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Front cover: Heritage under threat. The stables at Herdman's Mill in Sion Mills which have recently suffered a partial collapse due to their poor state of repair. Photograph courtesy of Davy Roulston, Strabane.

## Editorial

The reappearance of *Due North* after a two year absence is a welcome development and a clear affirmation of the rejuvenation of the Federation for Ulster Local Studies following a period of turmoil. The publication of a journal has always been a core element of Federation activities and an important means of communicating with the wider local history community. *Ulster Local Studies* was very much a trail blazer for the Federation and *Due North* was seen as the next stage in developing its educational and communication roles, with the emphasis on accessible and succinct explorations of key issues in local heritage. The multi layered nature of local studies will continue to require reinvestigation and interpretation and *Due North* will be the means of dissemination such research throughout Ulster and beyond. We are deeply indebted to our contributors for the present journal and for all previous issues and it is hoped that these exemplars will stimulate many more to delve into the past and use this platform to inform others of previously hidden episodes and forgotten individuals. The journal is an important means of allowing the local history family to learn from one another and we trust that it will continue to be supported and valued as an essential element in best practice and innovative projects.

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