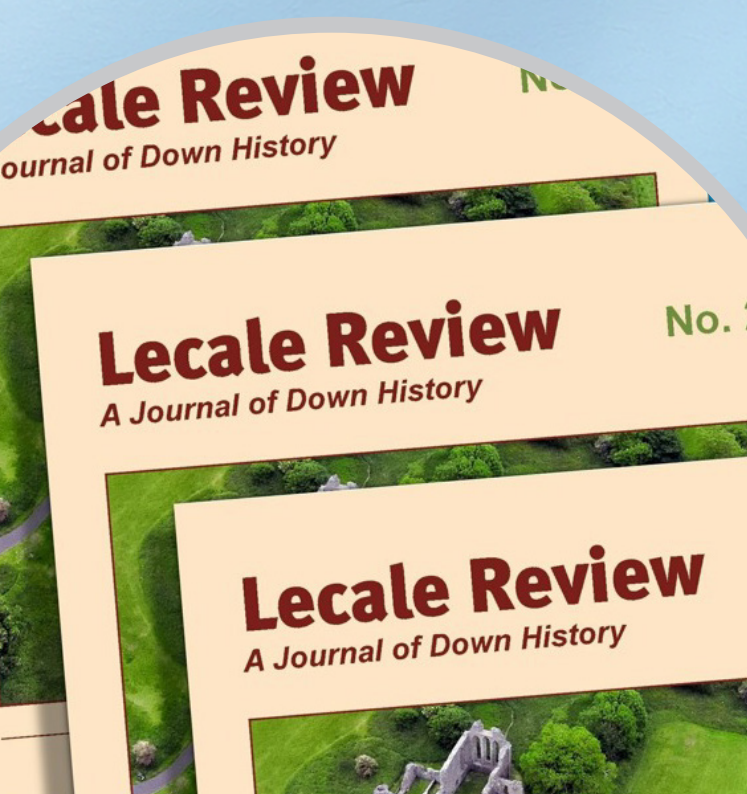


Lecale Review

Lecale Review is the Society's annual journal, published as a resource of historical information associated with Lecale and County Down. We actively invite contributions for consideration. They can range from short notes to longer pieces and do not have to be academic in content or tone. We are particularly interested in publishing information and stories from people who might not normally think of writing them down.

To date, the Society has also produced four occasional monographs and the Townlands of Lecale map, in collaboration with Dr Brian Turner and the Friends of Down County Museum.

Anyone who would like to contribute to *Lecale Review* is invited to make contact by post or at any Society meeting. You can also contact the editors by email: lecalerevieweditorial@gmail.com



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Events Programme 2025

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Background

The Lecale & Downe Historical Society is one of the longer established and constantly active local history societies in Northern Ireland. Originally two separate societies, the Downe Society (est. 1948) and Lecale Historical Society (est. 1974), the two groups amalgamated in 2009.

The Society organises events to both inform members and to encourage more general interest in the rich heritage of the Lecale peninsula and surrounding parts of County Down. Since 1983 an annual journal has been published along with several monographs since 2011.

The Society has charitable status with an aim to assist the community by promoting the study of history and the environment.

We warmly welcome new members. Individual membership is £15 per year and household membership is £20. Benefits of membership include FREE entry to events and a complimentary copy of our journal, *Lecale Review*. Membership forms can be found on our website.

Events Programme 2025

All meetings take place at 7:30pm at Down County Museum, Downpatrick, unless otherwise stated.

Members: Free entry Visitors: £5 donation

January

Thursday 30 January 2025
William Sharman Crawford:
 Professor Peter Gray (QUB)

February

Thursday 27 February 2025
Viking Age Ireland:
 Dr Ruairí Ó Baoill (QUB)

March

Thursday 27 March 2025
The Excavation of a Neolithic portal Tomb at Tirnony, Maghera:
 Dr Cormac McSparron (QUB)

April

Thursday 24 April 2025
South Armagh from Neolithic times to the Modern Age:
 Úna Walsh (Local historian and tour guide)

Members' reminder:

Subscriptions due on 1st April

Members are reminded to have their subscriptions paid on 1st April to cover membership for the coming year and ensure they receive a complimentary copy of *Lecale Review*.

Please consider setting up a Standing Order from your bank so your subscription isn't missed - forms available on request.

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May

Thursday 29 May 2025
Annual General Meeting, followed by
Dunsford and Ardglass from the Normans to the Reformation and up to the Present Day:
 Duane Fitzsimons
 (Local historian and guide)

June

Saturday 28 June 2025
Annual Summer Outing: :
Clifton House and New Burial Ground (Belfast)
 Further details will be circulated to members via email and the website.

September

Thursday 25 September 2025
Down Cathedral and Erenagh Excavations:
 Brian Sloan (QUB)

October

Thursday 23 October 2025
Launch of Lecale Review No.23
 All paid-up members will receive a complimentary copy.

November

Thursday 27 November 2025
The Moravian Village of Gracehill and the Journey towards UNESCO World Heritage Status:
 Sally Ann Johnston (Gracehill Trust)