

Friends Of The Ulster Museum

Trustees' Annual Report

Period from 1 July 2021 to 30th June 2022

The Trustees present their report and the audited financial statements of the charity for the period ended 30th June 2022.

Reference and Administrative details

Registered charity name Friends of the Ulster Museum

Charity registration number NIC 101366

Principal Office c/o Ulster Museum
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Belfast
BT9 5AB

President Mrs N Dunbar

Vice-President Mr P Cavan

The Trustees

Mrs P. Blamphin (Chairperson)
Miss M P Mackintosh (Hon. Treasurer)
Mrs D Baillie (Administrator)
Mr Ian Forsythe
Dr Marion Gibson
Mrs Deirdre Hiscocks
Mrs Janet Leckey
Mrs Moranne Noad
Mr Peter Thomsson
Ms Hannah Crowdy
Mrs Pat Cameron

Accountants Johnston Graham Ltd
Chartered Accountants
216/218 Holywood Road
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Trustees' Annual Report (continued)

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Structure, governance and management

As set out in the constitution, the administration conduct and function of the charity will be upheld by the Management Committee made up of three officers and 9 ordinary members supported by a paid administrator. The committee holds a meeting at least twice a year. The nine ordinary members are elected at the AGM for a term of three years. The Chairman and Vice Chairman are elected each year at the AGM and re-elected each year for a period of five years. The Hon. Treasurer is elected each year at the AGM. The Annual Accounts which have been examined by an independent examiner are presented at the AGM for the membership's approval. Grants and donations requests are brought to the meeting of the Management Committee by the Hon. Treasurer for approval and are presented in the annual accounts to members at the Annual General Meeting. Further approval of the annual subscription and the Administrator's salary are brought to the Management Committee by the Hon. Treasurer for approval and are presented in the annual accounts.

No change being a variation or item rescinded to the constitution shall be made without being passed by not less than two-thirds of members in person at the AGM.

The Friends of the Ulster Museum was registered with the NI Charity Commission in December 2015.

The Hon. Treasurer is the main contact with the Commission's Office.

Objectives and Activities

To support and assist the Ulster Museum, and to promote its use and enjoyment by the public. To provide funding (either directly or after accumulation or investment) to allow the Ulster Museum to purchase objects to add to the Museum's collection for public exhibition, and in particular art, history and science exhibitions. To encourage and support similar bodies associated with the Ulster Museum.

Friends of the Ulster Museum

Registered with the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland – NIC101366

Annual Report 2021-2022

Funds held by the Friends of the Ulster Museum have been generated by a bequest placed in an investment portfolio producing annual income and events run by the members raising funds to support and assist the Ulster Museum to promote its use and enjoyment by the public. These funds also permit the museum to purchase objects adding to its collections for public exhibition. The Friends also support and encourage other similar bodies some associated with the Ulster Museum.

A further source of funds is received by members' subscriptions, gift aid and bank interest covering administration costs:- wages and salaries, printing and stationery, bank charges, insurance. The Friends employ one part-time administrator but does not have overhead costs.

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Report Content

This report records the activities of the Friends during the year 1st July 2021 to 30th June 2022. It normally would summarise the grants and donations made during the financial year, details of which would be presented in the Annual Accounts at the AGM. Due to the restrictions though having been somewhat relaxed of the Covid-19 pandemic, we did receive some requests and made the following donations :-

A payment of £1000 towards the publishing of Miss Eileen Black's latest book "Through the Salerooms".

£5000 towards the purchase by the Ulster Museum of "The 36th (Ulster) Division at the Cenotaph" by William Conor

Registration of the Friends of the Ulster Museum with the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland

The Friends of the Ulster Museum was registered with the NI Charity Commission in December 2015. The Hon. Treasurer is the main contact with the Commission's Office. The main business address is c/o Mrs Deborah Baillie, Administrator , Friends of the Ulster Museum, Ulster Museum, Botanic Gardens, Belfast BT9 5AB, which is also used for registration purposes.5t8;

Management Committee meetings

The Management Committee met during 2021-2022 on the following dates to administer the normal business of the Friends.

Dates :- 10th August 2021 , 23rd September 19th May 2022 6th September 2022

Accounts

A copy of the 2021-2022 accounts was prepared by the Hon. Treasurer and sent to the Accountants Johnston Graham Ltd for examination. They have been presented and approved **at the Annual General Meeting on 27th September 2022**

Trustees 2021-2022

All Members of the Management Committee are Trustees

Chairman – Mrs Priscilla Blamphin

Hon Treasurer – Miss M Patricia Mackintosh

Administrator – Mrs Deborah Baillie

Members - Mrs Pat Cameron, Ms Hannah Crowdy, Mr Ian Forsythe Dr Marian Gibson, Mrs Deirdre Hiscock, Mrs Janet Leckey, Mrs Moranne Noad, Mr Peter Thompson.

Achievements and Performance

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The Friends do not have overhead costs.

Financial Review

During the financial year the charity made the following contributions to the Museum:

- £1000 contributions towards Ms Eileen Black's latest book "Through the Salesrooms"
- £5000 towards the purchase of "The 36th (Ulster) Division at the Cenotaph" by William Conor

Reserve Policy

The Trustees have a discretionary portfolio with our Brokers set up to maximise the return to the charity within acceptable risks and to provide adequate reserve to meet the needs of the charity into the foreseeable future. The investment portfolio is held for growth and interest to allow the Friends to support the Ulster Museum acquire items for the curators of history science and art and further assisting with large scale exhibitions

Plans for Future Periods.

Continue with our raison d'etre of assisting and supporting the Museum.