

HERVEY HERITAGE SOCIETY

Charity Commission No. NIC107432

Date registered: 15/04/2020

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ANNUAL REPORT

2022 - 2023

The Hervey Heritage Society was formed as an unincorporated organisation on 3 April 2019.

It opened a Community Account at Barclay's Bank on 16 November 2018 and was granted Charitable Status on 15 April 2020.

The trustees present their report for the year 2022-2023.

REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS

Registered charity name	Hervey Heritage Society
Charity registration number	NIC107432
Registered Office	18 Lodge Park COLERAINE BT51 1UN

Bankers:

Barclay's Bank PLC, 27/29 Church Street, COLERAINE, BT52 1AW

The Trustees:

The Trustees who served the charity during the period were as follows:

Mr J Hunter (Chair)
Mr Jerry Sayers (Secretary)
Ms Loretto Blackwood (Treasurer)
Mr Ken McCormack
Mr Ian Bartlett
Mr Roy Hamilton (deceased November 2023)
Ms Hester McCunn
Mrs Helen Mark

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The Society held meetings during the period of the Report on 28 October 2022 at Cathedral Court, Derry and at St Columb's Park House, Derry on 23 February 2023. A Zoom meeting was held on 19 April 2022 and the Annual General Meeting at Hezlett House, Castlerock on 25 July 2022.

There has been a considerable amount of business transacted at these meetings:

- a) **Membership.** The Society welcomed three new members: Gerard Harvey, Charlie Morrison and Marion Hamill.
- b) **Presentations.** The Society received two well-researched presentations from Ken McCormack: one on Downhill House drawing attention to the inadequacy of its plans; and the other on the Cabena Family and their fascinating links with Downhill and Dublin. It was noted that Marion Hamill's great, great-grandfather was Joseph Cabena, who was brought from Italy at the age of 18 to Downhill House. Several members have contributed to and are continuing to augment this fascinating story.
- c) **Website.** After weeks of dedicated work, Loretto Blackwood has produced an outstanding website to replace the previous site. Loretto will be responsible for hosting and making any necessary changes to the site. Payment has been made to the host site for a three-year period.
- d) **Donations.** Members responded most generously to a request for donations to cover the costs of the start-up, transfer of domain name and hosting of the new website. Some £600 had been raised, which covered the cost and left a small residue for other projects.
- e) **Downhill House.** After a visit to Downhill House, it was discovered that the current plans of the House are inaccurate. Ken McCormack stressed the need to produce accurate drawings of the building and was supported by Emma Cunningham (National Trust). Keith Gilmour, a local architect, has been assisting the Society on a voluntary basis with this project. He advised the Society that it was essential to employ a surveyor to prepare a survey of the building before he would be in a position to produce new plans of the House. Keith requested and received quotations from three Surveyors; the Society has favoured Joshua Lee at a cost of £1,500 plus VAT. The North Coast Association of the National Trust has kindly donated £1,500 to assist with the project. Laurentiu Ghisoiu (National Trust) has been most helpful in making arrangements relating to contracts and VAT.
- f) **Talks and Tours.** It was agreed to arrange a contract with the National Trust regarding a Talks and Tours programme conducted by Hester McCunn and Jerry Sayers at Downhill Demesne. The tour would start at the Bishop's Gate and take in the Memorial, Downhill House, Temple, Ice House, Dovecote and end at the Lion's Gate. It would be necessary to have a preliminary route walk in association with National Trust personnel to review the route and to carry out a risk assessment. Subject to a successful outcome the programme will take place at least once a week during the summer period. It was noted that the tours were heavily dependent on Hester and to a lesser extent Jerry Members were of the view that it would be necessary to train volunteers to assist. The Chair thanked Ken McCormack, Roy Hamilton, Ian Bartlett and Ivor Doherty for producing a small brochure to issue as a handout for these walks.

The Society owes a debt of gratitude to its President, Helen Mark, and to its members, who have given generously of their time during the period of the Report. In particular, it welcomed three new members during the period under review and two further members, Margaret Boyce and Hazel Siberry, during the current session 2023/2024.



Jim Hunter

Chair

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Independent Examiners Report 2022 - 2023

Independent examiners report to the charity trustees of Hervey Heritage Society

I report on the accounts of the charity for the year ended **31 March 2023** as set out on page 7.

Respective responsibilities of charity trustees and examiner

As the charity trustees you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act (Northern Ireland) 2008.

It is my responsibility to:

Examine the accounts under section 65 of the Charities Act

Follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland under section 65(9)(b) of the Charities Act

State whether particular matters have come to my attention

Basis of independent examiner's report

I have examined your charity accounts as required under section 65 of the Charities Act and my examination was carried out in accordance with the general Directions given by the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland under section 65(9)(b) of the Charities Act. The examination included a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from you as charity trustees concerning any such matters.

My role is to state whether any material matters have come to my attention giving me cause to believe:

1. That accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 63 of the Charities Act
2. That the accounts do not accord with those accounting records
3. That the accounts do not comply with the accounting requirements of the Charities Act
4. That there is further information needed for a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Independent Examiners Statement

The charity's gross income did not exceed £250,000.

I have completed my examination and have no concerns in respect of the matters (1) to (4) listed above and, in connection with following the Directions of the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland, I have found no matters that require drawing to your attention.

Signed: *David Douglas*

Name: David Joseph James Douglas FCA (Chartered Accountant)

Address: 1 Caw Hill Park, Londonderry BT47 6LU

Date: *17th November 2023*

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INCOME & EXPENDITURE Account 1 April 2022 to 31 March 2023

INCOME	2022 - 2023	2021 - 2022
Balance as at 01 April 2022	221.56	251.56
Grants:		
Organisation		
Organisation		
Fundraising		
Donations	646.00	20.00
Total Income Received	646.00	20.00
EXPENDITURE		
Stationery & Postage		
Publicity/Advertising		
Printing		
Events & Activities		
Bank Charges		
Fees	619.78	50.00
Sundry Expenditure		
Total Expenditure	619.78	50.00
Surplus of Income/Expenditure	26.22	221.56
Account Balance as at 31 Mar 2023	247.78	

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1 April 2022 - 31 Mar 2023

Balance Sheet as at 31 March 2023

	2022 - 2023	2021-2022
Current Assets		
Bank	247.78	221.56
Debtors	0.00	0.00
	<u>247.78</u>	<u>221.56</u>
Creditors	<u>0.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>
Net Current Assets	247.78	221.56

This income and expenditure report has been produced from the information supplied by the committee of **HERVEY HERITAGE SOCIETY**

Chair 
JA Hunter

Treasurer 
Loretta Blackwood