



BANGOR HISTORICAL SOCIETY

**ANNUAL REPORT AND ACCOUNTS
FOR YEAR ENDING 31 DECEMBER 2019**

CHARITY NUMBER – 104010

Principal Address: 28 Ballyholme Esplanade, Bangor, County Down BT20 5LZ

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Bangor Historical Society

Annual Report for the year ending 31 December 2019

The Trustees of Bangor Historical Society are pleased to submit to The Charity Commission for Northern Ireland its Report and Accounts, including a Report by an Independent Examiner, for the period 1 January to 31 December 2019.

Patron and Trustees

The Society's Patron during 2019 was the Marchioness of Dufferin and Ava. It is with great regret that we record her passing, announced on 27 October 2020.

Lady Dufferin, as all who encountered her knew, was a tireless enthusiast for the history of her family and Clondeboye Estate as well as being passionate about art, travel and conservation.

The Trustees / Committee members in 2019 were –

Robert McKinley	President
Ian Wilson	Chairman
Ronald McClements	Honorary Secretary
Adrienne Brown	Honorary Treasurer
Gordon Jackson	Trustee
Dr. Sandra Millsopp	Trustee
Donald Patterson	Trustee (Resigned 2019)

The Trustees met in Committee on three occasions in 2019 to monitor expenditure and to take decisions on planning.

Membership

In 2019 the Society had 68 members drawn mainly from the Ards and North Down Borough Council area.

The Society is also a member of the Northern Ireland Council for Voluntary Action (NICVA) which represents voluntary and community bodies throughout Northern Ireland. In 2019 the Society was represented at useful NICVA training courses on Data Protection and Risk Assessment and at conferences on “The Northern Ireland Budget for 2019” and “Lifelong Learning Strategy”.

Contact is ongoing with FULS and NICVA to ensure that the Society is kept informed of relevant matters.

Administration

The Society is based in Bangor and held 8 monthly meetings in 2019 in premises at North Down Museum, rented from Ards & North Down Borough Council. These premises are an appropriate and well-appointed setting for the Society’s talks. The Society acknowledges the excellent help and support given by the Museum’s Manager, Heather McGuicken and Museum staff.

Constitution

A copy of the Society’s Constitution is attached at Appendix A.

Outputs and Achievements 2019

In accordance with the purposes of the Society as stated in its Constitution and under the Charities Act (Northern Ireland) 2008, the following is a summary of the Society’s outputs and achievements in 2019.

Objectives per Clause 2 of the Constitution

- (a) The study of and the encouragement of public interest in history, folklore, archaeology, and antiquities with special reference to the local area.*
- (b) The holding of lectures, visits and outings and the encouragement of the study of local history.*

Activities in 2019

In the calendar year 2019 the Society held 8 monthly meetings at 8.00pm on the second Thursday of each month from January to April and September to December (inclusive).

The Society's meetings are open to the public as well as its members. The number of visitors (at £3 each) was 111 and the mean average attendance in 2019 was 64.

Programme of Meetings – January to December 2019

Date	Speaker	Subject
10 January	Laura Spence	<i>" Folklore "</i>
14 February	Guy Warner	<i>" The Life of Lilian Bland "</i>
14 March	Dr. John Martin	<i>" Dr. John Simpson, Titanic Surgeon "</i>
11 April	Leanne Briggs	<i>" The Ward Family of Bangor Castle "</i>
12 September	Norman Weatherall	<i>" The Music Halls of Belfast "</i>
10 October	Allison Murphy	<i>" The Story of George McBride and Winnifred Carney "</i>
14 November	Dr. Sandra Millsopp	<i>" The Cotton Mills of Bangor "</i>
	Adrienne Brown	<i>" The Chambers Motor Company "</i>
12 December	Peter Vannucci	<i>" Bangor Football Club "</i>

Outings – None in 2019

Although the Society usually offers its members at least two outings per year, none took place in 2019 for two reasons –

1. Too few members volunteered to attend the first outing, to make it practicable; and
2. The Committee did a risk assessment on bus outings, deciding that this year, it would be safer not to undertake outings, given the perceived age profile of the membership. This decision was minuted on 11 April 2019.

Supporting Heritage-Section 2(f) of the Charities Act (Northern Ireland) 2008

In 2019 some members of the Society joined with North Down & Ards University of the Third Age to form " **Bangor Heritage Group** " in a Borough wide project led by North Down Museum to research and collect data relating to the industrial and commercial heritage of Ards & North Down Borough Council area of which Bangor is a part. This project is aided by the Heritage Lottery Fund and is being undertaken by eight heritage groups across the Borough.

The Bangor Heritage Group researched four subjects –

1. The cotton mills of Bangor from the 18th and 19th centuries;
2. McKeown's, the High Street fishmonger and poulterer from 1890,;
3. Neills of Bangor, coal Merchants and shipowners (1832-2000); and
4. 'Italians in Bangor' – the immigrant Italians in the catering and tourist trades of Bangor, in the early to mid-twentieth century.

Five video interviews were recorded with people who had special knowledge / experience of the subjects. These formed part of a filmed sequence for the commercial and industrial history of the Borough as a whole, which was shown in an exhibition launched on 5 March 2020 at North Down Museum.

The group also produced text and photographs for a panel illustrating the four subjects. This also featured among others from across the Borough in the Museum's exhibition.

An illustrated booklet on the research will emerge in the next phase of the project. North Down Museum and The Nerve Centre, Belfast and Derry/Londonderry provided training and equipment for the research work to date.

Due to Covid-19 restrictions the exhibition was closed in March 2020 and work suspended on the booklets for Bangor Heritage Group's and other groups' research.

Seaside Revival Vintage Festival - 6 July 2019

Open House Festival ran this one-day Vintage Festival which was intended to revive local interest in Bangor's historical role as a holiday resort by holding events at the seafront. This included a " *Conversation Caravan* "where volunteers could record their personal memories of Bangor and its seaside.

The Society contributed £300 in total for the refurbishment of a 1950s style caravan and the provision of sound equipment for this festival feature.

General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR)

GDPR compliance has been achieved with all new members receiving a copy of the Society's Privacy Policy as they enrolled from September 2019 onwards.

The Society's Website – <http://www.bangorhistoricalsocietyni.org/>

Through the website we received approximately 8 requests from researchers into a wide variety of local topics. These have been dealt with either by direct reply or by referring the enquirer to another relevant source.

Publicity

Meetings are publicized on a website operated by Ards and North Down Borough Council which lists coming events in the Borough for the week ahead.

Each talk is reported by Trustee Dr. Sandra Millsopp for publication in the local newspaper 'The County Down Spectator', along with date and time of the next meeting. Dr. Millsopp's reports also appear on the Society's website.

Public Benefit of the Society's work

No questionnaire was completed by members this year but audience reaction at our talks was enthusiastic and members / visitors commented afterwards on their educational value.

North Down Museum's Heritage Development Officer, Moira O'Rourke, has expressed her appreciation for the hard work and dedication of the Society's trustees and members in the Borough's commercial and industrial heritage project.

The organisers of the Seaside Revival Vintage Festival were delighted with the Society's financial support of the "*Conversation Caravan*" event which was successful in capturing personal memories of Bangor's past as a seaside resort.

Accounts

Bangor Historical Society's revenue comes mainly from an annual membership subscription of £15 and a visitor's fee of £3 plus income from subscriptions for outings. (In 2019 there was no income from outings.)

The Society's accounts for the year ended 31 December 2019 have been audited by **Elise Richardson, Chartered Accountant, 25 Arnavanagh Avenue, Conlig, Newtownards BT23 7XE.**

Ms Richardson also conducted an Independent Examiner's Report for the same period.

The Society's Bankers are **Santander, Bridle Road, Bootle L30 4GB.**

The Society's address is **28 Ballyholme Esplanade, Bangor, County Down BT20 5LZ**

Copies of accounts and related documents are at Appendix B.

Public Benefit Guidance from the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland

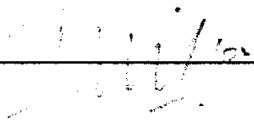
The Trustees of Bangor Historical Society can assure the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland that its guidance on the public benefit requirement has influenced the Society's forward planning and decision making throughout 2019.

We are pleased to report positive anecdotal feedback from our membership and visitors about the quality of our talks at meetings.

In collaboration with North Down Museum, the Society has participated in research on local industrial and commercial heritage. (This was financed by the Heritage Lottery Fund.)

The Society also supported the Seaside Revival Festival which promotes local heritage.

I submit therefore that we are achieving our educational and heritage purposes, thus providing a public benefit to our beneficiaries.

Signed 

Date 5.1.21

Ian Wilson

Chairman

30 Beverley Hills

Bangor

BT20 4NA

CONSTITUTION OF BANGOR HISTORICAL SOCIETY

1) Name

The Society shall be called the **Bangor Historical Society**

2) Objects

- a) The study of and the encouragement of public interest in history, folklore, archaeology and antiquities with special reference to the local area.
- b) The holding of lectures, visits and outings and the encouragement of the study of local history.

3) Membership

Membership will be open to any person supporting the objects of the Society and paying the annual subscription. The annual subscription shall be decided by the committee and subject to approval of the members at the Annual General Meeting of the Society. A membership card will be issued annually.

4) President

As necessary, members shall appoint a President who will be a member of the Executive Committee. The President may hold office for up to five years and may be re-appointed. The President, or delegated deputy, will take the chair for the election of the incoming Chairman. In the event of equality of voting the President will have a casting vote.

5) Executive Committee

- a) At the Annual General Meeting of the Society the members shall elect from its number, a Chairman, a Vice-Chairman, a Secretary, a Treasurer, and up to seven other members to form an Executive Committee. A person so elected shall commence his/her year of office immediately after election.
- b) Subject to this Constitution the Executive Committee shall have the general control, direction and management of the affairs, funds and records of the Society.
- c) The Executive Committee shall meet at least twice in each year and the quorum for such meetings shall be the majority of the Committee.
- d) The Chairman at each executive meeting shall have a casting vote in the event of equality of voting.
- e) If the need should arise the Executive Committee shall have the power of co-option.

6) Meetings of Members

- a) The Annual General meeting of the Society shall be held at the last meeting of the session - normally in April – or at such date, time and place as the Executive Committee by resolution determine.
- b) The agenda of the Annual General Meeting shall contain the following :
 - i) Secretary's Report
 - ii) Treasurer's Audited Report
 - iii) Election of the Executive Committee
 - iv) Appointment of Auditor
 - v) Any other business
- c) Each member shall have one vote on each proposal/motion at any General Meeting of the Society, except in voting at elections when the Chairman shall have a casting vote in the event of equal voting.
- d) Notices of motions to be debated at the Annual General Meeting must arrive in writing with the Secretary at least fourteen days before the meeting.
- e) Special General Meetings of the Society, may be called by decision of the Executive Committee as soon as may be after the receipt of a requisition in writing to the secretary signed on behalf of not less than one third of the members, and stating the object of the meeting. Any such meeting thus

called must be notified in writing to the membership not less than fourteen days before the date of the meeting.

- f) The notice of a Special General Meeting shall state the purpose for which it is to be held and no business, other than that specified in the notice convening it, may be dealt with.

7) Financial Provisions

- a) The financial year of the Society shall be 1st January to 31st December.
- b) All funds of the Society shall be kept in a recognised bank or building society agreed by the Executive Committee and all receipts and disbursements of the Society shall be recorded in the Treasurer's accounts. The accounts shall be kept in the name of the Society.
- c) The Executive Committee shall have power to administer such funds.
- d) The accounts of the Society shall be audited annually by the Auditor appointed by the members at the Annual General Meeting.

8) Interpretation and Procedures

In all matters of procedure and interpretation of this constitution the decision of the Chairman shall be final.

9) Amendment

The Constitution of the Society may only be amended by a resolution carried by not less than two thirds of the votes given thereon at an Annual General Meeting or Special General Meeting of the Society, provided that notice of the proposed amendment has been given in writing to each member of the Society at least fourteen days before the meeting.

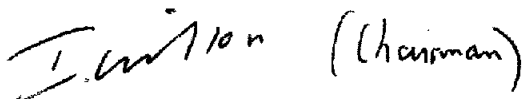
10) Affiliations

The Society may affiliate with the Federation for Ulster Local Studies or such other body the membership of which would be deemed to be in the best interests of the Society. However, any such affiliation shall require the prior approval of the members at an Annual General Meeting or Special General Meeting called for the purpose.

11) Miscellaneous

- a) Any object or document given to the Society for safekeeping or otherwise shall remain the property of the owner unless otherwise decreed by him/her in writing and signed in the presence of two independent witnesses.
- b) A copy of this Constitution, together with any amendments thereto, shall be delivered free of charge to any member of the Society on request.
- c) The Society may be dissolved by the consent of three fourths of the votes given thereon at a special General Meeting called for the purpose, of which twenty-eight days notice has been given in writing.
- d) If on dissolution of the Society there remains, after the satisfaction of all its debts and liabilities, any assets whatsoever such assets shall not be kept among its members but shall be given or transferred to such other charity or charities having objects similar to the Society as the Committee may decide.

Signed :

 (Chairman)

Date :

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**Bangor Historical Society
Accounts
For the year ended 31st December 2019
Charities No. 104010**

**Bangor Historical Society
Independent Examiner's Report
For the year ended 31st December 2019**

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of The Bangor Historical Society

I report on the accounts of the Trust for the year ended 31st December 2019, which are set out on pages 1 to 6.

Respective Responsibilities of charity trustees and examiner

As the charity's trustees you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with 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 Commission 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.


My examination included a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also included consideration 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 examiner's statement

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.

Name:  Elise Richardson
Qualification: Chartered Accountant (ACA) - Membership No. 09c0743
Address: 25 Ardvanagh Avenue, Conlig, Newtownards, BT23 7XE
Date: 19th December 2020

Bangor Historical Society
Statement of Financial Activities
For the year ended 31st December 2019

	Notes to The Accounts	Unrestricted Funds 2019 £	Total 2018 £
<u>Income</u>			
<u>Members Account</u>			
Subscriptions	1	1,020	1,230
Visitors	2	333	648
Bus Outing Contributions	3	0	850
Donations		0	4
Bank interest received		6	3
Total Income		1,359	2,735
<u>Expenditure</u>			
Speakers Fees		305	380
Venue Rental		200	200
Catering		44	40
Federation Membership		50	50
Insurance: Public Liability		131	114
Bus Outing Expenditure	3	0	1,168
Sponsorship	4	300	500
Speaker's Travel Expenses	5	15	0
Secretary's Expenses		14	114
Treasurer's Expenses		0	74
Independent Examiner's Fee		100	100
Sundry Expenses		0	26
Total Expenditure		1,159	2,766
Net Surplus/Deficit in funds		200	-31
<u>Reconciliation of funds</u>			
Total funds brought forward		6,925	6,956
Total funds carried forward		7,125	6,925

Bangor Historical Society
Statement of Financial Position
As at 31st December 2019

	<u>2019</u>	<u>2018</u>
	£	£
Current Assets		
Current Account	5,203	5,009
Savings Account	1,921	1,915
Cash in hand	<u>1</u>	<u>1</u>
	<u>7,125</u>	<u>6,925</u>
Current Liabilities		
Creditors	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
	0	0
Net Current Assets	7,125	6,925
Long term liabilities		
	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
Net Current Assets	<u><u>7,125</u></u>	<u><u>6,925</u></u>
Funds of the charity		
Unrestricted funds	<u>7,125</u>	<u>6,925</u>
	<u><u>7,125</u></u>	<u><u>6,925</u></u>

These accounts were submitted in draft to the committee who approved them per emailed replies to the treasurer.

Signed by:



 Chairman



 Hon Treasurer

Print Name:

_____ Ian Wilson _____

_____ Adrianne Brown _____

Date:

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Bangor Historical Society
Notes to the Accounts
For the year ended 31st December 2019

Accounting Policies

Statement of compliance

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2015) - (Charities SORP (FRS 102)), the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) and the Charities Act (Northern Ireland) 2008.

Basis of preparation

The accounts are prepared under the historical costs convention on a receipts and payments basis.

Exemption from preparing a cash flow statement

The charity opted to early adopt Bulletin 1 published on 2 February 2016 and have therefore not included a cash flow statement in these financial statements.

Revenue recognition

Revenue is recognised upon receipt and the main activities of the society include: Subscriptions, ticket sales for member's evening and bus outings.

Nature and purpose of Funds

Unrestricted funds are available for general purposes in accordance with the the charity's purposes.

There are no restricted funds or endowments.

Going concern

The Trustees consider that there are no material uncertainties about the charity's ability to continue as a going concern.

Taxation

The charity is a registered charity and is therefore exempt from taxation.

Trustee remuneration, benefits and expenses

No trustees are paid any remuneration or receive any other benefits from the charity. Expenses are only paid to refund expenditure in relation to charity business.

BANGOR HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Treasurer's Notes to the Accounts

For the year ended 31 December 2019

1. Subscriptions - 68 Members at £15 per head subscription =£1,020.

2. Visitor subs – 111 visitors at £3 per head = £333.

3. Bus Outings – No bus outings were held in 2019 as the result of a risk assessment by the Committee (minuted on 11 April 2019) and insufficient interest by members in outings.

4. Seaside Revival Festival, Bangor – July 2019

For this seafront festival the Society sponsored a ' Conversation Caravan ' where festival attendees could record for posterity their personal memories of Bangor's past.

For refurbishment of the caravan £180 was given and £120 for the work of recording and editing – a total of £300.

5. Travelling expenses of £15 were paid to Laura Spence, the speaker at the meeting of 10 January 2019.

Adrienne L. Brown

Hon. Treasurer

25 November 2020