

ROCK & DISTRICT HISTORICAL SOCIETY

TRUSTEES REPORT

Structure, Governance & Management in Northern Ireland

The current Trustees and members of the Committee are:-

- Mr John McNally (Chairperson)
- Mr Aeneas Quinn
- Mr Eugene Grimes
- Miss Ellen Doris
- Mrs Kathy Dougherty
- Mr Patsy Cunningham

The day to day running of the charity is managed by Mr John McNally.

Charitable Status

The Club has been accepted as a charity for tax purposes by the Inland Revenue.

The Club has been registered with the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland from 7th July 2015 under the Charity number:-

NIC103180

Statement of Compliance

In setting our objectives and planning our activities for the year the trustees have given careful consideration to the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland's guidance on public benefit to ensure that the activities have helped to achieve the charity's purposes and provide a benefit to the beneficiaries.

Principal Activities

- The Rock & District Historical Society is established to advance public education through the promotion, development and dissemination of knowledge of the history, archaeology, folklore, traditional crafts and antiquities of the Rock and its environs. The society also carries out research by collecting, recording and publishing information on all aspects of local history of the Rock and local area.
- We started the new fiscal year in November 2022 with a presentation from Dr Paddy Fitzgerald on 'Internal Migration in Ireland: 1600 – 2000.' In December, Brendan Gormley gave a talk on 'Early Evidence for farming in the Sperrins.' This was followed in January with a presentation from Dr Leanne McCormick entitled 'Bad Bridget; Crime and Irish Women in North America 1838 – 1918.' Then, in February, after a two year absence due to Covid, we held our 'music night.' As always, it was very well attended. Unfortunately the March 2023 meeting was cancelled due to weather, but our speaker, Sebastian Graham, graciously agreed to give his talk on 'The 1760's Oakster Protests in Mid Ulster' in October 2023.

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The Society also organized a one-day outing to Counties Roscommon and Leitrim in September. The day included visits to Strokestown House, the National Famine Museum and the Shed Distillery in Drumshambo. Approximately 42 people participated in this educational tour.

In addition to the programmes and one-day outing, the society also maintained its Facebook page, which now has 445 followers.

Financial Review

The Trustees have a procedure in place to review the accounts annually. The charity's accounts will be prepared each year to 31 October. These accounts cover the year to 31 October 2023 and reveal a deficit of £53.

SIGNED: John M. Nally
Trustee

DATE: 23-8-24

SIGNED: Kathy Dougherty
Trustee

DATE: 24-8-24