

Cullybackey & District Historical Society
Trustees Report for the year ending 31st January 2025
NIC 107124

Governing Document:

The Cullybackey and District Historical Society is governed by the constitution amended on the 18th October 2018

The Society was registered with the NI Charity Commission as of 29th October 2018.
Charity Number NIC 107124

Purposes of the Charity:

The Society was established to educate the public in all aspects of the history of Cullybackey and the immediate surrounding area by:

1. Collecting local historical material and artefacts
2. Input information on our website www.cullybackeyhistory.co.uk
3. Answer queries about local and family history received via email
4. Organise speakers for monthly meetings from September to May for public historical talks on local and other historical and cultural themes and to mix socially
5. To further the aims of the Society by giving talks about the history of Cullybackey and the surrounding area to other groups when asked

Main Activities and Achievements:

For everyone's safety the Society's Health and Safety Policy and Risk Register has been updated. This is done annually by our Health and Safety Officer.

The society held one event during the year for the benefit not only of its members but for all the community. This was on the 7th March 2024 when we had a very enjoyable evening with Mr Joe Mahon, from the TV programme Mahon's Way.

Quite a bit of outreach was carried out this year. The chairperson was asked to speak on the 4th April 2024 to the Friendship Group at Killymurriss Presbyterian Church, on the 15th April to the Pentagon Probus Group, the 1st November 2024 to the Mid-Antrim Bee-keeper's Association, the 26th November 2024 to the Friendship Group at Ballyclare Reformed Presbyterian Church, and on the 21st January 2025, to the Cullybackey Senior Citizens. The society also took a stall at the First Cullybackey Scouts Car Boot Sale on Friday 14th June 2024, and at the Killymurriss Presbyterian Church Vintage Day on the 14th September 2024.

A wreath was laid in November on Remembrance Sunday by the chairperson on the Society's behalf at a wreath laying ceremony organised by the Royal British Legion, Cullybackey Branch.

A new website has been built for the society which went live on the 5th December 2024, research has been carried out and more new material has been added.

There has been an opportunity to again promote the history of Cullybackey and the work of the Society this year.

Public Benefit:

The Society's beneficiaries are the general public, mainly in the Cullybackey and surrounding area who come together at our monthly lectures to listen to, discuss and reflect on the history and culture of Cullybackey and beyond and have a greater knowledge and a better understanding and appreciation of their local history and heritage. Members and visitors at our lectures also benefit socially as it gives people, especially those who are more isolated or live alone, the opportunity to meet together regularly, enjoy the company while learning together and talking to one another over a cup of tea.

Access to the information on our website is of great public benefit, not only to our own members, but to the wider community and to people worldwide. This enables a wide section of the population to have access to an educational facility and to have a greater understanding of the history of Cullybackey and the surrounding area.

Finance:

Details of the Charity's finances for the year ending 31st January 2025 are provided in the Statement of Receipts and Payments forwarded with this report.

The Charity has £639.23 in the Building Society and £69.68 cash in hand at 31st January 2025. This is the Charity's only funds.

Name and Administration Details:

The name of the charity is the Cullybackey and District Historical Society. The administrative address is 87 Shellinghill Road, Cullybackey, Ballymena, BT42 1NS

Charity Trustees/Management Committee for the year ending 31st January 2024

Mr Robert Dick – President
Miss Elizabeth Hoy – Chairperson/Secretary
Mrs Elizabeth McCormick – Treasurer
Miss Nicola McFall – P.R.O.
Mr Robert McQuillan – Vice-Chairperson
Mr Hugh Wiseman – Health & Safety Officer
Mr Thomas Campbell
Mr Alan Rosborough
Mr George Simpson

Appointment of New Trustees:

The appointment of new trustees is reserved to the Charity. No other individual or organisation has the power to appoint trustees to the Charity.

Organisation:

The running of the Society is managed by the Trustees who hold committee meetings once a month between September and May.

Compliance with the Charity Commission's Guidance on Public Benefit:

In setting out the Charity's objectives and planning 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 its beneficiaries.

Mitigation of Harm Flowing from the Charity's Purposes:

No harm flows from the Charity's purposes. To negate the likelihood of harm, the Society is a member of the Federation of Ulster Local Studies.

Private Benefit:

There was no private benefit received by anyone who is not an intended beneficiary of the Charity.

As trustees of the Cullybackey and District Historical Society we feel that our objectives have been achieved during the period of this report and that we have served the interests of all our members and the general public.

SIGNATURE OF TRUSTEE

Miss Elizabeth Hoy

Chairperson/Secretary

Elizabeth Hoy

Date: 21st February 2025