

## **Heritage Angel Awards NI – Winners Announced**

The quest for the 2019 Northern Ireland Heritage Angels came to a conclusion last night with the presentation of seven awards at a glittering ceremony which took place in the Market Place Theatre, Armagh. The awards funded by the Andrew Lloyd Webber foundation with further support from Armagh City, Banbridge & Craigavon Borough Council and the Department for Communities celebrated individuals and groups who have rescued historic buildings or sites, worked as craftsmen or apprentices, or recorded and interpreted historic places.

### **Best Rescue of a Historic Building or Place for projects under £2M**

**Winner: Marty & Melanie Hamill**

**Project: Strangford Presbyterian Church**

#### **Highly Commended:**

Downpatrick & County Down Railway

Project: Bundoran Signal Cabin

Hearth Historical Buildings Trust &  
Clanmil Heritage Division

Project: McMaster Street

### **Best Major Regeneration of a Historic Building or Place for projects in excess of £2M**

**WINNER Richhill Buildings Preservation Trust Project: Regeneration of Richhill**

Highly Commended Jon Kerr

Project: Mount Stewart Conservation t

Estates Directorate, QUB  
Restoration Project

Project: Lanyon Conservation &

### **Best Contribution to a Heritage Project by Young People**

**WINNER Children of the Heartland Project Project: Heartland**

Highly Commended

Eoin Boyle

Project: Donaghmore High Cross Guide Booklet

Pupils of Holy Trinity Primary School

Project: Northern Ireland, Our Shared Past,  
Present & Future

### **Best Craftsperson or Apprentice on a Heritage Rescue or Repair Project**

**WINNER Andrew & Brian Rooney**

**Project: Mourne Wall Restoration**

Highly Commended Michael Hoy

Project: Remembering T P Flanagan

William Watson

Project: Charles Sheils Almshouses

## **Best Heritage Research, Interpretation or Recording**

**WINNER Carnlough Heritage Volunteers**

**Project: Carnlough Heritage Hub**

Highly Commended

David Bunting

Project: Heritage Photography

Philip Smith

Project: Buildings of South County Down  
Publication

## **Public Vote**

**Pupils of Holy Trinity Primary School**

## **Lifetime Achievement Award**

**Primrose Wilson, CBE, Heritage Advocate**

The ceremony, hosted by Wendy Austin, Journalist and BBC Presenter, featured entertainment by local artists including recent BBC Radio 2 Folk Singer of the Year, Ríoghnach Connolly, The 4 of Us; Tony Villiers and Brigid O'Neill. Material included bespoke compositions on local Armagh heritage sites including Armagh Gaol; The Seven Houses and Market Street.. Local poet Maria McManus provided a reading on the theme of place. Almost 400 people were in attendance and guest presenters included Mealla Campbell, Lord Mayor, Armagh City, Banbridge & Craigavon Borough Council; Iain Greenway, Director, Historic Environment Division, Department for Communities; Richard Hamilton-Stubber, Vice Lord Lieutenant of Armagh; Joe Mahon, Less Spotter Ulster Presenter; Paul Mullan, Director, National Lottery Heritage Fund, NI; Jim Fitzpatrick, Chairman, Irish News and Marie-Louise Muir, BBC Radio Ulster Presenter.

## **Nicola McVeigh, Chief Executive, Ulster Architectural Heritage**

From their inception back in 2017 the Heritage Angel Awards have gone consistently from strength to strength, being met with incredible enthusiasm. We have been truly amazed by the volume of effort and commitment from groups and individuals across Northern Ireland from the variety of projects who were nominated and applied. The awards are not only about good outcomes for heritage, but the people behind the projects, those who are making a real and lasting difference by rescuing, recording and celebrating Northern Ireland's historic environment.

## **Lord Lloyd Webber, Andrew Lloyd Webber Foundation**

Andrew Lloyd Webber, whose charitable foundation helped to found the Heritage Angel Awards, said: "Congratulations to all of the winners of the Northern Ireland Heritage Angel Awards! They all deserve to be celebrated for their significant roles in saving Northern Ireland's Heritage and for the time, enthusiasm, skills and energy that they have dedicated to this important cause"

## **Lord Mayor of Armagh City, Banbridge and Craigavon Borough Council, Councillor Mealla Campbell**

On behalf of Armagh City, Banbridge and Craigavon Borough Council, I am delighted to send congratulations to all of the winning and highly commended projects from the 2019 Heritage Angel Awards. We were delighted to host this year's ceremony amidst the beautiful Georgian architecture of Armagh City and to join with those who share a passion for our

local heritage. I wish all of those nominated all the very best for the future as they continue their invaluable work”.

Best Maintenance of a Public Building : Belfast Harbour for the Harbour Commissioners' Office, Belfast

Best Maintenance of a Private Building : John & Maureen Convery, Marybrook House & Mill, Crossgar

Best Maintenance of Community Building : Ardkeen Parish team for Lisbane Church, Kircubbin

Best Contribution to Streetscape: Damian McCaffrey, McCaffrey's Chemist Derrygonnelly

Notes for editors:

**About the Heritage Angel Awards NI** The awards are administered by the Ulster Architectural Heritage Society and funded by the Andrew Lloyd Webber Foundation, Armagh City, Banbridge & Craigavon Borough Council and the Department for Communities. They are further supported by Construction Industry Training Board (CITBNI); Heritage Lottery Fund (HLF); Institute of Historic Building Conservation (IHBC) and Heritage Trust Network (HTN).

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**Ulster Architectural Heritage:**

UAH is a charitable, membership organisation founded in 1967. It exists to promote appreciation, preservation and conservation of architecture across the nine counties of Ulster. Over the last 40 years UAH has established itself as a fearless campaigner for buildings of merit, a generous resource of information on local architecture, and a fair and helpful source of advice. Its main activities include campaigning & lobbying, support & advice, publications and events. UAH works with the Historic Environment Division, (HED), at the Department for Communities, (DfC), to record and promote the conservation of listed buildings at risk through the Built Heritage at Risk NI, (BHARNI) partnership.  
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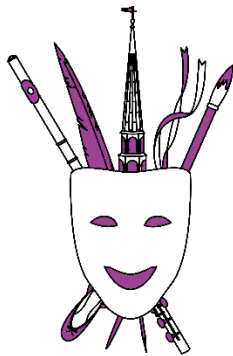
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## **Armagh City, Banbridge and Craigavon Borough Council**

With a population of 210,300 and covering an area of 554 square miles, the borough of Armagh City, Banbridge and Craigavon is the second largest council area in Northern Ireland. Employing approximately 1,400 employees (full and part time) and led by 41 Elected Members, ABC Council covers a wide and diverse range of departmental responsibilities including Planning powers, Community Planning, Economic Development, Environmental Services, Tourism, Arts and Culture etc. These powers are underpinned by key support functions to deliver outstanding public services for the benefit of citizens, businesses and visitors.



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