Main activities and achievements in the year
We have examined the work of the association during the financial year 1 January 2017 to 31 December 2017 and we can summarise this work as follows:

There were no significant projects during the year. Most of the work of the members involved the ongoing classification of births, marriages and deaths contained in the various parish registers. Significant amounts of material had been added to the various digital work sheets during the year. Due to concentration on this work there was much less newspaper research than in previous years. Useful contacts were made with Lough Neagh Landscape Partnership following their day-long conference in Ballyronan on Wednesday 15 February 2017. Members of ALPHA liaised with Dr Liam Campbell and other personnel of LINP during the year, particularly in connection with their proposed plan for the Old Cross of Ardboy and its environs. Members of the group also engaged with PhD student Rebecca Milligan of Queen’s University, whose particular area of interest was the disused Clunto airfield; with Joe Mahon and his Lesser Spotted Ulster film crew, and with the Centre for Archaeological Fieldwork, Queen’s University, who carried out geophysical surveys at the Abbey Hill, Ardboy, and at Magheralamfie, Broagh.

As in previous years, by means of the website Ardboy Heritage and the online community page Ardboy Gallery, the association continued to make new connections with descendants of Loughshore families and there is a constant exchange of photographs, videos and much written material, all of which is backed up in the association’s hard drives.

The committee and volunteers continued their long-term work of collecting, transcribing, collating and indexing articles, photographs, oral and written folk memories, written and printed letters, magazines, newspapers and books which have reference to the history of the loughshore communities of Lough Neagh.

In regard to the Charity Commission’s Statutory Guidance on the Public Benefit Requirement
We have had regard to the NI Charity Commission’s statutory guidance on the Public Benefit Requirement and we are satisfied that the association’s work in the year under review meets the Public Benefit Requirement.

Financial position at year’s end
We have examined the association’s accounts and are satisfied that they demonstrate prudence and reflect a healthy state of affairs in the association’s ongoing programme of work.

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