



**The Worcestershire
Freemasons Charity**
Registered Charity No. 1204423)



The Charity of Worcestershire **Craft** and **Royal Arch** Freemasons

**TRUSTEES' ANNUAL REPORT AND ACCOUNTS
FOR THE PERIOD ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024**

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Trustees' Annual Report

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The Trustees have pleasure in presenting their report and financial statements for the period ended 31st December 2024.

Trustees

A T Robertson (Chair)
P A Taylor (Treasurer)
D L Dey (Secretary)
C F D Vendy
W F G Tucker
P V Firminger
H N Painter

All trustees served throughout the period with the exception of P A Taylor and C F D Vendy who were appointed on 29 June 2024.

Structure, governance and management

The Charity is governed by the provisions of a Trust Deed dated 19 January 2023 and it was granted charitable status by the Charity Commission on 21 August 2023.

Three Trustees hold office while they act as Almoner, Charity Steward and Treasurer of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Worcestershire. Up to a further four trustees can be appointed by the Provincial Grand Master of Worcestershire for a period not exceeding 5 years. In selecting trustees for appointment, the Provincial Grand Master has regard to the skills, knowledge and experience needed for the effective administration of the Charity.

The Trustees meet at least four times per year working to a set agenda covering, *inter alia*, finances and investment, grant making and fund raising.

Objectives and activities

The Worcestershire Freemasons Charity is the public face of "Freemasonry in the Community". Its principal objectives are, for the public benefit, to:

- (a) relieve sickness and preserve health, advance education, and prevent or relieve poverty and financial hardship, amongst such persons as the Trustees consider from time to time to be in need of assistance;
- (b) further such other purposes (being exclusively charitable) as the trustees may from time to time in their absolute discretion consider appropriate.

The Trustees confirm that they have referred to the guidance contained in the Charity Commission's general guidance on public benefit when reviewing the Charity's aims and objectives, in planning future activities and setting grant making policies

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In furthering these objectives, the Trustees will consider applications from any geographical area within England but preference will be given to the counties of Worcestershire, Warwickshire, and Staffordshire. The Trustees welcome applications from registered charitable bodies but, at their discretion, applications from other voluntary bodies and individuals will be considered. The goal is to make grants to a wide range of beneficiaries, particularly grassroots and small-to-medium-sized registered charities and voluntary organisations in the primary geographical areas of benefit.

In the period under review the Charity has operated only in the last quarter of 2024. In that period, it has benefited from donations received from masonic charities and Lodges based in Worcestershire. It has supported 'Teddies Loving Care' (TLC) by purchasing teddy bears for distribution to hospitals in the county. These are given to sick children – particularly those admitted to A & E and Minor Injury Units. It has also been able to help food banks, a charity connected to the local acute hospital and a national charity which will be supporting projects in Worcestershire. In the current year to date the Charity has been able to help local good causes with grants approximating £18000.

As a grant making charity, investment of funds is an important component of generating income and capital growth to support the Charity's activities over the long term. To that end, in the period under review, it has invested in COIF funds.

The Trustees are grateful for the support received from Charity Stewards and Lodges in Worcestershire and from 1st January 2025, the support of Royal Arch Chapters and their Charity Stewards. Without this generous help the Trustees would not be able to help our local communities to the extent that we are currently achieving.

Reserves policy

At 31 December 2024 the Charity had restricted reserves of £541 which relate to TLC. In addition, it had unrestricted reserves which the Trustees consider are adequate to fund the Charity's foreseeable activities.

Remuneration

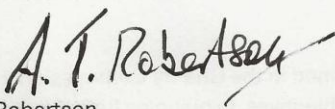
No fees or reimbursements were received by the Trustees

Accounting responsibilities of the Trustees:

The Trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records which can disclose the financial position of the Charity at any time, are responsible for safeguarding the assets of the Charity, and for taking reasonable steps for the detection and prevention of irregularities in its affairs.

The Trustees are required to prepare financial statements for each accounting period which fairly record the state of the Charity's finances at the period end. In preparing these Financial Statements the Trustees are required to select suitable accounting policies and apply them consistently, to make judgements which are reasonable, and to ensure that applicable accounting standards have been followed.

On behalf of the Board of Trustees


A T Robertson

Chair of Trustees

29 July 2025

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Independent Examiners' Report
to the Trustees of
Worcestershire Freemasons Charity

We report to the trustees on our examination of the accounts of the Worcestershire Freemasons Charity for the period ended 31st December 2024, which are set out on pages 2 to 8.

Respective responsibilities of Trustees and Examiner

The charity's Trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ("the Act"). The charity's Trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144 of the Act and that an Independent Examination is needed. We report in respect of my examination of the Trust's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination we have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

Independent examiners' statement

We have completed my examination. We confirm that no material matters have come to our attention in connection with the examination giving us cause to believe that in any material respect:

- Accounting records were not kept in respect of the Trust as required by section 130 of the Act; or
- The accounts do not accord with those records; or
- The accounts do not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a "true and fair view" which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination".

We have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in this report in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

JL Potter FCA

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29th July 2025

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Receipts and Payments Account for the period 21st August 2023 to 31st December 2024

	Unrestricted funds to the nearest £	Restricted funds to the nearest £	Endowment funds to the nearest £	Total funds to the nearest £	Last year to the nearest £
Receipts					
Donations	90,738	4,962	-	95,700	-
Investment income	507	-	-	507	-
Interest	797	-	-	797	-
Gift Aid	333	-	-	333	-
Sub- total (Gross income for AR)	92,375	4,962	-	97,337	-
Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	92,375	4,962	-	97,337	-

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Payments

Grants	3,000	-	-	3,000	-
Other charitable activity	-	4,421	-	4,421	-
Post & Stationery	656	-	-	656	-
Insurance	270	-	-	270	-
Bank Charges	75	-	-	75	-
Sundry Expenses	50	-	-	50	-
Sub total	4,051	4,421	-	8,472	-

Asset and investment purchases

CCLA Managed Funds	40,000	-	-	40,000	-
Sub total	40,000	-	-	40,000	-

Total payments

44,051	4,421	-	48,472	-
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Net of receipts/(payments)

48,324	541	-	48,865	-
-	-	-	-	-
-	-	-	-	-
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Transfers between funds

Cash funds last year end

Cash funds this year end

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Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
Cash funds	Bank Deposit Accounts	48,188	-	-
	Bank Current Account	136	541	-
		-	-	-
	Total cash funds	48,324	541	-

	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
Other monetary assets			-	-
Investment assets	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
	CCLA Managed funds at Cost	Unrestricted	40,000	-
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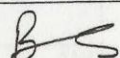
	Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
Liabilities			-	
			-	

Signed by trustee on behalf of all the trustees

Signature

Print Name

Date of approval



Paul Taylor, Treasurer & Trustee

29th July 2025