

NEM Annual Report Night Shelter Section 2024

Objectives and Activities

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DWNS successfully opened for three years between 2018-2021. This included facilitating the Night Shelter during the COVID-19 pandemic. For reasons outlined in previous last annual reports, the night Shelter was unable to open in Durham during the winter of 2021-2022. The primary reason for this was the residual effects of the COVID-19 pandemic and its consequences on securing hosting premises of the Night Shelter.

The Night Shelter reopened in 2022-23, successfully hosting rough sleepers during weekend nights between January-March 2023. North East Mission identified a critical gap within the homeless provision offered in County Durham at the weekend. During this time, it was felt that, due to no fault of their own, more permanent support services drew down their aid between Friday and Sunday night. To combat this, NEM wanted the Night Shelter to offer a consistent Night Shelter presence in the winter months.

Night Shelter 2023-2024

The Night Shelter reopened during the winter months of 2023 and 2024. The Night Shelter based itself in Salvation Army premises, Sanctuary 21, within Durham City Centre. This space is used regularly by rough sleepers and is a vital lifeline for many of the city's vulnerable adult population. The night shelter worked with Durham County Council, who would refer homeless individuals to the night shelter during period of extreme weather and cold. The Night Shelter constantly adapts itself to the demands of homelessness in Durham City and the capacity of our charity to contribute to tackling rough sleeping. This year, we have altered our model again, offering Severe Weather accommodation at the time of acute need rather than having a week-by-week accommodation offer.

The Facts

The total figures were as follows:

Total nights opened = 13

Total Sleeps = 92

Total volunteers = 72

Total Individual guests = 30

Average Night Attendance = 7.08 (7 people)

The shelter opened less regularly than it did in the previous year. This was in part due to organisational constraints with the new(er) referral system and due to the weather being milder during the opening sessions (excluding the break around Christmas due to lack of volunteer availability).

The Volunteers

North East Mission is sustained and supported by a fantastic group of volunteers from the local community, churches and student groups. The whole charity is volunteer led with one specific volunteer coordinating the project without financial reimbursement. We will not name them but it should be placed on record that NEM is incredibly grateful to the support and dedication they showed to the Shelter in 2022/2023.

The Finances

Please see the annual financial report.

The Future – Night Shelter 2024/2025

During the 2024-2025 financial year, a partnership with handcrafted was formed in helping with the delivery of DWNS. More details will be included in the 2024/2025 report.

NEM has been sustained over the years by determined and committed local supporters and volunteers. Our fantastic partners include Durham County Council, Sanctuary 21 Durham, the Old Cinema Laundrette, St Chads College, Just Love Durham and all the church communities who have donated and prayed for our project.

Charity Registration Number: 1185097

**North East Mission
Financial Statements
For the year ending
31 August 2024**

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Trustees' Annual Report
Year Ended 31 August 2024

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Trustees' Annual Report Year Ended 31 August 2024

The Trustees of North East Mission, a Charitable Incorporated Organisation, present their Annual Report and unaudited accounts for the year ended 31 August 2024 and confirm they comply with the requirements of the Charities Act 2022, the trust deed and the Charities Statement of Recommended Practice (FRS 102) 2014.

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DWNS successfully opened for three years between 2018-2021. During the Winter of 2020-2021, adjustments were required to be made to the systems and processes of DWNS to ensure that it was compliant with the standards required during the Covid-19 pandemic. This included the construction of temporary sleeping pods, working on an entirely referral basis with Durham Council, and the extensive use of PPE.

However, due to complications outlined in the section below, the Night Shelter was unable to open in Durham during the winter of 2021-2022. The primary reason for this was the residual effects of the COVID-19 pandemic and its consequences on securing hosting premises of the Night Shelter.

Why did the Shelter not open 2021-2022?

North East Mission intended to run DWNS during the winter 2021-2022. Following on from the safe and successful opening of the shelter during the first year of the COVID-19 pandemic, the charity felt able to provide emergency accommodation that could comply with public health restrictions put in place by the Department for Health and Social Care and Local Authorities.

The model used in the 2020-2021 winter season relied upon the use of permanent wooden pods to enforce social distancing within the night shelter space. This was a successful intervention and was practical given most buildings were left dormant during the pandemic. However, ahead of the 2021-2022 season, it became hard to both comply with the health restrictions which demanded the use of individual wooden pods and to secure access to premises.

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By December 2021, most church buildings had returned to pre-pandemic use levels (or had aspirations to do so). As such, they were unable to offer us use of the premises because the static wooden pods would have rendered their space inoperable for the 12-week period. Without access to a location, it became clear that facilitating a night shelter would have been impossible.

To that end, the charity decided to pause preparations for a night shelter and entered into a holding pattern. This meant that 2021-2022 incurred minimal fundraising or spend. This should be reflected in the accounts below.

Night Shelter Restart 2022

The Night Shelter reopened in 2022-23, successfully hosting rough sleepers during weekend nights between January-March 2023.

This continued into the following winter season of 2023-2024 where DWNS had a total of 92 sign ins across 13 nights when then the shelter opened. 72 volunteers were registered and 30 individuals guests attended the shelter. During this year DWNS worked closely with the Durham County Council who provided guest referrals to attend the shelter rather than it being open for anyone to walk in.

We are incredibly grateful for the support that has been provided to North East Mission for many years. This is especially true of our volunteers, Sanctuary 21 Durham, the Old Cinema Laundrette, St Chads College, Just Love Durham and all the church communities who have donated and prayed for our project.

Financial Review

During the year North East Mission received income of £1,370 (2023: £2,666) and expended £3,669 (2023: £5,998) of funds, leaving a net expenditure of £2,299 (2023: net expenditure of £3,332). £9,195 (2023: £12,527) of unrestricted funds were brought forward from the prior year.

Income

33% (2023: 27%) of donations during the year were from organisations rather than individuals (Elvet Methodist Church).

Expenditure

Of the £3,669 (2023: £5,998) expended in the year, there was £1,330 (36%) (2023: 76%) was spent on Durham Winter Night Shelter and £2,339 (64%) (2023: £1,448, 24%) was spent on the central running costs of North East Mission.

Reserves Policy

The Trustees aim to hold unrestricted reserves to cover at least 3 months of expenditure.

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The total value of unrestricted reverses at 31 August 2024 was £7,348 which is equivalent to 18 months expenditure, making the charity compliant with the reserves policy.

The charity has no committed expenditure, such as salaries or rent, meaning the charity is able to respond to increases and decreases in income.

Structure, Governance and Management

North East Mission is a Foundation Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO), which is a corporate body, whose only members are the Trustees. The CIO operates under a constitution and is registered with the Charities Commission.

Trustees are selected through a written application to the Trustee board, followed by an interview and then a consensus agreement from the Trustees. During this year, one Trustee resigned; Alastair Taylor (13 October 2023).

Administrative Details

Registered Charity Name: North East Mission

Charity Registration Number: 1185097

Principle Address: 39 Long Acres,
Durham
DH1 1JF

The Trustees who have served between 1 September 2023 and the date this report was approved are:

Trustees: John Oliver (Chair)
William Briggs
Ruth Lackenby
Joe Cottrell
Amy Hawkin

The Trustees declare that they have approved the Trustees' Annual Report above.

Signed on behalf of the charity's Trustees:

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**Trustees' Annual Report
Year Ended 31 August 2024**

John Oliver
Trustee
26/06/2025

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Statement of Financial Activities
Year Ended 31 August 2024

Charity Registration Number: 1185097

			2024	2023
		Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total Funds
Note	£	£	£	£
Income from:				
Donations and legacies	3	1,350	-	1,350
Charitable activities	3	-	-	-
Investments	3	20	-	20
Total		1,370	-	1,370
Expenditure on:				
Raising funds	4	-	-	-
Charitable activities	4	1,027	303	1,330
Other	4	2,339	-	2,339
Total		3,366	303	3,669
Net (expenditure)/income		(1,996)	(303)	(2,299)
Net movement in funds		(1,996)	(303)	(2,299)
Reconciliation of funds:				
Total funds brought forward	6	9,195	303	9,498
Total funds carried forward	6	7,199	-	7,199

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Statement of Financial Position As at 31 August 2024

Charity Registration Number: 1185097

	Note	2024 £	2023 £
Current Assets			
Cash at bank and in hand	5	7,199	9,498
Other current assets		-	-
		<u>7,199</u>	<u>9,498</u>
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year		-	-
Net current assets		<u>7,199</u>	<u>9,498</u>
Total assets less current liabilities		<u>7,199</u>	<u>9,498</u>
Total net assets		<u>7,199</u>	<u>9,498</u>
Funds of the Charity			
Unrestricted funds	6	7,199	9,195
Restricted Funds	6	-	303
Total funds		<u>7,199</u>	<u>9,498</u>

These financial statements were approved by the Board of Trustees and authorised for issue on 26/06/2025, and are signed on behalf of the board by:

John Oliver

Trustee

The notes on pages 8 to 12 form part of these financial statements

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Notes to the Financial Statements Year Ended 31 August 2024

1 Basis of Preparation

Basis of Accounting

These accounts have been prepared under the historical cost convention with items recognised at cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant note(s) to these accounts.

The accounts have been prepared in accordance with:

- the Statement of Recommended Practice: Accounting and Reporting by Charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) issued on 16 July 2014,
- and with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the United Kingdom and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102),
- and with the Charities Act 2022.

The charity constitutes a public benefit entity as defined by FRS 102.

Going concern

There are no material uncertainties about the charity's ability to continue.

2 Accounting Policies

2.1 Income

Recognition of income	These are included in the Statement of Financial Activities (SOFA) when: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• the charity becomes entitled to the resources;• it is more likely than not that the Trustees will receive the resources;• the monetary value can be measured with sufficient reliability.
Offsetting	There has been no offsetting of assets and liabilities, or income and expenses, unless required or permitted by the FRS 102 SORP or FRS 102.
Grants and donations	Grants and donations are only included in the SOFA when the general income recognition criteria are met (5.10 to 5.12 FRS102 SORP). In the case of performance related grants, income must only be recognised to the extent that the charity has provided the specified goods or services as entitlement to the grant only occurs when the performance related conditions are met (5.16 FRS 102 SORP).
Government grants	The charity did not receive government grants in the reporting period
Donated goods	Donated goods are measured at fair value (the amount for which the asset could be exchanged) unless impractical to do so.

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The cost of any stock of goods donated for distribution to beneficiaries is deemed to be the fair value of those gifts at the time of their receipt and they are recognised on receipt. In the reporting period in which the stocks are distributed, they are recognised as an expense at the carrying amount of the stocks at distribution.

Donated services and facilities

Donated services and facilities are included in the SOFA when received at the value of the gift to the charity provided the value of the gift can be measured reliably. The cost of using donated halls and spaces for the shelter could not be reliably measured as these were provided free of charge with no fee equivalent to compare to, therefore, no cost for these was included in the accounts.

Donated services and facilities that are consumed immediately are recognised as income with an equivalent amount recognised as an expense under the appropriate heading in the SOFA.

Support costs

The charity has incurred expenditure on support costs including Insurance, Safeguarding checks and a volunteer coordinated on a contracting basis. These have been allocated to activities based on their time spent and purpose.

Volunteer help

The value of any voluntary help received is not included in the accounts but is described in the Trustees' Annual Report.

2.2 Expenditure & liabilities

Liability recognition

Liabilities are recognised where it is more likely than not that there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the charity to pay out resources and the amount of the obligation can be measured with reasonable certainty.

Redundancy Costs

The charity made no redundancy payments during the reporting period.

2.3 Assets

Tangible fixed assets for use by charity

These are capitalised if they can be used for more than one year, and cost at least £500. They are valued at cost. There were no purchases of tangible fixed assets in the year.

3. Analysis of Income

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	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	2024 Total funds £	2023 Total funds £
Donations and legacies:				
Donations and gifts	1,350	-	1,350	2,643
	1,350	-	1,350	2,643
Investments:				
Interest income	20	-	20	23
Total income	1,370	-	1,370	2,666

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4. Analysis of Expenditure by fund type

	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	2024 Total funds £	2023 Total funds £
Expenditure on raising funds:				
Giving Platform Fees	-	-	-	36
	-	-	-	36
Expenditure on charitable activities:				
Building hire	1,027	303	1,330	3,420
Shelter Food & Sundries	-	-	-	275
Workshops	-	-	-	-
Training	-	-	-	855
	1,027	303	1,330	4,550
Expenditure on other items:				
Insurance & Safeguarding	735	-	735	654
Volunteer Appreciation	897	-	897	698
Administration	647	-	647	-
Bank Fees	60	-	60	60
Depreciation	-	-	-	-
	2,339	-	2,339	1,412
Total expenditure	3,366	303	3,669	5,998

Other information

Analysis of expenditure on charitable activities:

	Activities undertaken directly £	Grant funding of activities £	Support costs £	2024 Total funds £	2023 Total funds £
North East Mission	-	-	-	-	-
Durham Winter Night Shelter	1,330	-	-	1,330	4,550
	1,330	-	-	1,330	4,550

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5. Cash at bank & in hand

	2024 £	2023 £
Cash at bank and on hand	7,199	9,498
	7,199	9,498

6. Charity Funds

Fund Name	Type*	Opening £	Income £	Expenditure £	Transfers £	Closing £
General Fund	U	9,195	1,370	(3,366)	-	7,199
Durham Winter Night Shelter	R	303	-	(303)	-	-
Total funds		9,498	1,370	(3,669)	-	7,199

* U – Unrestricted, R – Restricted

7. Transactions with Trustees and related parties

During the year, no Trustees have been paid any remuneration or received any other benefits from an employment with their charity or a related entity.

During the year, 2 Trustees were reimbursed £227 for expenses incurred on volunteer appreciation and administration (2023: 1, £698).