

NORTHERN COUNTIES CHILDREN'S BENEVOLENT SOCIETY

REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2024

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TRUST INFORMATION
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2024

Trustees

Chair	Adam Waugh Rev D R J Holloway Dr E Jones Mrs E Browne-Swinburne Mr J Cockburn Ruth Foster
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Trustees Remuneration

No Trustee shall receive remuneration, or be interested in the supply of work or goods, at the cost of the Charity.

Secretary	Mrs G M Mackie 30 Princes Road Newcastle upon Tyne NE3 5TT
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Bankers	Lloyds TSB Bank PLC 102 Grey Street Newcastle upon Tyne NE99 1SL
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Independent Examiner	Derek Reah Reah & McBride Certified Accountants Suite 2B North Sands Business Centre Liberty Way Sunderland SR6 0QA
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Charity Number	219696
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TRUSTEES' ANNUAL REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2024

The Trustees are pleased to present their report together with the financial statements of the Charity for the year ended 31st December 2024.

By a Scheme of the Charity Commission sealed on 18th September 1980 the Charities called The Northern Counties Orphan Institution (founded in the year 1864), The George Donkin Fund, and the Charity of Hannah Ochiltree were administrated and managed together as one Charity under the title Northern Counties Orphan's Benevolent Society. The Adamson Memorial Fund and the Adamson Memorial Chapel Fund were excluded from the Scheme because there was no trace of these small funds being registered charities. By a further Scheme of the Charity Commission sealed on 24th January 2000, the name of the Charity was changed to THE NORTHERN COUNTIES CHILDREN'S BENEVOLENT SOCIETY.

Structure, Governance and Management

a. Constitution

The object of the Charity is that it shall be for the benefit of children who are in need through sickness, disability or other causes and who are resident in the area of benefit with a preference for children who are orphans and in special cases the benefit of children as aforesaid who are resident elsewhere in England or Wales.

There have been no changes in the objectives since the last annual report.

b. Method of appointment of election of Trustees

The body of the Trustees when complete shall consist of eight persons. New Trustees shall be appointed by the continuing Trustees.

c. Policies adopted for the induction and training of Trustees

There are no formal procedures for the induction and training of Trustees. Senior Trustees ensure, on an informal basis, that new Trustees are given adequate information to ensure that they have knowledge of the Charity and their role.

d. Organisational structure and decision making

Trustees carry out the decision making process in a committee of unpaid individuals with relevant experience in the fields of medicine, finance, the law, children's care and education. This committee deals with funding and investment decisions.

Trustees meet at least four times a year to consider all applications for support and other applications for funds.

e. Related party transactions

The Trustees are not employed by the Charity or any other party to which the Charity makes grants. No Trustee takes part in any decision of the Charity where they or a project with which they have an interest might benefit.

f. Risk management

The Trustees have assessed the major risks to which the Charity is exposed. They consider that the major risks are in the area of investment management and the control of the reconciling of donations receivable. Systems have been implemented by the Trustees to mitigate these risks and they consider the controls to be adequate and appropriate. The effectiveness of these controls is reviewed on an ongoing basis.

TRUSTEES' ANNUAL REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2024 (Continued)

Objectives and Activities

a. Policies and objectives

The main area of benefits shall be the Counties of Cheshire, Cleveland, Cumbria, Durham, Greater Manchester, Humberside, Lancashire, Merseyside, Northumberland, North Yorkshire, South Yorkshire, Tyne and Wear and West Yorkshire.

b. Strategies for achieving objectives

The Trustees take all reasonable steps to fully enquire into the circumstances arising from the request of support including the financial circumstances. Usually home visits where possible are undertaken to review matters with the applicants and reports are obtained from relevant medical, school or other third parties who can provide supporting evidence and information.

c. Activities for achieving objectives

The Charity makes use of the considerable knowledge and contacts available to it from its Trustee membership to ensure that relevant support needs are brought to the attention of the Charity. As the demand for funding exceeds the supply of funds available to the Charity, it is able to choose those projects and posts that most closely match its objectives.

d. Grant making policies

The Charity currently offers support in the form of contributions towards school fees, school clothing etc. Invariably the need for support arises through the premature death or severe illness of the major breadwinner, or the break-up of the family unit. The financial circumstances of the family are fully enquired into by the Trustees before an award is made.

Financial activity

During the year grants totalling £69023 were awarded to 29 individual beneficiaries.

The Trust's capital funds have been invested in a portfolio of special and wider range securities. There were revaluation loss on investments during the year of £(39060) representing 1.95% of the market value at 31st December 2024.

Statement of Trustees' Responsibilities

The Trustees are responsible for preparing the Annual Report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice.

The Trustees are required to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the Trust and of the Statement of Financial Activities of the Trust for that period. In preparing those financial statements the Trustees are required to:

- Select suitable accounting policies and then apply consistently;
- Make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent; and
- Prepare the financial statements on the ongoing concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the Trust will continue to operate.

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The Trustees are responsible for keeping proper records which disclose the reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the Trust. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the Trust and hence for taking reasonable steps for prevention of and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

On behalf of the Trustees



~~A. Waugh~~ J. Cockburn.
Trustee

Date 23/6/25

NORTHERN COUNTIES CHILDREN'S BENEVOLENT SOCIETY

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF NORTHERN COUNTIES
CHILDREN'S BENEVOLENT SOCIETY

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the Northern Counties Children's Benevolent Society for the year ended 31st December 2024.

This report is made solely to the Trust's Trustees, as a body, in accordance with part 4 of the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008. My work has been undertaken so that I might state to the Trust's Trustees those matters I am required to state to them in an Independent Examiner's report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, I do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the Trust and the Trustees as a body, for my work or for this report.

RESPONSIBILITIES AND BASIS OF REPORT

As the charity trustees of the Trust you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ('the Act').

I 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 I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S STATEMENT

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

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the Trust as required by section 130 of the Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records; or
3. 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 fair and 'true view' which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

I 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.

Derek Reah

REAH & McBRIDE, Certified Accountants

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Sunderland
SR6 0QA

Date:

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2024

	<u>Notes</u>	<u>Income Fund</u>	<u>Endowment Fund</u>	<u>Total Funds 2024</u>	<u>Total Funds 2023</u>
INCOME					
Income					
Donations and legacies					
Sir John Priestman Charity Trust		5000	-	5000	-
Trustees of the late J S Frazer		1000	-	1000	1000
Trustees of Melville Weir deceased		10000	-	10000	-
Donations		240	-	240	240
Charles Arch Thorpe Trust		-	-	-	146815
Investment income					
Dividends		92134	-	92134	100504
Bank interest		963	-	963	1152
TOTAL INCOME		109337	-	109337	249711
EXPENDITURE					
Investment management fees		8217	-	8217	5655
Charitable activities					
Education and clothing grants		69023	-	69023	126951
Support costs		7835	-	7835	7493
Governance costs		912	-	912	888
Other resources expended	2.	1872	-	1872	1872
		79642	-	79642	137204
TOTAL EXPENDITURE		87859	-	87859	142859
NET (EXPENDITURE) BEFORE GAINS/LOSSES ON INVESTMENTS		21478	-	21478	106852
Gains/(losses) on investments		(3750)	(35310)	(39060)	(7437)
NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE) AND MOVEMENT IN FUNDS		17728	(35310)	(17582)	99415
TOTAL FUNDS AT 1ST JANUARY 2024		257111	1706458	1963569	1864154
TOTAL FUNDS AT 31ST DECEMBER 2024		274839	1671148	1945987	1963569

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BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31ST DECEMBER 2024

Notes

		<u>2024</u>	<u>2023</u>
FIXED INVESTMENTS			
Investments at market value	4.	1999559	2035833
CURRENT ASSETS			
Short term deposits		-	4183
Cash at bank		39959	36533
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		39959	40716
		-----	-----
LIABILITIES: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR		5592	888
		-----	-----
NET CURRENT ASSETS		34367	39828
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES		-----	-----
		2033926	2075661
LIABILITIES			
Deferred grants payable		87939	112092
NET ASSETS		-----	-----
		1945987	1963569
		=====	=====
INCOME FUND			
Unrestricted	5.	274839	257111
CAPITAL FUND			
Endowment	6.	1671148	1706458
		-----	-----
		1945987	1963569
		=====	=====

Approved by the Board of Trustees on

..... *J. Cockburn* *A. Waugh* *J. Cockburn*
 Trustee

..... *GMM* Mrs G M Mackie
 Secretary

The notes on pages 9 to 11 form part of these accounts

NORTHERN COUNTIES CHILDREN'S BENEVOLENT SOCIETY
NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AT 31ST DECEMBER 2024

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

1.1 Accounting convention

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention, with items recognised at cost unless otherwise stated in the relevant notes. The financial statements 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, the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in United Kingdom and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102), the Charities Act 2011 and UK Generally Accepted Practice as it applies from 1 January 2015.

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

The financial statements have been prepared to give a 'true and fair' view and have departed from the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 only to the extent required to provide a 'true and fair view'. This departure has involved following 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 rather than the Accounting and Reporting by Charities; Statement of Recommended Practice effective from 1 April 2005 which has since been withdrawn.

1.2 Fund accounting

General funds are unrestricted funds which are available for use at the discretion of the trustees in furtherance of the general objectives of the charity and which have not been designated for other purposes.

Designated funds comprise unrestricted funds that have been set aside by the trustees for particular purposes. The aim and use of each designated fund is set out in the notes to the financial statements.

Restricted funds are funds which are to be used in accordance with specific restrictions imposed by donors or which have been raised by the charity for particular purposes. The costs of raising and administering such funds are charged against the specific fund. The aim and use of each restricted fund is set out in notes to the financial statements.

Investment income, gains and losses are allocated to the appropriate fund.

1.3 Investments

Investments are valued at market value on 31st December 2024. The statement of financial activities includes the net gains and losses arising on revaluation throughout the year.

1.4 Incoming and expenditure

Income from investments is credited on a receipts basis. Expenditure is charged on an accruals basis.

Grants payable are:

- Agreed grants paid during the year
- Agreed grants which have not been paid which are payable on the satisfaction of a condition on the part of the grantee which has not been satisfied.

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AT 31ST DECEMBER 2024 (Continued)

1.5 Support costs

Secretarial fees are apportioned between Support Costs and administration.

1.6 Governance costs

Governance costs comprise all cost involving public accountability of the Charity and its compliance with regulations and good practice. These costs include cost related to statutory audit or examination and legal fees.

1.7 Realised gains and losses

All gains and losses are taken to the statement of financial activities as they arise. Realised gains and losses on investments are calculated as the difference between sales proceeds and opening market value (purchase date if later). Unrealised gains and losses are calculated as the difference between the market value at the year end and opening market value (or purchase date if later). Realised and unrealised gains are not separated in the Statement of Financial Activities.

1.8 Cash flow statement

The Trustees have taken advantage of the exemption conferred by FRSI to dispense with the requirement to prepare a cash flow statement on the grounds that the trust qualifies as a small entity.

2. Other resources expended

	<u>2024</u>	<u>2023</u>
Secretarial	1872	1872
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3. Transfer between funds

During the year monies have been transferred from the endowment to the income fund to enable an increase in the level of support provided as grants.

4. Investments

	<u>2024</u>	<u>2023</u>
Market value at 1st January 2024	2035833	1885435
Increase in investments	2786	157835
Net investment gains/(losses) (unrealised)	(31290)	4571
Net investment gains/ (losses) (realised)	(7770)	(12008)
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Market value at 31st December 2024	1999559	2035833
	=====	=====
Cost at 31st December 2024	1842671	1942728
	=====	=====

5. Unrestricted funds

	<u>2024</u>	<u>2023</u>
General fund	264383	246655
Adamson Memorial Fund	5866	5866
Adamson Memorial Chapel Fund	4590	4590
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	274839	257111
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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AT 31ST DECEMBER 2024 (Continued)

6. Permanent endowment

The permanent endowment fund was established under a scheme approved by the Charity Commissioners on 18th September 1980. The income of the fund is available for general purposes.

7. Reconciliation of funds for the year ended 31st December 2024

	<u>Unrestricted funds</u>	<u>Permanent endowment</u>	<u>Total</u>
At 1st January 2024	257111	1706458	1963569
Net movements of resources in year	17728	(35310)	(17582)
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Balance carried forward at 31st December 2024	274839	1671148	1945987
	=====	=====	=====
Represented by:			
Investments	328411	1671148	1999559
Net current assets	34367	-	34367
Deferred grants payable	(87939)	-	(87939)
	-----	-----	-----
	274839	1671148	1945987
	=====	=====	=====