of July and August.

Academic and Cultural Connections

To further the implementation of its memoranda of understanding with universities, the following have agreed to act as co-ordinators for their institution:

Queen's University Belfast	– Professor Moyra Haslett
Ulster University	– Dr Frank Ferguson
Trinity College Dublin	– Dr Robert Armstrong (Academic)
	– Dr Lydia Ferguson (Library)

University Placements

Stranmillis University College – Final-year student, Ms Hannah Carson, undertook her 'Alternative Student Placement' in the Library.

Ulster University – A postgraduate Museums Studies student, Ms Kathy McAlister, completed her placement, with the curating of the temporary exhibition on the Beresford collection of antiquities.

Armagh City, Banbridge and Craigavon Borough Council continues to involve the Library and No 5 in tour operators' visits, all with the intention of encouraging tours to the Armagh area.

Donations

The Library continues to accept suitable donations that fit the criteria set out in its Collections Development Policy. During 2022 twenty-one donations were received. All the donations have been catalogued and are accessible to members of the public.

Care of the Collections

In July 2018 the Archivist began a three-year project to audit the Library's book catalogue. This involves checking each individual entry on the catalogue against the physical book, updating and correcting details where necessary. This work continued in 2022, thanks to the funders' agreement to pause the project due to COVID, and then to reactivate it. The project is funded by the Pilgrim Trust and the Apollo Foundation.

With the support of the Paul Mellon Centre for Studies in British Art, the Library was able to employ a Curatorial Research Fellow during 2021 to catalogue and research the collection of over 4,000 16th–18th-century prints left to the Library by Archbishop Robinson. The post was held by Dr Max Bryant (January – September 2021) and Ms Ella Letort (November 2021 – March 2022).

The Library provides searchable summary catalogues of its book and print collections, as well as the Gregg Archive, on its website armaghrobinsonlibrary.co.uk.

Protection of the Collections and the Public

The Library maintains the following facilities under annual contract:

- Intruder alarm and CCTV coverage
- Central heating, including the annual servicing of the boiler
- Fire alarm system, including twice-yearly professional maintenance and testing
- Fire extinguishers

The Library's electrical system is checked and certified every five years, and its portable electrical appliances checked and certified as required.

For the protection of children, the Library and No 5 Vicars' Hill close to other visitors during school visits. All staff have been the subject of a criminal record check by Access NI (or its predecessor organisation).

THE LIBRARY'S ACHIEVEMENTS IN 2022

Visitors

Visitor numbers to the Library are recorded on an automatic people-counter. The figures for 2021 are given below, along with those of previous years.

2022	6,058
2021	995 (Covering June to December)
2020	478 (Covering January to mid-March)
2019	8,060
2018	8,209
2017	8,075
2016	8,276
2015	7,959
2014	7,713
2013	7,086
2012	6,094

Visitors to No 5 Vicars' Hill, now recorded on an automatic people-counter since 2022, were:

2022	5,478
2021	1,185 (Covering June to December)
2020	499 (Covering January to mid-March)
2019	4,426
2018	3,965
2017	3,252
2016	4,149
2015	3,582
2014	3,876
2013	3,755
2012	3,829

The reduced number of visitors during 2020 and 2021 were due to the closure of the Library and No 5 because of the COVID-19 pandemic.

Group Visits

Due to the retirement of the Registry Officer at the end of June 2022, fewer joint visits could be held between the Library and No 5. Two-fold visits have been booked with St Patrick's Cathedral and with the Library. Group visits during 2022 were as follows:

- 28/01/22: Donna Fox Tour – Westenders Group (24)
- 05/02/22: 'Unearthing Macha' – Donna Fox Group (13)
- 10/02/22: County Armagh Phoenix Group (15)
- 11/02/22: Donna Fox Tour – Westenders Group (24)
- 22/02/22: Playful Museum Festival Storytelling – Liz Weir – Library (29)
- 22/02/22: Playful Museum Festival Storytelling – Liz Weir - No 5 (16)
- 26/02/22: Afternoon on the Hill with a Difference (18)
- 05/03/22: Afternoon on the Hill with a Difference (14)
- 11/03/22: Banbridge U3A (10)
- 12/03/22: Donna Fox Tour – Unearthing Macha (8)
- 12/03/33: Afternoon on the Hill with a Difference (17)
- 25/03/33: ABC Fusion Festival Continues – 'Art After Dark' (no numbers)
- 28/04/22: Afternoon on the Hill – Retired Couples (6)
- 06/05/22: Decorative Arts Trust, Library (28)
- 07/05/22: Donna Fox Tour – Unearthing Macha (8)
- 10/05/22: Afternoon on the Hill – North Down and Ards U3A (16)
- 19/05/22: Morning on the Hill – EIL Road Scholars, Library (26)
- 20/05/23: Morning and Afternoon on the Hill – Decorative Arts Group USA (24)
- 27/05/22: Writers' Group, Library (7)
- 29/05/22: Afternoon on the Hill – QUB Delegates - USA Academics (17)
- 08/09/22: EIL (Intercultural Learning) Group Library/Cathedral (24)
- 22/09/22: EIL (Intercultural Learning) Group – Library/Cathedral (14)
- 30/09/22: Home-Schooled Children and parents – Library/Cathedral (35)
- 01/10/22: 'Unearthing Mhacha' Group and Donna Fox, tour guide – No 5/Cathedral (5)
- 21/10/22: PhD Students from Armagh Observatory and Planetarium – Library (10)
- 29/10/22: Cathedral Choir Probationers/Choristers and families – Library/Cathedral (26)

Research

Research queries were answered by Library staff throughout the year. A total of 26 in-person research visits were logged before the end of the year. Topics researched included astronomy, agriculture, Armagh Corporation Records, Annals of Clonmacnoise and the works of Jonathan Swift.

Website and Social Media

Visitor interaction with the Library's website and social media in 2021 was recorded as follows:

Website:

	Users
Quarter 1:	3,123 (including 3,070 new users)
Quarter 2:	3,507 (including 3,453 new users)
Quarter 3:	2,817 (including 2,022 new users)
Quarter 4:	2,931 (including 2,871 new users)

Facebook: 'Page Likes' in each quarter:

Quarter 1:	from 867 to 887
Quarter 2:	from 971 to 996
Quarter 3:	from 1,000 to 1,008
Quarter 4:	from 1,175 to 1,196

Twitter: Number of new followers in each quarter:

Quarter 1:	20
Quarter 2:	24
Quarter 3:	18
Quarter 4:	04

On-line lectures which had been given throughout the year have been uploaded via the Library's YouTube channel,

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCcayKn0aLFWBRaDX01rBmg/videos>.

Quality Grading

The Library and No 5 received further notification that their four-star rating in Tourism NI's Quality Assurance Scheme will continue until further notice. This is because, due to the COVID-19 pandemic, Tourism NI has decided not to carry out assessments at the present time.

Museum Accreditation

The Library's accredited museum status was re-confirmed in February 2018 and has remained valid throughout 2022.

Visitor Response

The Library and No 5 both pride themselves in their friendly and personal service to visitors. The quality of the service provided is evident from the positive reviews received from platforms such as TripAdvisor.

Statement of Compliance

The Governors and Guardians of the Library have given careful consideration to the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland’s guidance on public benefit to ensure that the activities entered into during the year have helped to achieve the Library’s objectives and activities, as well as providing public benefit.

Private Benefit

There is a continuing private benefit to the Keeper in the provision of living accommodation within the Library building. This is an incidental and necessary benefit, deriving from the Library’s founding Act of Parliament.

There is also a private benefit to the Keeper in that the Library pays to the Church of Ireland Diocese of Armagh 10% of his approved stipend, employer’s pension contribution and expenses as one of the ordained clergy of the Church of Ireland, by agreement with the Diocese of Armagh and the Armagh Cathedral Board, this payment being part of, not additional to, the stipend, pension contributions and expenses as determined annually by the Representative Body of the Church of Ireland and the Diocese of Armagh. This is an incidental and necessary benefit, deriving from the provision of the Act of Parliament that the Keeper ‘be a Presbyterian of the Church of England or Ireland as by Law established’, and the present conjunction of the positions of Keeper of Armagh Robinson Library and Dean of Armagh. The amount paid by the Library to the Diocese in 2022 was £5,513.

Statement of Trustees’ Responsibilities

The Governors and Guardians are responsible for preparing the Trustees’ Report, the statement of receipts and payments and statements of assets and liabilities in accordance with applicable law and regulations.

The Governors and Guardians are responsible for keeping accounting records that are sufficient to show and explain the Library’s transactions and disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the assets and liabilities of the Library. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the Library and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

Signed on behalf of the Governors and Guardians

Trustee 1 + John Auegh

Trustee 2 Shane Foster

Date 22-6-2023

ARMAGH ROBINSON LIBRARY

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF ARMAGH ROBINSON LIBRARY

I report on the accounts of the Trust for the year ended 31 December 2022 which are set out on pages

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 65 of the Charities Act (Northern Ireland) 2008 (the 2008 Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under section 65 of the 2008 Act,
- to follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 65(3)(a) of the 2008 Act, and,
- to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of independent examiner's statement

My examination was carried out in accordance with general Directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from the trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a 'true and fair view' and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

Independent examiner's statement

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention:

1. which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in, any material respect, the requirements:

- to keep accounting records in accordance with section 63 of the 2008 Act; and
- to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the 2008 Act

have not been met or

2. to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.



Andrew Gilpin FCA
WHR Accountants Ltd
Chartered Certified Accountants
Moy
Dungannon

22/06/2023

Date

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**FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2022**

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STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2022

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Endowment Funds £	Total Funds 2022 £	Total Funds 2021 £
Incoming resources:					
Voluntary income	3,180	3,127	17,903	24,210	115,074
Activities for generating Funds	109,829	-	-	109,829	112,706
Investment income	25,461	-	-	25,461	20,944
Other incoming resources	4,379	74,875	22,529	101,783	252,595
Total incoming resources	<u>142,849</u>	<u>78,002</u>	<u>40,432</u>	<u>261,283</u>	<u>501,319</u>
Resources expended:					
Governance costs	188,402	74,875	-	263,277	278,868
Net movement in funds	<u>(45,553)</u>	<u>3,127</u>	<u>40,432</u>	<u>(1,994)</u>	<u>222,451</u>
(Decrease)/Profit on Investments	-	-	(143,395)	(143,395)	71,109
Funds brought forward	127,109	240,439	2,873,413	3,240,961	2,952,401
Prior year adjustment	-	-	-	-	(5,000)
Total funds carried forward	<u><u>81,556</u></u>	<u><u>243,566</u></u>	<u><u>2,770,450</u></u>	<u><u>3,095,572</u></u>	<u><u>3,240,961</u></u>

The statement of Financial Activities includes all gains and losses in the year. All incoming resources and resources expended derive from continuing activities.

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STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2022

	Notes	2022 £	2021 £
Fixed Assets:			
Tangible assets	3	3,290	4,387
Investments (Property & Equity)	3	2,919,380	2,822,215
		2,922,670	2,826,602
Current Assets:			
Debtors	4	23,866	20,167
Cash at bank and in hand		221,985	419,815
Total Current Assets		245,851	439,982
Liabilities:			
Creditors due within one year		3,607	3,000
Net Current Assets		242,244	436,982
Total Assets less Current Liabilities		3,164,914	3,263,584
Accruals and deferred income	5	69,342	22,623
Net Assets		3,095,572	3,240,961
Funds of the charity			
Restricted funds			
Permanent Endowment	6	2,770,450	2,873,413
Development Appeal Fund	7	243,566	240,439
Unrestricted Funds	8	81,556	127,109
Total Charity Funds		3,095,572	3,240,961

The notes on the following pages form part of these accounts.

Approved by the Governors and Guardians on 22nd June 2023 and signed on their behalf by:-

The Most Revd John McDowell
Chair of Governors and Guardians

+ John Averagh

ARMAGH ROBINSON LIBRARY
STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2022

	Total Funds 2022 £	Total Funds 2021 £
Net cash used in operating activities (Note 11)	(23,163)	(99,865)
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Cash flows from investing activities		
Dividends and interest	25,461	20,944
Purchase of tangible fixed assets	-	(1,464)
Purchase of investments	(240,560)	-
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Net cash used in investing activities	(215,099)	19,480
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Cash flows from financing activities		
Receipt of endowment	40,432	232,594
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Net cash provided by financing activities	40,432	232,594
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Change in cash and cash equivalents in the year	(197,830)	152,209
Cash and cash equivalent brought forward	419,815	267,606
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Cash and cash equivalent carried forward	221,985	419,815
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ARMAGH ROBINSON LIBRARY

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2022

1. Accounting Policies:

1.1. Basis of preparation:

These accounts have been prepared in accordance with Accounting and Reporting by Charities – Statement of Recommended Practice (SORP 2005), the Charities Act (Northern Ireland) 2008 and applicable accounting standards.

1.2. Incoming resources and related expenditure:

Incoming resources and related expenditure are included in the Statement of Financial Activities (SOFA) when the charity becomes entitled to those resources and has incurred related expenditure.

1.3. Grants and donations:

Grants and donations are only included in the SOFA when the charity has unconditional entitlement to the resources.

1.4. Tangible Assets:

Depreciation is charged on Office Furniture and Equipment at 25% on a reducing balance basis, so as to write them off over their expected useful lives.

No depreciation is provided on 'investment properties', which is consistent with the Statement of Recommended Practice 'Accounting by Charities'.

2a. Incoming Resources (Restricted Funds)

During the year grant income was received from the following:-	2022	2021
	£	£
Pilgrim Trust	4,267	8,006
Royal Society	-	750
Apollo Foundation	5,776	5,764
Armagh City, Banbridge and Craigavon Borough Council	1,217	-
NI Museums Council	7,788	1,900
National Lottery Heritage Fund	18,490	-
Association of Independent Museums	2,722	-
Department of Communities	-	2,500
Coronavirus Grant	-	42,570
Ulster Community Covid Grant	4,083	-
ACNI	-	911
Tourism NI	-	5,976
Esme Mitchell	2,500	2,500
National Art Ticket Grant	1,589	-
Climate Grant	16,125	-
Social Academy Scotland Grant	10,000	-
Department of Foreign Affairs	46,642	-

2b. Incoming Resources (Endowment Funds)

Public donations	17,903	112,314
National Lottery Heritage Fund	22,529	120,280

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**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS CONTD/
YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2022**

3. Fixed Assets

	Investment Properties ^(a) £	Equity Investments ^(b) £	Office Equipment £	Total £
Cost/Valuation as at 1 January 2022	1,754,406	1,067,809	17,233	2,839,448
Additions/Increase during the year	-	97,165	-	97,165
Cost/Valuation as at 31 December 2022	<u>1,754,406</u>	<u>1,164,974</u>	<u>17,233</u>	<u>2,936,613</u>
Depreciation as at 1 January 2022	-	-	12,846	12,846
Provided during the year	-	-	1,097	1,097
Depreciation as at 31 December 2022	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>13,943</u>	<u>13,943</u>
Written Down/Market Value at 31 December 2022	<u>1,754,406</u>	<u>1,164,974</u>	<u>3,290</u>	<u>2,922,670</u>
Written Down Value at 1 January 2022	<u>1,754,406</u>	<u>1,067,809</u>	<u>4,387</u>	<u>2,826,602</u>

(a) Investment properties have been valued by Best Property Services, Chartered Surveyors on 31st December 2013.

(b) Equity investments are stated at 'market value' (Evelyn Partners).

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS CONTD/ YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2022

4. Debtors	2022 £	2021 £
Property rents receivable	17,664	14,889
Prepaid Insurances	4,657	2,639
Grants and other income	566	2,639
Prepayments	979	-
	23,866	20,167
	23,866	20,167
5. Accruals and deferred income		
Property Rents in advance	728	507
Paul Mellon Association	12,900	22,116
Esme Mitchell	2,500	-
Department of Foreign Affairs	43,731	-
Social Enterprise Academy Scotland	9,483	-
	69,342	22,623
	69,342	22,623
6. Permanent Endowment:		
Balance as at 1 January 2022	2,873,413	2,569,710
Increase in Valuation during the year	(143,395)	71,109
Added during the year	40,432	232,594
Released to Income & Expenditure	-	-
	2,770,450	2,873,413
	2,770,450	2,873,413
<p>Property and financial investments held by the Library are classified as restricted funds: to provide an income for the day-to-day running of the Library only.</p>		
7. Development Appeal Fund:		
Balance as at 1 January 2022	240,439	239,462
Added during the year	3,127	977
	243,566	240,439
	243,566	240,439
<p>A formal resolution to restrict the use of funds raised for the Development Appeal Fund was made on the 30 December 2016.</p>		
8 Unrestricted Funds:		
Balance as at 1 January 2022	127,109	143,229
Prior year adjustment: Rent reduction	-	(5,000)
Net movement during the year	(45,553)	(11,120)
	81,556	127,109
	81,556	127,109

The unrestricted funds are available to be spent for any of the purposes of the charity.

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS CONTD/ YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2022

9 Employees:	2022	2021
Average number of full-time equivalent employees during the year	5	5

10 Related Party Transactions:

There were no related party transactions during the year (2021 – NIL).

11 Reconciliation of net movement in funds to net cash flow from operating activities

	2022	2021
	£	£
Net movement in funds	(145,389)	288,560
Deduct gift of endowment	(40,432)	(232,594)
Add back depreciation charge	1,097	1,179
Deduct interest and dividends	(25,461)	(20,944)
Plus loss on investment	143,395	(71,109)
Increase in debtors	(3,699)	2,884
Increase in creditors & accruals	47,326	(67,841)
Net cash used in operating activities	(23,163)	(99,865)

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DETAILED INCOME & EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT – YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2022

Income:		2022	2021
	£	£	£
Investment Income			
Dividend Income		25,461	20,766
Property			
Rents and Insurances		97,001	96,861
Other Income			
Donations, Membership, Tours		3,180	1,783
Photocopying		7,314	4,540
Sundry Income		61,128	111,230
NLHF - Resilience Grant		18,490	26,763
Cathedral Board		4,974	5,805
NLHF - Endowment Grant		176	-
		217,724	267,748
Expenditure:			
Staff Wages and National Insurance	107,273		72,966
Workplace Pension	6,788		7,566
Telephone	3,629		2,839
Heat, Light and Water rates	15,837		12,821
Rates	259		3,110
Subscriptions	1,769		2,888
Repairs	18,233		60,443
Insurance	12,469		11,985
Art Fund Expenditure	1,746		-
Binding and Conservation	3,507		-
Stationery and Printing	2,451		2,095
Miscellaneous	2,308		1,551
Computer Expenses	1,170		-
Professional Fees	10,050		12,726
Lease: Copier	2,120		2,448
Depreciation	1,097		1,179
NIMC Playful Museums Project	18,973		4,873
Catalogue Programme Expenses	7,774		9,538
Resilience Project Expenditure	25,024		27,897
Endowment Project Expenditure	4,131		-
Science Morning Project	485		1,100
Visitor Engagement Officer	-		3,221
ACNI Expenditure	-		10,317
The Paul Mellon Expenditure	9,215		17,436
Department for Communities	-		2,399
Tourism NI – Web Project	157		7,470
Foreign Affairs Expenditure	3,064		-
Association of Independent Museums	2,721		-
ABC Council	510		-
Social Enterprise Academy Expenditure	517		-
		263,277	278,868
(Deficit) of Income over Expenditure		(45,553)	(11,120)