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The Society welcomes new members interested in these subjects. It organised lectures, evening, half-day, full-day and weekend field trips and an annual overseas tour. Members also receive a free copy of the *North Munster Antiquarian Journal*, the annual academic journal published by the Society.

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Gleninsheen gold gorget c. 700 B.C. Discovered 1934 in a rock crevice in the Burren and chosen as the symbol of the Society.

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