

Dromara Local History Group
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Trustees Annual Report and Financial Statements
September 2022 - August 2023

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Trustees

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Principal Office Bearers

Chairman: Mr Vaughan Byrne
Secretary: Mr Herbie Chambers
Treasurer: Mrs Sandra Byrne

Independent Examiner

Mrs Nicola Patterson, Institute of Accounting Technicians Ireland

Governing Document: Dromara Local History Group's governing document is its Constitution, which was adopted by members on 27 October 2014 with amendments agreed in November 2021.

The Group's primary objectives are as follows:

- To study and encourage public interest in the folklore, archaeology and antiquities of the region and, in particular, townlands in the Dromara area;
- To study its history and heritage;
- To work with others to secure the preservation and protection of its history; and
- To collect and disseminate information on its history.

Membership of the Group is open to anyone with an interest in local history and who is supportive of the Group's objectives. The Group is funded mainly through membership fees and voluntary contributions with applications made from time to time to Lisburn and Castlereagh City Council for grants for specific events

Public Benefit: In completing this Annual Report, the Trustees have had regard to the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland's statutory guidance on the public benefit requirement. Dromara Local History Group meets the public benefit requirement by

providing opportunities for all sections of the community to learn about the history and environment of Dromara and adjacent areas, thereby increasing their knowledge of the district and their understanding of past events as well as encouraging a greater appreciation of local history.

The purpose does not lead to harm and there are no private benefits for the Trustees. The beneficiaries include anyone with an interest in local history with particular regard to Dromara and the surrounding area. The benefits are demonstrated through attendance at meetings and feedback from participants.

Activities: The following activities and events took place during the period of this report.

Date	Speaker	Subject
October 2022	George Patton	Burke and Haire: the infamous grave robbers
November 2022	Michael Fryer N Ireland War Memorial Museum	The 2 nd World War in Northern Ireland
December 2022	Doreen McBride	"We just got on with it!" Life in World War 2
January 2023	Dr Robert Whan	History of Magherahamlet Presbyterian Church
February 2023	Aidan Campbell	Big Houses of East Belfast
March 2023	John Moore	Glentoran Football Club
April 2023	Trevor Martin	Five Local Lives
May 2023	Simon Walker	The Plantation of Ulster This event included a "Hog Roast" celebration supported by a grant from Lisburn and Castlereagh City Council King's Coronation Grant.

Plans were also made for the annual Group outing which took place on 16th September 2023 to the Ulster American Folk Park and the Abington Collection.

Trustee's Responsibilities

This report and the accompanying accounts were approved by the Trustees at a meeting held on 11th June 2024

Signed and dated on behalf of the Trustees by:

Vaughan K. Byrne

CHAIRMAN

J.H. Charles

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