

Garvagh and District Diamond Club – Trustee Report 2023

Meeting in the GADDA Building, Garvagh

I am pleased to present this report for the year January 2023 to December 2023.

Attendance has remained steady throughout the year, with an average of around 36–40 members at each meeting. As always, numbers vary depending on the health and availability of our members, but we continue to enjoy strong support and great company at every gathering.

Throughout 2023, we were delighted to welcome a range of guest speakers and entertainers who brought plenty of interest and laughter to our meetings. We enjoyed music, singalongs, and educational speakers.

We continued with a mix of activities that everyone enjoys — quizzes, bingo, and storytelling sessions inspired by local history and old photographs. These sessions are always a great way to share memories and keep our minds active.

In June 2023, our annual outing took us on a bus trip to Donegal, where we stopped for lunch and enjoyed a scenic drive along the coast. The trip was a great success, with lots of laughter and friendship along the way.

Our Christmas dinner was held in the Imperial Hotel, Garvagh, on 13th December 2023, where we enjoyed a lovely meal, a festive raffle, and entertainment. It was a wonderful way to end the year together.

While we were unable to secure grant funding again this year, we managed to keep the Club running through careful budgeting and the dedication of our members. I would like to express sincere thanks to all committee members for their continued commitment and support, and to everyone who donates tea, biscuits, and other supplies for our meetings.

A special word of thanks goes to the ladies who organise and serve the tea each week, and to Mickey and Anne, whose ongoing dedication in organising speakers and keeping everyone informed has been invaluable.

Looking ahead, I hope that new members will continue to join us so that we can share in friendship, fun, and community spirit through another year of activities, music, and laughter.

Jacqui Wilson
Chairperson