

VISITATION TO DROMORE NSPCI 29th May 2024

PROPERTY REPORT

As appointed by Presbytery of Bangor, the commissioners, Mr Bertie McClean and Mr Neil Brown, met with representatives of the Church, Mr Tom Fairley and Mr David Wilson.

Church and Associated Rooms

Both internally and externally, the main body of the Church and rooms were all found to be in good decorative and structural order. The small area of damp around the pulpit that was noted in the previous visitation, has had extra ventilation added and is being monitored.

All furnishings and floor coverings are in good order as are the lighting, heating and P.A systems.

Fire extinguishers and exits are all easily accessible.

Goblets and communion sets are housed in a cabinet which sits at the front of the Church.

Church Grounds

The grounds were found to be in immaculate order, as was the notice board and in addition to this, a plaque had recently been attached to a pillar at the front entrance to acknowledge the presence of a Commonwealth War Grave within the graveyard. Within the grounds, a commemorative tree has been planted in remembrance of Queen Elizabeth II and to mark the 400th anniversary of the Church.

Ervine Memorial Hall

The hall was found to be in good order as were the kitchen, bathrooms and adjoining rooms.

The control point for the CCTV system that was installed following a burglary to the property was housed in one of the smaller rooms.

The commission were shown an extremely comprehensive set of files that contained registers for; Fire risk, evacuation plans, fire extinguisher training, electrical checks, key register, the list continues.

Summary

The Congregation deserve to be highly commended for the way the property is being used, maintained and safe guarded with the extensive health and safety records, checks and registers.

Recommendations

Photographic records of all church furnishings.

Consider an internal safety rail across the main gallery window.

Most importantly, keep up the great work that is already being done!!

Both commissioners would like to express their gratitude for the hospitality that was shown to them during the visitation.

Bertie McClean

Neil Brown