



East Antrim Royal Naval Association Branch

This is my second report for inclusion in the report for the CCNII. Since my report for last year, we have recruited two new members (one of which is still a serving member of His Majesty's Royal Navy. We aim to try and recruit new members to the Branch or other Branches of the Association at the Annual Northern Ireland Regional Armed Forces Day 2024 to be held in the Loughshore Park Newtownabbey on 22 June 2024.

We have not held any fundraising events inviting people outside of the branch but at our regular branch meetings we have been holding ballots to raise funds as well as each member paying a branch fee annually to help keep branch funds active just in case. We hope to have a fundraising event at some stage in 2024 it is just trying to find a viable and suitable date in the Whiteabbey Royal British Legion Club, where we also hold our meetings, as we like to support the Royal British Legion as well. We will continue to promote comradeship via our monthly meetings and the occasional social as well as the monthly ballot.

We also purchased wreaths from the Royal British Legion and attended the Services of Remembrance for the Somme at Knockagh Monument on the Sunday nearest 1 July 2023 and Remembrance Day 2023 on 12 November 2023. We will again be attending these Services of Remembrance in 2024 and hopefully again use them to recruit serving members of the Reserves and Sea Cadets into the Branch or Branch nearer them.

Yours Aye,

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Robert Hodgson

Branch Secretary and Trustee