

FOI Reference Number: FOI/028/1920

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Request:

I am writing in regards to Freedom of the Borough awards

For guidance, this is the matter I write about:

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-northern-ireland-47936621>

- Please state how many Freedom of the Borough awards have been made in each of the last five years.
- In each year, provide a breakdown for each ceremony, stating the name of the recipient, date and the cost of the ceremony.
- Please provide the total annual cost of

Response:

Thank you for your information request which Mid and East Antrim Borough Council received on 18 April 2019.

Please find below Mid and East Antrim Borough Council's response to the information you requested in relation to Freedom of the Borough events.

2015/16 - 1: B (North Irish Horse) Squadron, The Scottish and North Irish Yeomanry - 30 January 2016

2016/17 - 0

2017/18 - 1: Her Majesty's Lord Lieutenant for the County of Antrim, Mrs Joan Christie CVO, OBE - 21 April 2018

2018/19 - 1: Sir William Wright CBE - 18 January 2019

Breakdown of costs are as follows:

| | Mrs Joan Christie | Sir William Wright | North Irish Horse |
|---------------|--------------------------|---------------------------|---------------------------------------|
| Book & Scroll | £2,450.00 | £2,600.00 | No breakdown available for this event |
| Scroll Casket | £625.00 | £624.00 | |
| Toastmaster | £150.00 | £200.00 | |
| Catering | £8,838.50 | £8,708.40 | |
| Photography | £900.00 | £900.00 | |
| Gift | £3,500.00 | £2,500.00 | |
| Total | £16,463.50 | £15,532.40 | |

If you are dissatisfied with the handling of part of your request, you have the right to ask for an internal review. Internal review requests should be submitted within two months of the date of receipt of the response to your original letter and should be addressed to the Chief Executive at the Braid Ballymena Town Hall, 1-29 Bridge Street, Ballymena, BT43 5EJ.

Please remember to quote the reference number FOI/028/1920 in any future communications.

If you are not content with the outcome of an internal review, you have the right to apply directly to the Information Commissioner for a decision. The Information Commissioner can be contacted at: Information Commissioner's Office, Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, Cheshire, SK9 5AF.

Please be advised that Mid and East Antrim Borough Council may release the response to this information request into the public domain via our website at <https://www.midandeantrim.gov.uk/>.

If we publish our response to your request, your personal data will be removed to protect your privacy.