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**Alternative/previous reference numbers:** MNH MS 09797

**Accession number:** A237

**Extent:** 12 boxes and 1 outsize folder

**Creator:** Laxey Village Commissioners

**Description of series:** This collection comprises of the records of Laxey Village Commissioners, including:

- audited accounts;
- property valuation books;
- a water rate book;
- plans of proposed waterworks;
- minute books and files of minutes;
- a mortgage bond book;
- cash books;
- a ledger;
- a petition to abolish parking at Victoria Terrace.

**Administrative History:** Laxey was constituted a village district in 1895 under the Local Government Amendment Act 1894. Village districts are a body of commissioners elected by the local government electors of the district, their functions include:

- Public information and advice;
- Tourism;
- Refuse collection;
- Street-lighting;
- Environmental health;
- Public conveniences;
- Parks, playgrounds and other leisure facilities;
- Control of dogs;
- Car-parking;

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- Street cleaning;
- Sewerage;
- Abandoned vehicles.

In May 2016, Laxey Village Commissioners was merged with Lonan Parish Commissioners and Maughold Parish Commissioners to form Garff Commissioners.

**Custodial History:** These records were selected for preservation by Roger Sims (Manx National Heritage Librarian Archivist) during a site visit on 12 March 1997. Collected by Wendy Thirkettle and received as a long-term loan (then called a 'permanent loan') on 1 May 1997 from Mr T A Kinrade, Clerk to the Commissioners, Office of Laxey Village Commissioners, 35 New Road, Laxey IM4 7BG (Tel 861241). Allotted deposit ref MS 09797. Listed and sub-numbered by Roger Sims (Librarian Archivist) in August 1997. Permission was given by Manx National Heritage Trustees on 5 September 2019 for several deposit of public records, including deposit MS 09797, to be transferred from Manx National Heritage to the Public Record Office in order to rationalise holdings between the two Manx archival repositories. The records were transferred to the Isle of Man Public Record Office on 10 May 2022.

**Appraisal:** Selected for permanent preservation and accessioned by Angela Skitt, Public Record Officer, under section 3(4) of the Public Records Act 1999.

**Arrangement of series:** This series is arranged into 8 series, namely:

- [S135/1 Laxey Village Commissioners: Audited Accounts](#)
- [S135/2 Laxey Village Commissioners: Rate books](#)
- [S135/3 Laxey Village Commissioners: Plans](#)
- [S135/4 Laxey Village Commissioners: Minute books](#)
- [S135/5 Laxey Village Commissioners: Bond books](#)
- [S135/6 Laxey Village Commissioners: Cash books](#)
- [S135/7 Laxey Village Commissioners: Ledgers](#)
- [S135/8 Laxey Village Commissioners: Petitions](#)

**Access Status:** Partially closed

**Access conditions:** Part of this collection is currently closed to public access under the Public Records Order 2015. Please contact the Isle of Man Public Record Office for further information at: [public.records@gov.im](mailto:public.records@gov.im)

**Archivist Note:** Catalogued by Rachel Johnstone, Records & Archive Officer, 15 Sep 2022.

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Ref. No.	Title	Description	Extent	Date	Access
S135/1 Series	<b>Audited Accounts</b>	This series contains 1 file of audited accounts and covering letters for the Commissioners of the Village District of Laxey. The accounts were prepared by W. H. Walker & Co. Chartered Accountants of 50 Athol Street, Douglas.	1 file	1896-1904	Open
S135/1/1 Item	<b>Laxey Village Commissioners: audited accounts</b>	This file contains the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- covering letters for audited accounts by W. H. Walker &amp; Co. Chartered Accountants, 1901-1904;</li> <li>- statements of the rate account, 1896-1903;</li> <li>- statements of receipts &amp; payments, 1896-1903;</li> <li>- statements of liabilities &amp; assets, 1901-1903.</li> </ul>	1 file	1896-1904	Open
S135/2 Series	<b>Rate Books</b>	This series includes 4 property valuation lists and 1 water rate book for the Village District of Laxey, 1896-1960.	4 volumes	1896-1960	Open

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S135/2/1  Item	<b>'Valuation List for the Village District of Laxey'</b>	<p>The valuation list includes the following information for each entry:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- name of property;</li> <li>- description of property;</li> <li>- proprietor;</li> <li>- occupier;</li> <li>- no. of plan;</li> <li>- gross value as estimated by valuing Authority;</li> <li>- rateable value returned by valuing authority;</li> <li>- gross value as determined by valuing authority;</li> <li>- rateable value as finally determined by the Assessment Board.</li> </ul> <p>The volume also includes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- supplemental valuation lists;</li> <li>- statement of general rate account for the year;</li> <li>- statement of unpaid rates;</li> <li>- unoccupied property for one year and part of a year.</li> </ul> <p>The following loose inserts are also present:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- total amount for general rates for year ending 31 Mar 1918;</li> <li>- general account for year ended 31 Mar 1918;</li> <li>- receipts &amp; payments for year ending 31 Mar 1918;</li> <li>- rates account, 12 May 1918.</li> </ul>	1 volume	1896-1916	Open

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Ref. No.	Title	Description	Extent	Date	Access
S135/2/3  Item	'Laxey Village Commissioners Water Rate'	<p>This water rate book includes the following information for each entry:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- name of street or place where property is situated;</li> <li>- description of property;</li> <li>- proprietor;</li> <li>- occupier;</li> <li>- no. of note;</li> <li>- net annual value;</li> <li>- 'rate @';</li> <li>- paid;</li> <li>- discount;</li> <li>- unoccupied;</li> <li>- irrecoverable;</li> <li>- arrears;</li> <li>- remarks.</li> </ul> <p>The volume also includes the rates for hotels; sewerage outside district; horses and cattle; outside district (domestic); fixed charges; Pinfold - Lagdhoo District and Agneash District.</p>	1 volume	1939-1947	Open

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Ref. No.	Title	Description	Extent	Date	Access
S135/2/4  Item	'Laxey Village Commissioners Rate Book'	<p>This valuation list includes the following information for each entry:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- name of place where property is situated;</li> <li>- description of property;</li> <li>- proprietor;</li> <li>- occupier;</li> <li>- no. of note;</li> <li>- rateable;</li> <li>- 'rate @';</li> <li>- received;</li> <li>- discount;</li> <li>- unoccupied;</li> <li>- exempt;</li> <li>- irrecoverable;</li> <li>- arrears;</li> <li>- remarks.</li> </ul> <p>The valuation list also includes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- summary of the year ended;</li> <li>- agricultural hereditaments;</li> <li>- the rate arrears collected.</li> </ul>	1 volume	1949-1959	Open

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S135/2/5  Item	'Valuation List for the Village District of Laxey'	<p>This valuation list includes the following information for each entry:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- name of street or place where property is situated;</li> <li>- description of property;</li> <li>- proprietor;</li> <li>- occupier;</li> <li>- gross value;</li> <li>- rateable value;</li> <li>- remarks.</li> </ul> <p>At the back of the volume there are also entries for 'Agricultural Hereditaments.'</p>	1 volume	1960	Open



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Ref. No.	Title	Description	Extent	Date	Access
S135/3 Series	Plans	This series includes plans and sections showing Laxey's water supply. The plans were prepared by Geo & W. R. Kay, Engineers.	1 file	July 1904	Open
S135/3/1 Item	<b>'Village Commissioners of Laxey: Proposed Waterworks: Plans and sections'</b>	This file contains plans and sections prepared by Geo & W. R. Kay, Engineers showing Laxey's water supply. The file contains the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- line of pipes from Glenroy Reservoir to Reservoir at Strooan-ny-Quilll;</li> <li>- plan showing Mains in Village District;</li> <li>- Glenroy River from Cronkmoar to Laxey Glen Gardens;</li> <li>- sections through Village.</li> </ul>	1 file	July 1904	Open

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Ref. No.	Title	Description	Extent	Date	Access
S135/4 Series	<b>Minute books</b>	This series contains the minute books of Laxey Village Commissioners, 5 Dec 1906-20 Apr 1988. They are a record of decisions taken at monthly, special and committee meetings and contain both public and private minutes.	15 volumes	5 Dec 1906-20 Apr 1988	Partially closed
S135/4/1 Item	<b>Laxey Village Commissioners: minute book</b>	Bound volume comprising the signed, handwritten minutes of the Laxey Village Commissioners 5 Dec 1906-2 Aug 1911.	1 volume	5 Dec 1906-2 Aug 1911	Open
S135/4/2 Item	<b>Laxey Village Commissioners: minute book</b>	Bound volume comprising the signed, handwritten minutes of the Laxey Village Commissioners, 16 Aug 1911-19 Sep 1916.	1 volume	16 Aug 1911-19 Sep 1916	Open
S135/4/3 Item	<b>Laxey Village Commissioners: minute book</b>	Bound volume comprising the signed, handwritten minutes of the Laxey Village Commissioners, 16 Oct 1916-24 Jul 1929. The volume includes monthly and special meetings, as well as the meeting minutes of the fire brigade.	1 volume	16 Oct 1916-24 Jul 1929	Open

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S135/4/4  Item	<b>Laxey Village Commissioners: minute book</b>	<p>Bound volume comprising the signed, handwritten monthly and special meeting minutes of the Laxey Village Commissioners, 7 Aug 1929-20 Feb 1939. While not exhaustive the volume captures details of the proceedings of the following Committees:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Finance Committee;</li> <li>- Health Committee;</li> <li>- Lighting Committee;</li> <li>- Playing Fields Committee;</li> <li>- Water Committee;</li> <li>- Works Committee.</li> </ul> <p>The volume also includes the following loose inserts:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- 'Report of sub-committee instructed to examine and report upon the condition of the Deads river bed between Corn Mill and Washing Floors';</li> <li>- 3 letters of complaint relating to damp in the home of a Laxey resident.</li> </ul>	1 volume	7 Aug 1929- 20 Feb 1939	Closed until 01 Jan 2024.

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S135/4/5  Item	<b>Laxey Village Commissioners: minute book</b>	Bound volume comprising the signed, handwritten monthly and special meeting minutes of the Laxey Village Commissioners, 1 Mar 1939-6 Nov 1946. The volume contains both public and private minutes and includes the following loose inserts:  <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- 'The Laxey Village Commissioners Rules of Standing Orders';</li> <li>- list of Laxey Village Commissioners Standing Committee, 1940-41.</li> </ul>	1 volume	1 Mar 1939-6 Nov 1946	Closed until 01 Jan 2031.
S135/4/6  Item	<b>Laxey Village Commissioners: minute book</b>	Bound volume comprising the signed, handwritten monthly and special meeting minutes of the Laxey Village Commissioners, 4 Dec 1946 -3 Oct 1951. While not exhaustive the volume captures details of the proceedings of the following Committees:  <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Finance and General Purposes Committee;</li> <li>- Works Committee.</li> </ul>	1 volume	4 Dec 1946 -3 Oct 1951	Closed until 01 Jan 2036.
S135/4/7  Item	<b>Laxey Village Commissioners: minute book</b>	Bound volume comprising both handwritten and typed private and public meeting minutes of the Laxey Village Commissioners, 7 Nov 1951-15 Dec 1954. While not exhaustive the volume captures details of the proceedings of the following Committees:  <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Finance and General Purposes Committee;</li> <li>- Lonan and Laxey Coronation Committee;</li> <li>- Works and Fire Committee;</li> <li>- Works Committee.</li> </ul>	1 volume	7 Nov 1951-15 Dec 1954	Closed until 01 Jan 2039.

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Ref. No.	Title	Description	Extent	Date	Access
S135/4/8  Item	<b>Laxey Village Commissioners: minute book</b>	1 loose leaf binder containing the typed, signed private and public meeting minutes of the Laxey Village Commissioner, 5 Jan 1955-20 Aug 1958. While not exhaustive the volume captures details of the proceedings of the following Committees:  <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Finance and General Purposes;</li> <li>- Guide Committee;</li> <li>- Works and Fire Committee.</li> </ul>	1 folder	5 Jan 1955- 20 Aug 1958	Closed until 01 Jan 2043.
S135/4/9  Item	<b>Laxey Village Commissioners: minute book</b>	1 file containing the typed and signed private and public meeting minutes of the Laxey Village Commissioners, 3 Sep 1958-15 Mar 1961. While not exhaustive the volume captures details of the proceedings of the following Committees:  <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Civil Defence Special Committee;</li> <li>- Finance and General Purposes Committee;</li> <li>- Works and Fire Committee.</li> </ul>	1 volume	3 Sep 1958- 15 Mar 1961	Closed until 01 Jan 2046.

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Ref. No.	Title	Description	Extent	Date	Access
S135/4/10  Item	<b>Laxey Village Commissioners: minute book</b>	1 file containing the typed and signed private and public meeting minutes of the Laxey Village Commissioners, 5 Apr 1961-24 Mar 1965. While not exhaustive the volume captures details of the proceedings of the following Committees:  <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Development Sub-Committee;</li> <li>- Entertainments Committee;</li> <li>- Finance and General Purposes Committee;</li> <li>- Licensing Committee;</li> <li>- Winter Works Sub-Committee;</li> <li>- Works Committee.</li> </ul>	1 volume	5 Apr 1961- 24 Mar 1965	Closed until 01 Jan 2050.
S135/4/11  Item	<b>Laxey Village Commissioners: minute book</b>	1 file containing the typed and signed private and public meeting minutes of the Laxey Village Commissioners, 7 Apr 1965-19 Mar 1969. While not exhaustive the volume captures details of the proceedings of the following Committees:  <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Finance Committee;</li> <li>- Licensing Committee;</li> <li>- Valley Gardens Sub-Committee.</li> </ul>	1 volume	7 Apr 1965- 19 Mar 1969	Closed until 01 Jan 2054.

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S135/4/12 Item	<b>Laxey Village Commissioners: minute book</b>	1 file containing the typed and signed private and public meeting minutes of the Laxey Village Commissioners, 2 Apr 1969-28 Mar 1973. While not exhaustive the volume captures details of the proceedings of the following Committees:  - Guide Committee; - Licensing Committee.	1 volume	2 Apr 1969- 28 Mar 1973	Closed until 01 Jan 2058.
S135/4/13 Item	<b>Laxey Village Commissioners: minute book</b>	1 file containing the typed and signed private and public meeting minutes of the Laxey Village Commissioners, 4 Apr 1973-16 Mar 1977. While not exhaustive the volume captures details of the proceedings of the following Committees:  - Laxey Guide Sub-Committee; - License Committee.	1 volume	4 Apr 1973- 16 Mar 1977	Closed until 01 Jan 2062.
S135/4/14 Item	<b>Laxey Village Commissioners: minute book</b>	1 file containing the typed and signed private and public meeting minutes of the Laxey Village Commissioners, 6 Apr 1977-17 Mar 1982.	1 volume	6 Apr 1977- 17 Mar 1982	Closed until 01 Jan 2067.
S135/4/15 Item	<b>Laxey Village Commissioners: minute book</b>	1 file containing the typed and signed private and public meeting minutes of the Laxey Village Commissioners, 7 Apr 1982-20 Apr 1988.	1 volume	7 Apr 1982- 20 Apr 1988	Closed until 01 Jan 2073.

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Ref. No.	Title	Description	Extent	Date	Access
S135/5 Series	<b>Bond books</b>	This series contains 1 volume of mortgage bond counterfoils and cancelled mortgage certificates, 1910-1975.	1 volume	1910-1975	Open
S135/5/1 Item	<b>Mortgage bonds and counterfoils</b>	<p>The Commissioners of Laxey Village District mortgage bond counterfoil book contains the following information:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- No. of mortgage;</li> <li>- Date of mortgage;</li> <li>- Name of mortgagee;</li> <li>- Amount;</li> <li>- Rate of Interest;</li> <li>- Dates of half-yearly payments of interest;</li> <li>- Object of loan;</li> <li>- Date repaid.</li> </ul> <p>The volume also includes cancelled mortgage bond certificates raised by the "The Laxey Water Act, 1909."</p>	1 volume	1910-1975	Open



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Ref. No.	Title	Description	Extent	Date	Access
S135/6  Series	Cash books	This series contains 5 cash books for Laxey Village Commissioners, 1936-1984.	5 volumes	1 May 1936- 28 Mar 1984	Open
S135/6/1  Item	'Laxey Village Commissioners Cash Book'	Bound, handwritten volume detailing cash transactions for the following categories: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- General rates, current year;</li> <li>- Water rates, current year;</li> <li>- General Rate Arrears;</li> <li>- Water Rate Arrears;</li> <li>- Rents;</li> <li>- Licenses;</li> <li>- Lavatories;</li> <li>- Tennis and bowls;</li> <li>- Water Connections and Repairs;</li> <li>- Bank;</li> <li>- Miscellaneous.</li> </ul>	1 volume	1 May 1936- 13 Sep 1945	Open

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S135/6/2  Item	'Laxey Village Commissioners Cash Book'	<p>Bound, handwritten volume detailing cash transactions for the following categories:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- General Rates;</li> <li>- Sewer Rates;</li> <li>- Rents;</li> <li>- Fees and Licenses;</li> <li>- Lavatories;</li> <li>- Trade Refuse;</li> <li>- Sewer Connections.</li> </ul> <p>At the back of the volume there are also sections for the following accounts:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Beach Account: Purchase of Property;</li> <li>- Beach Account Development;</li> <li>- Playing fields, bathing cubicles &amp; promenade frontage;</li> <li>- Playing fields (continued), Quarry Road Field, Faragher Field and tennis courts.</li> </ul>	1 volume	14 Sep 1959- 30 Mar 1965	Open

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Ref. No.	Title	Description	Extent	Date	Access
S135/6/3  Item	'Laxey Village Commissioners Receipts Cash Book'	<p>Bound, handwritten volume detailing cash transactions for the following categories:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Rate;</li> <li>- Rent;</li> <li>- Fees &amp; Licenses;</li> <li>- Lavatories;</li> <li>- Trade Refuse;</li> <li>- Games, Camp Cubicles, Beach;</li> <li>- Misc[ellaneous];</li> <li>- VAT;</li> </ul> <p>The back of volume has entries for the following accounts:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Pavilion Account;</li> <li>- VAT;</li> <li>- Laxey Fair Committee Account;</li> <li>- Tent Road Sewer Account;</li> <li>- Van Account;</li> <li>- Memorandum Account;</li> <li>- New Refuse Lorry and Hayton Mower;</li> <li>- Deposit Account;</li> <li>- Development account;</li> <li>- Sewer Account;</li> <li>- Sinking Fund Account.</li> </ul>	1 volume	1 Apr 1965- 12 Feb 1970	Open

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Ref. No.	Title	Description	Extent	Date	Access
S135/6/4  Item	'Laxey Village Commissioners Payments Cash Book'	Bound, handwritten volume detailing cash transactions for the following categories:  <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Interest on Loans;</li> <li>- Admin;</li> <li>- Rent, Rates, Wayleaves &amp; Valley Gardens;</li> <li>- Sewers;</li> <li>- Sanitary;</li> <li>- Shore, Sports Ground, camp;</li> <li>- Street Lighting &amp; Elections;</li> <li>- Misc[ellaneous];</li> <li>- VAT.</li> </ul>	1 volume	5 Sep 1973- 31 Mar 1981	Open
S135/6/5  Item	'Laxey Village Commissioners Receipts Cash Book'	Bound, handwritten volume detailing cash transactions for the following categories:  <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Rate;</li> <li>- Rent;</li> <li>- Fees &amp; Licenses;</li> <li>- Lavatories;</li> <li>- Trade Refuse;</li> <li>- Games, Camp Cubicles, Beach;</li> <li>- Misc[ellaneous];</li> <li>- VAT;</li> </ul>	1 volume	29 Mar 1974- 28 Mar 1984	Open

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Ref. No.	Title	Description	Extent	Date	Access
S135/7 Series	Ledgers	This series contains 1 ledger of Laxey Village Commissioner accounts, 1941-1963.	1 volume	1941-1963	Open
S135/7/1 Item	Ledger	<p>This ledger is for all Laxey Village Commissioner accounts including (not an exhaustive list):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- General Rate;</li> <li>- Water Rate;</li> <li>- Sewer Rate;</li> <li>- Rent receipts;</li> <li>- Fire Brigade Receipts;</li> <li>- Lonan Parish Commissioners (Pinfold District Sewer Conn);</li> <li>- Sundry receipts;</li> <li>- Tennis &amp; Bowls receipts;</li> <li>- War Emergency (Relief of Rates) Act 1940;</li> <li>- Air Aid Precautions (Government Refund);</li> <li>- Government Grants (Sea Wall Scheme);</li> <li>- Receipts for Promenade Repairs Extension;</li> <li>- Promenade repairs;</li> <li>- Sand &amp; Shingle Payments Account;</li> <li>- Sports Field &amp; Promenade Development.</li> </ul>	1 volume	1941-1963	Open

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Ref. No.	Title	Description	Extent	Date	Access
S135/8 Series	<b>Petitions</b>	This series includes a petition with signatures of those in favour of abolishing parking at Victoria Terrace, Glen Road, Laxey.	1 sheet	[Undated, circa 1970-1980]	Closed
S135/8/1 Item	<b>Petition to abolish parking at Victoria Terrace, Glen Road, Laxey</b>	A petition with 114 signatures of those in favour of abolishing parking at Victoria Terrace, Glen Road, Laxey 'before a fatal accident occurs'.	1 sheet	[Undated, circa 1970-1980]	Closed until 01 Jan 2065.



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