

Glenravel Historical Society

Trustees Annual Report for the Year Ended 30 June 2024

The Trustees present their report and financial statements for Glenravel Historical Society for the year ended 30 June 2024.

Public Benefit Statement

The Trustees of Glenravel Historical Society confirm that they have had due regard for the guidance on Public Benefit by the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland and are pleased to report that during the period the group continued to provide the Public Benefits through the programmes and services we offer. In particular, the Trustees consider how planned activities will contribute to the aims and objectives they have set.

Public Benefit

The direct benefit which flows from this purpose is an increased knowledge and understanding by members, students of history at all levels and people generally, of the area's past, people and places.

This benefit is evidenced through feedback from both members and interested parties, at local, national and international levels, using the Society's website. Our benefit reaches people who live abroad and are interested in researching their genealogical origins within the area. Participants have access to information through a recent local history publication "Along The Ravel and Clough Water" and history presentations and trips, with local and general themes.

Achievements and Performance

The focus in 2024 was the International Furnace Festival in June. Expert smelters and blacksmiths from around the world gathered in Newtowncrommelin over a weekend in June to bring traditional iron skills back to life. The Festival was part of the celebrations of the founding of Newtowncrommelin village 200 years ago and included smelting and blacksmithing demonstrations, outdoor museum and heritage displays and talks and tours on iron ore mining in Glenravel.

Glenravel Historical Society is a non-profit making organisation. Total income for the year amounted to £5,319. £5,000 of this was a donation from Hagan Homes for the Furnace Festival and the remainder from fundraising and memberships.

Total expenditure for the year amounted to £5,067.

The net income for the year amounted to £252 with net assets of £1,071 at 30 June 2024. The Trustees consider that the Association is in a satisfactory position to carry on its charitable activities.

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Mr Gregory O'Reilly
Trustee