



**DROMORE DIOCESAN HISTORICAL SOCIETY  
(NIC107167)  
CHARITY TRUSTEES ANNUAL REPORT TO  
THE CHARITY COMMISSION FOR  
NORTHERN IRELAND**

**September 1<sup>st</sup>, 2022 – August 31<sup>st</sup>, 2023**

Please read the notes at the end when filling in this form. When complete the form should be signed and scanned then uploaded up on to the CCNI website when completing your annual report.

1. Charity Name as listed on the Charity Register	<b>Dromore Diocesan Historical Society</b>
2. Financial year the report is for	Year ending 31 <sup>st</sup> August 2023
3. CCNI Charity Registration Number	NIC 107167
4. The address from which the Charity Operates	<u>14 Windsor Hill, Newry, BT34 1ER</u>
5. The names of all our Trustees at the date of this report plus any who stepped down as a trustee during the year	<p><b>Current Trustees</b>  James Conway  Martin Goss  Mary Goss  Michael Keenan  Andrew McMahon</p> <hr/> <p><b>Trustees who stepped down</b>  None</p>
<p><b>6. A summary description of the purposes of the charity</b></p> <p><i>The aim of Dromore Diocesan Historical Society is to make its charitable purposes available to all. This is achieved by providing a balanced programme of talks (in-person and online), guided outings to areas of special local interest, and a substantial, biennial journal.</i></p> <p><i>The purposes of Dromore Diocesan Historical Society are to:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Further community education and promote lifelong learning in local communities by adding to knowledge and understanding of their local historical stories.</i></li> <li>• <i>Promote, and develop interest in, ongoing research that produces new material related to the Diocese and its neighbouring areas, for presentation and publication.</i></li> </ul>	

<p><b>*7. The name of any person, or body of persons, permitted by the trusts of the charity to appoint one or more new charity trustees and a description of the method used to make such appointments</b></p> <p><i>If there is any individual or organisation with the power to appoint charity trustees, such as another charity or a government department, provide their details, the relevant powers, and methods of appointment.</i></p>	<p><b>N/A</b></p>						
<p><b>*8. Include details of any funds held by the charity as a custodian trustee</b></p> <p><i>This is mandatory for charities preparing accruals accounts.</i></p>	<p><b>N/A</b></p>						
<p><b>9. Charity's Main Activities and Achievements during the year.</b></p> <p>In the period September 2022 to August 2023 the Society provided: five in-person lectures at a variety of locations within Dromore Diocese and surrounding areas – two of those lectures were combined with an associated on-site visit and guided tour; one lecture provided online via Zoom which attracted an audience from across the island of Ireland; and one extensive guided walking tour of a lake shore environment with a rich historical heritage. All these events were supported by 40 to 60 people of all ages - drawn from a wide range of cultural backgrounds. To ensure that the events remain accessible to all, there were no admission charges.</p> <p>The trustees supported the small editorial team of Committee colleagues in commissioning articles for the Winter 2023 edition of the Society's biennial Journal. The editorial team gathered, proof-read, collated and set the articles, with their accompanying illustrations, in preparation for publication.</p>							
<p><b>10. How is the Group doing financially?</b></p> <p>The income and expenditure for the year ended 30<sup>th</sup> August 2023 is as follows:</p> <table style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <tr> <td style="width: 30%;">Income</td> <td style="text-align: right;">£480.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Expenditure</td> <td style="text-align: right;">£544.92</td> </tr> <tr> <td> Cash at Bank</td> <td style="text-align: right;"> £4,207.81</td> </tr> </table> <p>Dromore Diocesan Historical Society received its income from Journal Sales, Donations, and Membership Fees</p> <p>The largest outgoings included Venue Hire and Federation of Ulster Local Studies Fees and Insurance</p>		Income	£480.00	Expenditure	£544.92	 Cash at Bank	 £4,207.81
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**11. How has the Group ensured members have not come to harm?**

Dromore Diocesan Historical Society has Public Liability Insurance renewed annually in April.

**12. How has your Group ensured that any private benefit to your volunteers has been incidental to the public benefit of your work?**

Volunteers do not receive any private benefit from their involvement in the work of Dromore Diocesan Historical Society.

**13. A statement that the Trustees have had regard to the CCNIs guidance on Public Benefit.**

We, the Trustees of Dromore Diocesan Historical Society, can confirm that in setting our objectives and planning for the year that we have considered 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.

**14. This report was approved by the Trustees on**

**Date: 12<sup>th</sup> June 2024**

**15. Signature of Trustees.**

Trustee: \_\_\_\_\_

*Martin Cross*

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

*12/6/24*

Trustee: \_\_\_\_\_

*Nancy*

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

*12/06/24*