

Roe Valley Ancestral Researchers Limited
Trustees Annual Report

Roe Valley Ancestral Researchers

The trustees, who are also directors of the charity for the purposes of the Companies Act 2006, present their report with the unaudited financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31 March 2022.

REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS

Company No. NI665432

Charity No. NI107879

Principal Office

32 Main Street
Ballykelly
County Londonderry
BT49 9HS

Registered Office

32 Main Street
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Directors and Trustees

The Directors of the charitable company are its Trustees for the purposes of charity law. The following Directors and Trustees served during the year:

Andrew Guy
Elizabeth Ferguson
Mary McMahon
Matthew Ferguson
Robert Guthrie (Resigned 4 March 2022)

Accountants

Vale Accountants
11 Thorndale Terrace
BALLYMONEY
County Antrim
BT53 7AZ

OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

The purpose of Roe Valley Ancestral Researchers Ltd is to foster a sense of community legacy within the Roe Valley area by supporting interest groups, individuals and volunteers to participate in discovering and preserving knowledge of local genealogy, social history, ancient woodlands and built heritage; encouraging and celebrating a sense of place, civic pride, ownership and an appreciation of all aspects of local heritage.

Roe Valley Ancestral Researchers increase public understanding and raise awareness of the life and legacy within the area known as the Roe Valley by education, creating and developing heritage knowledge, skills, training, maintaining a work ethos taking in places of interest associated with the Roe Valley and environs. The Charity fosters a sense of community, where all forms of media are used to provide information to interested organisations, groups, businesses and individuals by participation in the discovery and preservation of local knowledge of all aspects of local heritage and supporting strong inter-community relationships, fostering social and economic regeneration in this area. The Charity provides a network of mutual support and encouragement amongst the charity members, beneficiaries and volunteers which include network opportunities for volunteering, employment and life skills. These benefits have been demonstrated by having access to the many signposting networks which the charity subscribes to and through feedback from beneficiaries and the wider community. The charity's beneficiaries are all persons who aim to achieve volunteer status or personal life skills enhancement.

ACHIEVEMENTS AND PERFORMANCE

Roe Valley Ancestral Researchers encourage the advancement of education and have assisted volunteer trustees and members to complete a level 3 qualification in research skills for academic study. CPD (continuous professional development) has a strong ethos in the Charity and several researchers have completed training in genealogy, report writing and running an exhibition. The advancement of the arts, culture and local heritage has been achieved by the opening up of access to a local woodland which had remained abandoned for almost 50 years and allowed local residents safe access to a covid-free walk, promoting mental health. The printing of a information booklet tied to a listed monument (a folly) in this woodland has been successful and promoted other projects for future research. The Charity has also aligned itself with other local projects and is producing a further book in late 2022 based on local Roe Valley lore. Researchers have commenced work on databases which will take the Charity into 2023 and will be a major part of local historical knowledge.

FINANCIAL REVIEW

The trustees consider the financial performance by the charity during the year to have been satisfactory, given the circumstances post pandemic.

The trustees have examined the charity's requirements for reserves in the light of the main risk to the organisation. The working capital and future funding are dependent on establishing further reserves going forward.

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

Roe Valley Ancestral Researchers Ltd is a Company Limited by Guarantee and registered with both HMRC and the Northern Ireland Charity Commission. Presently it has 4 Volunteer Trustees (3 female, 1 male) and a Committee Volunteer member in charge of Membership (1 female).

The charity invests heavily in establishing reliable and trustworthy long-term volunteers and presently has an additional 13 volunteers who assist in day-to-day activities. This would be the base from which to recruit further volunteers. Existing trustees would recommend, interview and select whom to appoint.

The Trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records that disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and to enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Companies Act 2006. The Trustees are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and hence taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

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The above report has been prepared in accordance with the provisions applicable to companies subject to the small companies regime as set out in Part 15 of the Companies Act 2006 and in accordance with the Charities SORP (FRS 102).

Signed on behalf of the board

Matthew Ferguson

Trustee

08 November 2022

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "M. Ferguson". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, stylized 'F'.