

**The Directors of the Ulster New Zealand Trust
would like to acknowledge the following:**

Our Volunteers for giving their unceasing help and time throughout the past 30 years.

Our Patrons and Members for their continued support of the work of the Trust.

Jack Ballance and family for use of The Ballance House gratis.

The New Zealand High Commission (UK) and Lisburn & Castlereagh City Council for ongoing assistance.

The help of successive Honorary New Zealand Consuls to Northern Ireland.

Those who have generously donated and sponsored sections of the new Exhibition.

Mr Brian Mackey, Exhibition Designer.

The Executive Committee for maintaining The Ballance House, organising activities and fund raising.

Friends and Partners who help us in so many ways, from promoting the Trust to participating in our endeavours.

Thank you all



**Celebration of the 30th Anniversary
of The Ballance House**

and

Opening of the new Exhibition

on

**Saturday 4 September 2021, 2.30 pm
The Ballance House, Glenavy**



On 13 June 1991, The Ballance House was opened officially by Lady Bloomfield (pictured above cutting the ribbon, alongside Mrs Jill McIvor). Also in attendance were the Hon. George Gair, the New Zealand High Commissioner to the UK, Mr & Mrs Jack Ballance and the Deputy Mayor of Lisburn, Alderman Ivan Davis.

Mrs Ballance unveiled a plaque, the gift of New Zealander Jason McDonald.

Messages were received from many people, including a greeting from the Prime Minister of New Zealand, the Rt Hon Jim Bolger, the Mayor & Mayoress of Wanganui, the New Zealand Trust for Historic Places and from the village of Ballance in the North Island, New Zealand.

PROGRAMME

Arrival of Official Guests
Moment of Reflection

The National Anthem of New Zealand,
played by Baillies Mills Accordion Band

Welcome & Introductions
Mr Paul Hewitt, Chairman,
The Ulster New Zealand Trust

Remarks
Alderman Stephen Martin,
Mayor of Lisburn & Castlereagh City Council

Prof. Sinclair Stockman,
New Zealand Hon. Consul for Northern Ireland

Official Opening of Exhibition
Ms Shannon Austin, New Zealand
Deputy High Commissioner to the United Kingdom

Cutting the Ribbon by Mr Jack Ballance Wallace,
Descendant of Premier John Ballance

Exhibition Tours & Afternoon Tea