

# NORTHUMBERLAND MARK BENEVOLENT FUND

England & Wales · Charity number 1007791

## Details

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**Status** Registered

**Legal form** Other

**Registered** 1992-01-28

**Register** [View on the Charity Commission register](#)

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## Activities

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**Objects:** TO MAKE EMERGENCY AND/OR EX GRATIA GRANTS FOR THE RELIEF OF BRETHERN IN NEED WHO ARE MARK MASTER MASONS OR ROYAL ARK MARINERS AND ARE OR HAVE BEEN MEMBERS OF THE PROVINCE OF NORTHUMBERLAND, AND THEIR WIDOWS, PARTNERS, DEPENDANTS AND CHILDREN PENDING ANY NECESSARY APPLICATION MADE TO THE GRAND LODGE OF MARK MASTER MASONS' FUND OF BENEVOLENCE FOR ASSISTANCE

**Activities:** To receive bequests and donations from Mark Lodges, Royal Ark Mariner Lodges and Brethren of the Province of Northumberland and from other Masonic organisations. To make grants to Mark Brethren, widows and children in need and donations to the Fund of Benevolence of Grand Mark Lodge & other Masonic and non Masonic charities.

## Classification

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- **How:** Makes Grants To Individuals, Makes Grants To Organisations
- **What:** General Charitable Purposes, Education/training, The Advancement Of Health Or Saving Of Lives, Disability, The Prevention Or Relief Of Poverty
- **Who:** Children/young People, Elderly/old People, People With Disabilities, Other Charities Or Voluntary Bodies, Other Defined Groups, The General Public/mankind

## Geography

- **Area of benefit:** IN PRACTICE NORTHUMBERLAND
- Northumberland

## Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-04-05	£41,381	£35,564	-	-
2024-04-05	£46,212	£20,352	-	-
2023-04-05	£26,666	£26,297	-	-
2022-04-05	£29,978	£29,724	-	-
2021-04-05	£53,075	£24,653	-	-

## Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
<b>Raymond Arthur Walton</b>	Chair	2021-07-01
Hugh Padruig MacLeod		2024-07-11
Leslie Frederick Francis		2022-07-08
Paul Oliver Hilditch		2021-07-01
Richard Northey		2015-09-01
STUART CAIRNS		2015-09-01

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# Accounts

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**FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

**For the Year Ended 5 April 2025**

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**TD TAXATION SERVICES**

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# NORTHUMBERLAND MARK BENEVOLENT FUND

Year Ended 5 April 2025

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- State whether particular matters have come to my attention.

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Richard Northey

Date: <sup>1<sup>st</sup></sup> DECEMBER 2025

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**Statement of Financial Activities Year Ended 5 April 2025**

<b>EXPENDITURE</b>	<b><u>2025</u></b>	<b><u>2024</u></b>	<b>INCOME</b>	<b><u>2025</u></b>	<b><u>2024</u></b>
<b>Administration cost</b>			Members Gift Aid Contributions	13,467	14,666
Secretary and Treasurers Expenses	14	12	<b>Tax Reclaimable for Year</b>		
Investment Adviser Fee	563	540	Repayable after year end	3,538	3,667
Accountancy Fee	264	246	Gift Aid over-claim (2022)		
Bank Charges	111	96	Members donations to Relief Chest - MMM2118	730	585
Donation received in error		158	Tax reclaim on Relief Chest	158	136
Festival launch gifts	49		Members donations to Relief Chest – MARKFEST2031	455	110
Regalia purchase	664		Tax reclaim on Relief Chest	79	15
RAM Ties	647		<b>Donations Received</b>		
<b>Donations to festivals &amp; appeals</b>			Lodges	2,904	5,233
Festival donation	2,500	3,100	Members non gift aid cont	13,165	1,331
Festival badges	500	500	Non-members		0
Other orders		1,000	Amazon Smile		27
<b>Other Charitable Donations</b>			Recycle4Charity	13	13
Emergency Grants to Brethren	4,000		Easy Fund	41	77
Friends of Hadrian School	800		Misc & Other Orders	265	800
Dream Holidays	250		Festival Donations	4,560	
FACET	468		<b>Misc Credit</b>		
Newcastle Scout Gang show	500		Unpresented Cheque		200
Friends of Red Row First School	500		Credit from MBF-Lodge closure	1,490	
Northumberland National Park Mountain Rescue	900		<b>Sales</b>		
MBF re Patrons & Stewards (6/4/24-30/6/24)	11,910		Ties/Regalia	1,480	2,005
Christmas Foodbank Donations	250	1,000	Socials & Raffles	1,838	3,196
Daft as a Brush		850	Coins & Keyrings		25
Friends of Scarborough Court		800	Festival Badge Scheme	322	321
CHUF	538	500	<b>Interest Received</b>		
Lighthouse Community Hub		500	Relief Chest-MMM2118	72	31
Christmas Presents for underprivileged Children (via John Page Lodge)	100	100	Relief Chest-MarkFest2031	11	86
MBF re Patrons and Stewards Dues	9,636	10,650	COIF Interest	99	
Dec'd member charity donations	150	200	G/A Interest	23	
Festival Jewel	250	100	Increase/decrease in value of investments	-3,329	13,628
	35,564	20,352			
Surplus (Deficit) of Income over expenditure	5,817	25,860			
	<u>41,381</u>	<u>46,212</u>		<u>41,381</u>	<u>46,212</u>

**NORTHUMBERLAND MARK BENEVOLENT FUND**  
**Year Ended 5 April 2025**

**BALANCE SHEET AS AT 5 APRIL 2025**

	<u>2025</u>	<u>2024</u>		<u>2025</u>	<u>2024</u>
<b>UNRESTRICTED INCOME FUND</b>			<b>INVESTMENT &amp; ASSETS</b>		
As at 5 April 2024	126,267	100,407	<b>Cash and Bank deposits</b>		
Surplus income for the year	5,816	25,860	Cash at Bank	12,799	15,743
	<u>132,083</u>	<u>126,267</u>	Cash at COIF	2,095	1,996
		-	Cash/cheques in hand	993	2,632
			Fidelity Investment Account	109,359	112,688
Reserve for dependants claims	1,049	1,049	Relief Chest - MMM2118	1,974	1,015
			Relief Chest -MARKFEST2031	420	125
MBF Creditor re Honorific	9,636	10,650	Held on Account with MBF	11590	100
			<b>Other Assets</b>		
			Tax repayment claim (2024)		3,667
			Tax repayment claim (2025)	3,538	
	<u><u>142,768</u></u>	<u><u>137,966</u></u>		<u><u>142,768</u></u>	<u><u>137,966</u></u>

**Approval of Accounts and Annual Report**

The Report and Accounts were approved by the Trustees on .....

Signed on behalf of the trustees:

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**NORTHUMBERLAND MARK BENEVOLENT FUND**  
**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**  
**For the Year Ended 5 April 2025**

**ACCOUNTING POLICIES**

- [a] These Accounts have been prepared on an accruals basis under historical cost convention in accordance with applicable accounting standards and the Charities Statement of Recommended Practice: Accounting for Charities.
- [b] Investment income is accounted for gross in the year for which it falls due.
- [c] The Northumberland Mark Benevolent Fund is a registered charity and is not subject to taxation. Tax recoverable on income receivable for a specific year is accounted for on the accruals basis.

**INCOME DURING THE YEAR FROM FUND RAISING EVENTS**

	<b>2025</b>	<b>2024</b>
Social	1,443	2,316
Provincial meeting Raffle	394	880
	<u>1,837</u>	<u>3,196</u>

**STOCK OF TIES**

At 5 April 2025 there was a stock of Mark and Royal Ark Mariner ties, the value of which is not accounted for in the financial statements.

**DEPENDANTS GRANTS ACCOUNT**

	<u><b>Grand Lodge MBF</b></u>	<u><b>N'land MBF</b></u>	<u><b>Total</b></u>
Balance b/fwd at 5 April 2024	0	1,049	1,049
Received from Grand Lodge MBF	0	0	0
Transfer from General Funds	0	0	0
Interest	0	0	0
	<u>0</u>	<u>1,049</u>	<u>1,049</u>
Grants to dependants			
Transfer to General Funds			
Balances at 5 April 2025	<u>0</u>	<u>1,049</u>	<u>1,049</u>

## NORTHUMBERLAND MARK BENEVOLENT FUND TRUSTEE'S REPORT (To 5th April 2025)

THE OBJECTS OF THE FUND, which are administered by the Benevolent Fund Committee are: -

- a) To make emergency and/or ex gratia grants for the relief of Members in need who are Mark Master Masons or Royal Ark Mariners and are or have been members of the Province of Northumberland.

Along with their widows, partners, dependants, and children pending any necessary application made to the Grand Lodge of Mark Master Masons' Fund of Benevolence for assistance.

In furtherance of this object but not further or otherwise the fund shall have the following powers: -

To receive bequests, grants, donations, contributions and subscriptions from the Provincial Grand Lodge, Mark Lodges, Royal Ark Mariner Lodges, and individual Members of the Province of Northumberland.

As well as from any other Masonic organisation or Trust, or non-masonic individual organisation or Trust.

- b) To make contributions from time to time to the Fund of Benevolence of Grand Mark Lodge (MBF)

- c) To make grants to other approved Masonic charities.

- d) To make grants to local non-masonic charities.

### 3. MANAGEMENT OF THE FUND

A Benevolent Fund Committee duly constituted, whose function it will be to undertake the management of the fund on behalf of Provincial Grand Lodge: -

- a) The Management of the Northumberland Mark Benevolent Fund
- b) To deal with all matters connected with the Fund of Benevolence of Grand Mark Lodge as affecting the Province of Northumberland

### 4. CONSTITUTION OF THE COMMITTEE

The Benevolent Fund Committee shall consist of: -

- a) The Provincial Grand Master
- b) The Deputy Provincial Grand Master

- c) The Assistant Provincial Grand Master
- d) The Provincial Grand Secretary
- e) The Trustees, to be appointed from time to time by the Committee.
- f) Three other Members appointed by the Provincial Grand Lodge, who shall hold office until the next following Annual Meeting of Provincial Grand Lodge.
- g) One representative from each qualifying Lodge elected annually by each Lodge and to hold office until the Annual Meeting of the Benevolent Fund Committee.

A Member shall not be eligible for an appointment or election to the Committee unless he is a fully paid-up subscribing member of a Lodge within the Province of Northumberland.

The Trustees are pleased to note that despite the war in Ukraine continuing the finances of the fund have not been, impacted to the same degree as in 2023 and both the value of the Funds' Investments and Donations received have increased.

#### Trustee Appointments and Retirements

Ian Dalgleish Daniel retired as a Trustee at the Trustee's meeting on the 11th of July 2024 and Hugh Padruig McIntosh MacLeod replaced him as a Trustee.

#### People

The fund managed entirely by volunteers who give up their time, free of charge, to perform administrative duties, for their due diligence the Trustees would like to put on record their thanks for all the administrative duties they undertake.

#### Investments

Since April 2015 £116,790 has been Invested with Fidelity International and £40,000 withdrawn, resulting in a net investment of £76,790. There has not been any need to make a withdrawal from the Funds investments in this financial year.

As at the 5th April the value of the Fidelity Investment was £109,359.05, a decrease from last year of £7,431, due to the recent turmoil in the Financial Markets. As at the time of writing this report, 13th May 2025, the fund recovered to £117,850.18. A review of our investment strategy will be undertaken during 2025.

#### Donations and Income

It is pleasing to see that donations received this year from Members and Groups have remained stable with an increase seen in overall donations due to the Province going into a period of 'Festival' together with a 'one off' large bequest from the Estate of a deceased member.

Unfortunately, income from Fundraising events has once again fallen despite the efforts of the event coordinators, for which the Trustees want to record their thanks.

Total Income to the NMBF in the year £43,076

Notable Grants.

The Mark Benevolent Fund (MBF) continues to be the largest beneficiary of the fund.

£29,550 to the Mark Benevolent Fund who support individuals and charities within the wider community as well as here in Northumberland.

£4,000 for Emergency Grants to Members.

£800 to Friends of Hadrian School.

£900 to Northumberland Mountain Rescue.

£538 to the Children's Heart Unit Fund (CHUF).

£500 to support the Newcastle Scouts Gang Show

£468 to F.A.C.E.T (Fostered and Adopted Children's Education and Therapy).

Total Expenditure by the NMBF in the year £40,318

Surplus Income over Expenditure £2,758.

Grants awarded by the MBF to Charities and Good Causes in Northumberland

Whilst not a feature of the NMBF Accounts the trustees would like to record that the MBF has made two substantial grants to worthy causes within Northumberland,

- The first a grant of £103,805 to the Children's Heart Unit Fund (CHUF) to fund the purchase of seven state-of-the-art echocardiogram machines providing medical teams with 3D high performance images, to increase diagnostic confidence and improve treatment plans for patients.
- The second grant of £63,326 to the Great North Air Ambulance (GNAAS), to purchase another vehicle to add to their fleet to help compensate for the loss of a helicopter. The vehicles play a pivotal role when the helicopters are unable to fly due to extreme weather conditions or breakdown.

Summary

In the opinion of the Trustees the fund has continued to meet its objectives in the ongoing uncertain financial climate, maintaining a good balance between income and expenditure whilst supporting local charities and the Mark Benevolent Fund.



Raymond Walton, Chairman



Richard Northey, Trustee

1<sup>ST</sup> DECEMBER 2025  
Date

**NORTHUMBERLAND MARK BENEVOLENT FUND**

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# Accounts

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(To 5th April 2024)**

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The Trustees are pleased to note that despite the war in Ukraine continuing the finances of the fund have not been impacted to the same degree as in 2023 and both the value of the Funds Investments and Donations received have increased.

#### Trustee Appointments and Retirements

The Trustees remain unchanged this year. However Ian Dalgleish Daniel will retire at the Trustee's meeting on the 11th July 2024 and Hugh Padruig McIntosh MacLeod will replace him as a Trustee of the Charity.

#### People

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#### Investments

Since April 2015 £116,790 has been Invested with Fidelity International and £40,000 withdrawn, this includes £15,000 in this financial year, resulting in a net investment of £76,790.

The current value of the Fidelity Investment is £112,688 and in the opinion of the Trustees, this is a very good performance given the financial uncertainty since 2020.

#### Donations and Income

It is pleasing to see that the reduction in donations experienced due to the Global Pandemic and Economic downturn in the previous few years has now turned around and donations received this year from Members and Groups have increased.

Funds raised via the Recycled Regalia Initiative have also increased again this year and the Trustees thank all those who have made donations via this scheme.

Unfortunately income from Fundraising events has fallen despite the hard work of the event co-ordinators, for which the Trustees want to record their thanks.

Total Income to the NMBF in the year £46,212

### Notable Grants

The Mark Benevolent Fund (MBF) continues to be the largest beneficiary of the fund.

£14,350 to the Mark Benevolent Fund who support individuals and charities within the wider community as well as here in Northumberland. Examples are the RNLI, Addenbrook's Hospital Trust, Hope for tomorrow cancer charity.

£850 to Daft as a Brush who provide transport to cancer patients to and from hospital, free of charge.

£800 to Friends of Scarborough Court, who are a group of volunteers who arrange fund raising and social events to pay for additional treats for the residents of the care home.

£500 to the Children's Heart Unit Fund (CHUF) who provide support to the babies and their families who are born with or develop a heart condition.

£500 to Lighthouse Community Hub in Blyth which has been established to develop community links, adult training and hardship support.

£1,000 to local food banks, providing much needed support to individuals and families in need.

Total Expenditure by the NMBF in the year £20,352

Surplus Income over Expenditure £25,860


### Grants awarded by the MBF to Charities and Good Causes in Northumberland

Whilst not a feature of the NMBF Accounts the trustees would like to record that the MBF has made two substantial grants to good causes within Northumberland, the first a grant of £30,000 to the Lighthouse Community Hub based in Blyth to and the second a grant of £27,300 to Hospice Care North Northumberland, based in Alnwick for the purchase of a vehicle.

### Summary

In the opinion of the Trustees the fund has continued to meet its objectives in the ongoing uncertain and somewhat trying financial climate. The surplus of Income over Expenditure is mainly due to the increase in the value of Investments and the lower than usual donation to the MBF, together with a reduction in grants made to local charities and good causes over the previous few years.

R. A. Walton.  
RAYMOND ARTHUR WALTON  
CHAIRMAN

  
STUART CAIRNS  
TRUSTEE

11<sup>TH</sup> JULY 2024

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Date: 19/6/24  
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**Statement of Financial Activities Year Ended 5 April 2024**

<b>EXPENDITURE</b>	<b>2024</b>	<b>2023</b>	<b>INCOME</b>	<b>2024</b>	<b>2023</b>
<b>Administration cost</b>			Members Gift Aid Contributions	14,666	12,716
Secretary and Treasurers Expenses	12		<b>Tax Reclaimable for Year</b>		
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Bank Charges	96	98	Members donations to Relief Chest - MMM2118	585	305
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			Tax reclaim on Relief Chest	15	
<b>Donations to festivals</b>			<b>Donations Received</b>		
Cheshire Festival & Turkey/Syria Appeal	3,100		Lodges	5,233	3,548
Cheshire Badges	500		Members non gift aid contributions	1,331	1,501
West Yorkshire Festival (inc. Ukraine Donation)		5,250	Non-members	60	40
Surrey Badges		250	Amazon Smile	27	36
RSM Appeal	1,000		Recycle4Charity	13	13
			Easy Fund	77	
			Other Orders (Allied Degree & Craft Lodge)	700	
			Misc (Festival Jewel)	100	
<b>Other Charitable Donations</b>			<b>Misc Credit</b>		
Tynemouth Volunteer Life Brigade		450	Unpresented Cheque	200	
Bobby Robson Foundation		220			
Tynemouth Sea Scouts		1,500	<b>Sales</b>		
Pathways4All		250	Ties/Regalia	2,005	1,431
Christmas Day meals for those in need		1,200			
Christmas Foodbank Donations	1,000		<b>Fundraising Events</b>		
Daft as a Brush	850		Coins & Keyrings	25	
Friends of Scarborough Court	800		Socials & Raffles	3,196	3,755
CHUF	500	1,200	Festival Badge Scheme	321	70
Lighthouse Community Hub	500				
Christmas Presents for underprivileged Children (via John Page Lodge)	100	100	<b>Interest Received</b>		
MBF re Patrons and Stewards Dues	10,650	15,052	Relief Chest Interest	31	2
Dec'd member charity donations	200		COIF Interest	86	40
Festival Jewel	100				
			Increase/decrease in value of investments	13,628	-2,633
	20,352	26,297			
Surplus (Deficit) of Income over expenditure	25,860	-2,264			
	<u>46,212</u>	<u>24,033</u>		<u>46,212</u>	<u>24,033</u>

**NORTHUMBERLAND MARK BENEVOLENT FUND**  
**Year Ended 5 April 2024**

**BALANCE SHEET AS AT 5 APRIL 2024**

	<u>2024</u>	<u>2023</u>		<u>2024</u>	<u>2023</u>
<b>UNRESTRICTED INCOME FUND</b>			<b>INVESTMENT &amp; ASSETS</b>		
As at 5 April 2023	100,407	102,766	<b>Cash and Bank deposits</b>		
Surplus income for the year	25,860	-2,264	Cash at Bank	15,743	2,971
Less: Gift Aid overestimated	<u>-95</u>	<u>-95</u>	Cash at COIF	1,996	1,910
	<u>126,267</u>	<u>100,407</u>	Cash/cheques in hand	2,632	
			Fidelity Investment Account	112,688	108,060
Reserve for dependants claims	1,049	1,049	Relief Chest - MMM2118	1,015	362
			Relief Chest -MARKFEST2031	125	
MBF Creditor re Honorific	<u>10,650</u>	<u>15,052</u>	Held on Account with MBF	100	
	<u>137,966</u>	<u>116,508</u>	<b>Other Assets</b>		
			Tax repayment claim (2023)		3,198
			Tax repayment claim (2024)	3,667	
				<u>137,966</u>	<u>116,508</u>

**Approval of Accounts and Annual Report**

The Report and Accounts were approved by the Trustees on .....

Signed on behalf of the trustees:

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**NORTHUMBERLAND MARK BENEVOLENT FUND**  
**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**  
**For the Year Ended 5 April 2024**

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**INCOME DURING THE YEAR FROM FUND RAISING EVENTS**

	2024	2023
Social	2,316	2,658
Provincial meeting Raffle	880	1,097
	<u>3,196</u>	<u>3,755</u>

**STOCK OF TIES**

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**DEPENDANTS GRANTS ACCOUNT**

	<u>Grand Lodge MBF</u>	<u>N'land MBF</u>	<u>Total</u>
Balance b/fwd at 5 April 2023	0	1,049	1,049
Received from Grand Lodge MBF	0	0	0
Transfer from General Funds	0	0	0
Interest	0	0	0
	<u>0</u>	<u>1,049</u>	<u>1,049</u>
Grants to dependants			
Transfer to General Funds			
Balances at 5 April 2024	<u>0</u>	<u>1,049</u>	<u>1,049</u>

# NORTHUMBERLAND MARK BENEVOLENT FUND

## Year Ended 5 April 2024

We report on the attached accounts of the fund for the year ended 5 April 2024

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In connection with our examination, no matter has come to our attention:

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Helen Taylor

  
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Gill Donaghy MAAT

  
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Stuart Cairns

Date: 19/6/24  
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**NORTHUMBERLAND MARK BENEVOLENT FUND**

England & Wales - Charity number 1007791

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# Accounts

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**Registered Charity No.  
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**NORTHUMBERLAND MARK BENEVOLENT FUND**  
**FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**  
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TD Taxation Services  
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**TD TAXATION SERVICES**

**NORTHUMBERLAND MARK BENEVOLENT FUND**  
**Year Ended 5 April 2022**

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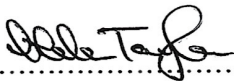
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**Stuart Cairns**

Date: .....

**NORTHUMBERLAND MARK BENEVOLENT FUND**  
**Statement of Financial Activities Year Ended 5 April 2022**

<b>EXPENDITURE</b>	<b><u>2022</u></b>	<b><u>2021</u></b>	<b>INCOME</b>	<b><u>2022</u></b>	<b><u>2021</u></b>
<b>Administration cost</b>			Members Gift Aid Contributions	16,143	13,652
Secretary and Treasurers Expenses	8	42			
Purchase of Regalia for RRI		52	<b>Tax Reclaimable for Year</b>		
Investment Adviser Fee	542	348	Repayable after year end	4,036	3,615
Accountancy Fee	222	216			
Bank Charges	31	0	Interest from Gift Aid Claim		33
<b>Donations to festivals</b>			<b>Donations Received</b>		
Surrey	2,000	0	Lodges	3,965	2,494
Surrey Badges	500	0	Members	1,800	1,555
East Lancs (Festival)		2,250	Misc/Special	50	2,487
East Lancs (Badges)		620	Amazon Smile	35	
<b>Other Charitable Donations</b>			<b>Misc Credit</b>		
The Vale Cafe		250	Unpresented cheque		250
Bobby Robson Foundation	4,231		Honorific Fees (2021) not paid	134	1,107
FireSticks (Care Homes)		360			
Cambois Primary School		100	<b>Sales</b>		
Production of Scrubs for Care Industry		100	Ties	727	52
Morpeth Mental Health Group		500			
Food Bank Donations (RAM Dinner)		900			
Christmas Foodbank Donations	900	1,000			
NMCA	5,000				
Sarah Hall	250				
CHUF	1,200	1,200			
Clowns in the Sky	1,400				
Christmas Presents for underprivileged Children (via John Page Lodge)	250				
MBF re Patrons and Stewards Dues	13,140	16,250			
Dec'd member charity donations	50	100			
Northumbria Blood Bikes		365	<b>Fundraising Events</b>		
			Other (see notes)	781	809
			Festival Badge Scheme	50	120
			<b>Investment Income</b>		
			COIF	1	3
			Increase (Decrease) in value of investments	2,256	26,897
	<u>29,724</u>	<u>24,653</u>			
Surplus (Deficit) of Income over expenditure	<u>254</u>	<u>28,422</u>			
	<u><b>29,978</b></u>	<u><b>53,075</b></u>		<u><b>29,978</b></u>	<u><b>53,075</b></u>

**NORTHUMBERLAND MARK BENEVOLENT FUND**  
**Year Ended 5 April 2022**

**BALANCE SHEET AS AT 5 APRIL 2022**

	<u>2022</u>	<u>2021</u>		<u>2022</u>	<u>2021</u>
UNRESTRICTED INCOME FUND			INVESTMENT & ASSETS		
As at 5 April 2021	102,512	74,090	<b>Cash and Bank deposits</b>		
Surplus income for the year	<u>254</u>	<u>28,422</u>	Cash at Bank	7,031	5,839
	102,766	102,512	Cash at COIF	1,870	1,870
			Cash at Building Society	0	0
Reserve for dependants claims	1,049	1,049	Fidelity Investment Account	98,693	108,437
MBF Creditor re Honorific	13,140	16,250	Cash/cheques in hand	1,660	
			<b>Other Assets</b>		
			Tax repayment claim (2022)	4,036	
			Tax repayment claimed final (2021)	3,615	3,615
			Tax under claim 2020	50	50
	<u>116,955</u>	<u>119,811</u>		<u>116,955</u>	<u>119,811</u>

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**INCOME DURING THE YEAR FROM FUND RAISING EVENTS**

	<b>2022</b>	<b>2021</b>
Social	384	0
Provincial meeting Raffle	397	0
T@3 Mugs		809
	<u>781</u>	<u>809</u>

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	<u><b>Grand Lodge MBF</b></u>	<u><b>N'land MBF</b></u>	<u><b>Total</b></u>
Balance b/fwd at 5 April 2021	0	1,049	1,049
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Transfer from General Funds	0	0	0
Interest	0	0	0
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**TD TAXATION SERVICES**

**NORTHUMBERLAND MARK BENEVOLENT FUND**

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# Accounts

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**Registered Charity No.  
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**NORTHUMBERLAND MARK BENEVOLENT FUND**

**FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

**For the Year Ended 5 April 2021**

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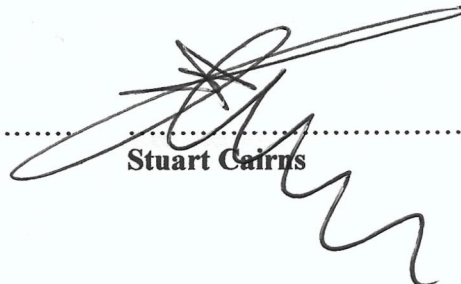
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Date: 11/8/21  
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**Statement of Financial Activities Year Ended 5 April 2021**

<b>EXPENDITURE</b>	<b><u>2021</u></b>	<b><u>2020</u></b>	<b>INCOME</b>	<b><u>2021</u></b>	<b><u>2020</u></b>
<b>Administration cost</b>			Members Gift Aid Contributions	13,652	14,887
Secretary and Treasurers Expenses	42	22			
Purchase of Regalia for RRI	52	611	<b>Tax Reclaimable for Year</b>		
Investment Adviser Fee	348	343	Repayable after year end	3,615	3,721
Accountancy Fee	216	210	Interest from Gift Aid Claim	33	0
<b>Donations to festivals</b>					
Sussex (late payment)	0	2,650	<b>Donations Received</b>		
Kent	0	2,250	Lodges	2,494	4,270
Kent (Badges)	0	755	Members	1,555	1,252
East Lancs (Festival)	620	0	Special	2,487	881
East Lancs (Badges)	2,250	0			
<b>Other Charitable Donations</b>			<b>Misc Credit</b>		
The Vale Cafe	250	0	Unpresented cheque	250	0
Percy Hedley Foundation	0	1,000	Honorific Fees (2020) not paid	1,107	0
FireSticks (Care Homes)	360	0			
Cambois Primary School	100	0	<b>Sales</b>		
Production of Scrubs for Care Industry	100	0	Ties	52	1,208
Morpeth Mental Health Group	500	0			
Food Bank Donations (RAM Dinner)	900	0			
Christmas Foodbank Donations	1,000	600			
NMCA	0	2,000			
Freeman Hospital	0	1,500			
CHUF	1,200	1,200			
WeCan	0	900			
Mrs L Gair (Emily Cambodia Adventure)	0	250	<b>Fundraising Events</b>		
Sebastians Action Trust	0	250	Other (see notes)	809	2,844
Chernobyl Children's Lifeline Link	0	250	Festival Badge Scheme	120	255
4x4RNE	0	500			
Lincolnshire Flood Appeal	0	1,000			
Holystone Primary School	0	500			
Katie Brownlee (Teaching in China)	0	250			
MBF re Patrons and Stewards Dues	16,250	16,925	<b>Investment Income</b>		
Pegswood Beekeepers	0	250	COIF	3	10
Northumbria Blood Bikes	365	500			
Deceased Member charity donations	100	250	Increase (Decrease) in value of investments	26,897	(10,934)
Bishop's Primary School					
RVI & SECH	0	500			
Welburn Care Homes	0	139			
Freeman Hospital	0	250			
	<u>24,653</u>	<u>35,855</u>			
Surplus (Deficit) of Income over expenditure	<u>28,422</u>	<u>-17,461</u>			
	<u><b>53,075</b></u>	<u><b>18,394</b></u>		<u><b>53,075</b></u>	<u><b>18,394</b></u>

**NORTHUMBERLAND MARK BENEVOLENT FUND**  
**Year Ended 5 April 2021**

**BALANCE SHEET AS AT 5 APRIL 2021**

	<u>2021</u>	<u>2020</u>		<u>2021</u>	<u>2020</u>
<b>UNRESTRICTED INCOME FUND</b>			<b>INVESTMENT &amp; ASSETS</b>		
As at 5 April 2020	74,090	91,551	<b>Cash and Bank deposits</b>		
Surplus income for the year	<u>28,422</u>	<u>-17,461</u>	Cash at Bank	5,839	10,692
	102,512	74,090	Cash at COIF	1,870	1,867
			Cash at Building Society	0	1,049
			Fidelity Investment Account	108,437	69,660
Reserve for dependants claims	1,049	1,049			
MBF Creditor re 2020 dues	16,250	16,925	<b>Other Assets</b>		
			Tax repayment claimed final (2019)		5,075
			Tax repayment claimed final (2020)		3,721
			Tax repayment claimed final (2021)	3,615	
			Tax under claim 2020	50	
	<u>119,811</u>	<u>92,064</u>		<u>119,811</u>	<u>92,064</u>

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**INCOME DURING THE YEAR FROM FUND RAISING EVENTS**

	<b>2021</b>	<b>2020</b>
Social	0	146
Sale of Wine from Social	0	80
Mrs J Mole re Sponsored Swim	0	350
BBQ	0	508
Prov AGM Raffle	0	400
Social	0	627
Social	0	733
T@3 Mugs	809	
	<u>809</u>	<u>2,844</u>

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