

AUGHNACLOY HISTORICAL SOCIETY (Charityt no.107449)

Trustees' Annual Report For the year ended 31st March 2024

The Trustees present the annual report and statement of receipts and payments, and assets and liabilities for the year ended 31st March 2024.

TRUSTEES

Mrs Heather Montgomery
Mr. Pat Montague
Mrs. Davina Stewart
Mrs. Hazel Williamson

OBJECTS

The Society is established to promote the advancement of the arts, culture and heritage; and to encourage participation in arts, crafts and cultural activities, and in particular to, promote the study of and encouragement of public interest in the history, folklore, archaeology and antiquities of the region and around Aughnacloy area and its environs (hereinafter called the 'area of benefit').

Activities

- (i) Establish a Society Archive.
- (ii) Provide, assist in providing or secure the provision of social, educational and recreational facilities for the benefit of the general public in the area of benefit.
- (iii) Provide, maintain and equip or assist in the provision, maintenance and equipment of, premises and facilities to carry out the objects of the Society.
- (iv) Promote and carry out, or assist in promoting and carrying out research, research papers, surveys and investigations and publish the useful results thereof.
- (v) Organise or assist in organising meetings, lectures, classes and exhibitions, and publish or assist in publishing reports, periodicals, recordings, books or other documents of information.
- (vi) Obtain, collect and receive money by ways of grants, donations, bequests, legacies or other lawful methods provided that the Society shall not undertake any permanent trading activities and shall conform to any relevant requirements of the law.
- (vii) Purchase, take on lease or in exchange, hire or otherwise acquire any real or personal property and any rights and privileges necessary for the promotion of the above objects and construct, maintain and alter any buildings or erections which the Society may think necessary for the promotion of its objects.

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Achievements and Performance

The season commenced on 11th April 2023 with Society members bringing along Objects , artefacts and photographs from a bygone era, many of which stimulated lively discussion.

May 13th 2023: 48 society members and friends travelled to by coach to Tattykeel house, Omagh for a guided garden tour followed by morning coffee.. Onward to Oakfield Gardens , Co Donegal and home via Castleterg for evening meal.

June 13th 2023 : Another afternoon / evening bus tour to the Dunmoyle area with 48 participants . Tour led by local Historian , Mr. Pat Montague.

Sept 12th 2023 : Talk by Mr. Tommy Barr on “ Heritage Paintings, from the Stone Age to The Troubles.

Oct 3rd 2023 : Talk by Ms Eileen Quinn (Kileeshill and Clonaneese Historical Society) on The life and works of Archbishop Kelly from Kileeshill Parish.

Nov 14th 2023: A society member Mrs Doreen Donaldson entertained us with poems she has written herself and explained how she was inspired to take up poetry writing.

Dec 12th 2023 : Aughnacloy Golf Club for a Christmas buffet followed by Scottish and Irish dancing.

Feb 3rd 2024 : A. G. M. Chaired by Dr. Liam Campbell > all society officers re-elected.Dr. Campbell then delivered a talk entitled “ Rivers and Cultures, Connections or Dividers”

March 12th:Talk by Dr. Paddy Fitzgerald on Archbishop John Joseph Hughes the first Roman Catholic Archbishop of New York.

April 9th 2024 : Local historian Mr. Josh Cuddy gave the final talk of the season. A brief history of Dungannon, from its pagan and Celtic roots all the way up to The flight of the Earls and the era of the Ranfurlys.

The society feels that we have met our aims as laid out above as well as contributing to reducing feelings of social isolation and loneliness in the Aughnacloy area through a mixture of educational and social events.

We continue to promote cultural events in the area by email and social media.

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The committee at all times have had regard for the Public Benefit Guidance as issued by the Charity Commission(NI) in all decisions where the guidance was relevant.

Financial position has been maintained in accordance with guidelines as set out in our constitution.

The work of Aughnacloy Historical Society is only possible with the support of the membership who continue to support us year after year and to whom we are indebted.

The Charity has considered the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland's guidance on Public Benefit to ensure that the activities entered into during the year have helped to achieve the Charity's objectives and activities , as well as providing public benefit.

Governing Document and Constitution of the Charity

The charity is governed by its constitution.

Statement of Trustee's Responsibilities

The Trustees are responsible for preparing the Trustee's Report and the statement of receipts and payments , as well as the statement of assets and liabilities for each financial year.

The Trustees are responsible for keeping accounting records that are sufficient to show and explain the charity's transactions , and disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the assets and liabilities of the charity. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

Signed on behalf of the Trustees

Heather Montgomery

Trustee Chairperson

Davna Stewart

Trustee

Treasurer

Date: 15/1/25.

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