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What We've Been Up To:

Renovations

We have recently been making progress with renovations. The ground floor of the heritage centre is now completed.



Work is continuing on the library and research room:



Christmas at the Hearth

2020 has been a memorable year, but for all the wrong reasons. Since February we have all led a life of uncertainty, not knowing what was ahead of us or how the COVID-19 virus would develop. Restrictions have meant many of our plans for this year have been postponed, however we have continued to operate, albeit on a restricted basis. With the support from the COVID Social Enterprise fund we have used the past months to continue with our renovation works. This will ensure we are ready when restrictions lift to welcome you all into the centre. The ground floor of the Heritage Centre has been completed and work has now commenced on the first floor with the help of funding and a generous donation from the Maghera Development Association.

Without interruptions we should have been fully operational earlier this year, however we are still pleased with our overall progress given the circumstances. With the help of an additional member of staff Brigid Campbell, a graduate of QUB, we will be in a better position to deliver all the planned projects in the upcoming months.

Now that we are approaching Christmas, I hope we can take care of ourselves and others in this challenging time. Please look out for your neighbours and the elderly, especially those living alone.

May I take this opportunity to wish everyone old and young a very happy Christmas and a prosperous new year. I hope and trust 2021 will be a much happier and healthier one than 2020.

James Armour (Director MHS Heritage & Culture Ltd)

The Tea Room

We have been making preparations for our new tea room. Unfortunately due to COVID-19 restrictions we've had to postpone our planned opening date. We are hoping for a January start, however this is subject to restrictions. Keep an eye on our Instagram, Facebook and Twitter accounts for more information.



New Projects

Since February we have been busy bringing together ideas for future projects. We are continuing towards our goal of making our centre a community hub through our renovation plans for upstairs. We are also working on a heritage project which we hope to bring to the wider community. We hope to share details of these projects with you very soon.

Thank you to all the Knitters!

A massive thanks to all of those who knitted squares and blankets for the Derry Square Knitters. The response was amazing, we are sending nine bags of squares and blankets up to Derry to be shipped to refugee camps in Greece. Thank you to all the ladies who generously shared their time and knitting skills including Kathleen, Gillian, Sylvia, Maura, Anne and many others. Have a look below at some of the amazing donations we received!



AGM Meeting

The MHS Heritage and Culture Ltd Annual General Meeting will be held on 7th January 2021 at 7.30pm in The Hearth. Due to current restrictions we can only facilitate a limited number of people in our premises so we will be streaming this meeting on Zoom. Anyone wishing to attend the Zoom meeting must email info@maghera-heritage.org.uk to register their interest and receive Zoom details.

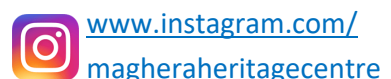
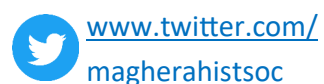
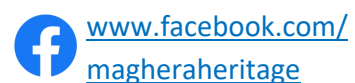


Restrictions haven't stopped certain visitors from popping in to see us!

Board of Directors Invitation

Our organisation requires three new members for our board of directors team. If you would like to be involved in the governance and directional planning of MHS Heritage and Culture Ltd please get in touch. We require a commitment of approx. 3 hours per month to our organisation in the form of monthly board meetings. Please send an email with your contact details to info@maghera-heritage.org.uk and we will be in touch with more details.

Follow us:



Volunteers Needed

Are you or anyone you know of interested in an opportunity to get involved in our heritage centre?

We are seeking volunteers who can commit a few hours each week for a range of roles including:

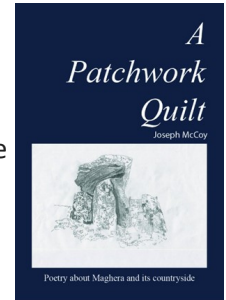
- Tea room volunteers.
- Men's shed volunteers for carpentry and metal work workshops etc.

If you are interested in getting involved with our organisation please contact us at: info@maghera-heritage.org.uk or ring: **(028) 7964 2677**



A Patchwork Quilt

One of our board of director members Joe McCoy is releasing a poetry booklet named 'A Patchwork Quilt' consisting of nine pieces of prose poetry and one ode. It is available to buy from www.cabotprint.com/apatchworkquilt/, and will be stocked locally. It costs £5.95 and £1 of this will go to the NHS.



A Big Thank you to our Funders and Supporters

Over the past five years we have had enormous support from our directors, committee, members and volunteers who have given voluntarily in excess of 49,000 hours to the organisation. We have received donations, gifts and letters of support from members of our local community and from overseas. Without this kind of support we would not be in a position to continue our work to advance community development in Maghera. Our centre aims to be a community hub and a shared space. It exists to benefit those who inhabit Maghera and its surrounding areas, especially the elderly and socially isolated.

A most sincere thank you to our funders who helped us achieve our goals so far:

- 1) The National Lottery (Community Fund).
- 2) The National Lottery (Heritage Fund).
- 3) Halifax Foundation.
- 4) Mid Ulster District Council.
- 5) Ulster Garden Villages.
- 6) The Clothworkers Foundation.
- 7) Trusthouse Charitable Foundation.
- 8) Department for Communities (Social Enterprise Fund).
- 9) Ulster Community Investment Trust.
- 10) The Honourable the Irish Society.
- 11) Community Relations Council.
- 12) The Community Foundation.
- 13) The Foyle Foundation.
- 14) Department of Agriculture (DAERA).
- 15) Maghera Development Association.
- 16) Limavady Community Development Association.
- 17) Workspace.

We have built up over the years a very warm respect for these organisations and their generous support, so on behalf of MHS Heritage & Culture Centre, I offer my sincere gratitude and thanks.

James Armour (Director MHS Heritage & Culture Ltd)



Financing Social Enterprise





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