

CARRICKFERGUS AND DISTRICT HISTORICAL SOCIETY



GILL'S ALMSHOUSES, CARRICKFERGUS

Located at 13 Governor's Place, Carrickfergus.

The almshouses were built with finances from the will of Henry Gill in 1842 in the attractive Tudor style from designs by Charles Lanyon. Gill left £10.00 each per annum for 14 "aged men decayed in their circumstances provided they were not inclined to drunkenness and that they were remarkable for their inoffensiveness". The building was originally of brick but this was unsatisfactory and in 1851 it was decided to have it refaced with stone, cement and then paint. The James Butcher Housing Association extensively renovated them as old peoples dwellings in 1980.

There is a second row of Gills Almshouses located in Ellis Street, Carrickfergus.