

NORTHUMBERLAND AND NEWCASTLE SOCIETY

England & Wales · Charity number 247885

Details

Status Registered

Legal form Other

Company number [05528804](#)

Registered 1966-05-09

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

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Activities

Objects: PROMOTION OF A WIDER CONCERN FOR THE BEAUTY, HISTORICAL INTEREST, AMENITY, HEALTHFULNESS AND DEVELOPMENT OF THE COUNTY OF NORTHUMBERLAND AND THE METROPOLITAN DISTRICTS OF NEWCASTLE UPON TYNE AND NORTH TYNESIDE IN THE COUNTY OF TYNE AND WEAR

Activities: Reviewing local planning proposals and submitting views. Attending consultation meetings and public hearings where appropriate. Presenting slide shows to interested parties. Arranging visits to places of historical and/or environmental interest. Publishing a quarterly journal "City and County". Campaigning as deemed necessary to protect landscape and heritage

Classification

- **How:** Provides Advocacy/advice/information, Sponsors Or Undertakes Research, Acts As An Umbrella Or Resource Body
- **What:** Education/training, Arts/culture/heritage/science, Environment/conservation/heritage
- **Who:** The General Public/mankind

Geography

- **Area of benefit:** SEE OBJECTS
- Newcastle Upon Tyne City
- North Tyneside
- Northumberland

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-12-31	£23,831	£32,939	-	-
2024-12-31	£46,304	£40,034	-	-
2023-12-31	£32,579	£34,525	-	-
2022-12-31	£12,550	£45,818	-	-
2021-12-31	£28,697	£21,828	-	-
2020-12-31	£49,971	£64,141	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
John Watson Matthews	Chair	2019-05-21
Alan Toby Hedworth KC		
Catherine Emma Newlands		2021-10-12
Tim Wickens		2021-10-12

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Accounts

Northumberland and Newcastle Society

(A Company Limited by Guarantee)

Trustees Report and Financial Statements
For The Year Ended 31 December 2024

Charity No. 247885
Company Registration No. 05528804

Legal and Administrative Information

Name: **Northumberland and Newcastle Society**

Reg'd Charity No: 247885

Company No. 5528804

Trustees:

Mr J W Matthews (Chairman)

Mr A T Hedworth (Vice-Chairman)

Mr T Wickens

Mrs C E Newlands

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Examiner:

Mark Thompson MAAT

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Trustees' Annual Report
For the year ended 31 December 2024

Objectives and activities

The objective of the Society is the continued promotion of the areas within our remit to encourage an appreciation of the beauty, heritage interest, and community value of the natural and built environment within the County of Northumberland, City and County of Newcastle and the Metropolitan Borough of North Tyneside. During the year, the Society has delivered a full programme of activities for its members in fulfilment of its stated objectives.

Achievements and Performance

The Society has continued to monitor planning applications, attend planning inspectorates, and engage in consultation with other agencies regarding restoration work to heritage assets and new developments especially those within conservation areas seeking to promote good sustainable and empathetic design.

To celebrate our centenary year, the Society held a well-attended celebratory garden party at Kirkharle in the heart of Northumberland and successfully published a book, "Our City our County, An Anthology, A Celebration of the first 100 years of the Northumberland and Newcastle Society". This would not have been possible without the generous financial support from our membership.

Financial review

The trustees' policy is to maintain the Society's funds at a sufficient level to meet ongoing commitments with an adequate balance in reserve to meet contingencies. We also investigate and source additional funding opportunities as required for specific projects.

Matters pertaining to the Companies Act 2006

For the year ending 31 December 2024 the company was entitled to exemption from audit under section 447 of the Companies Act 2006. The members have not required the company to obtain an audit in accordance with section 476 of the Companies Act 2006. The directors acknowledge their responsibility for complying with the requirements of the Act with respect to accounting records and for the preparation of accounts.

Signed:....., on behalf of Trustees

Print name:

Date:.....

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT

Report to the
trustees of

Northumberland and Newcastle Society

On accounts for
the year ended

31 December 2024

Charity no 247885

**Respective
responsibilities of
trustees and
examiner**

The trustees of the organisation are responsible for the preparation of accounts; they consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144(2) of the Charities Act 2011 and that an Independent Examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to

- examine the accounts (under section 145 of the 2011 Act),
- follow the procedures laid down in the General Directions given by the Charity Commission (under section 145(5)(b) of the Act), and
- state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

**Basis of
independent
examiner's
statement**

My examination was carried out in accordance with General Directions given by the Charity Commissioners. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from the trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently I do not express an audit opinion on the accounts.

**Independent
examiner's
statement**

In the course of my examination, no matter has come to my attention:

1. which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in, any material respect, the trustees have not met the requirements to ensure that:
 - proper accounting records are kept (in accordance with section 41 of the Act); and
 - accounts are prepared which agree with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the Act; or
2. to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Signed:



3rd March 2025

Name:

Mark Thompson MAAT

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Northumberland and Newcastle Society

Statement of Financial Activities for the year ended 31 December 2024

		Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total Funds	Total Funds
Income		2024	2024	2024	2023
				£	£
Donations & Legacies	4	34393		34393	25444
Other Trading Activities		10897		10897	4302
Investment income		1014		1014	2833
Total Income		46304	0	46304	32579
Expenditure					
Fundraising Costs				0	0
Charitable Activities	5	40034		40034	34525
Total Expenditure		40034	0	40034	34525
Surplus / deficit for the year		6270	0	6270	-1946
Transfer between Funds				0	0
Funds at 1 January 2024		28039	0	28039	29985
Funds at 31 December 2024		34309	0	34309	28039

**Northumberland and Newcastle Society
Balance Sheet as at 31 December 2024**

	2024	2023
	£	£
Fixed Assets	0	0
Current Assets		
Investments	13749	22736
Cash at Bank & in Hand	9681	2743
Debtor	7051	2841
Stock of books	6228	0
Total Current Assets	<u>36709</u>	<u>28320</u>
Current Liabilities	2400	281
Net Current Assets	34309	28039
Creditors: amounts due more than one year		
Net Assets at 31 December 2024	<u><u>34309</u></u>	<u><u>28039</u></u>
Represented By:		
Restricted Funds		
Unrestricted Funds	34309	28039
	<u><u>34309</u></u>	<u><u>28039</u></u>

For the year ending 31/12/2024 the company was entitled to exemption from audit under section 477 of the Companies Act 2006 relating to small companies.

Directors responsibilities:

a) The members have not required the company to obtain an audit of its accounts for the year in question in accordance with section 476, of the Companies Act 2006

b) The directors acknowledge their responsibilities for complying with the requirements of the Act with respect to accounting records and for the preparation of accounts.

c) The accounts have been prepared in accordance with the special provisions of the Companies Act relating to small companies.

Signed Position

Print Name.....

Date

Northumberland and Newcastle Society

Notes to the accounts, 2024

1. Basis of accounts

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Northumberland and Newcastle Society meets the definition of a public benefit entity under FRS 102. Assets and liabilities are initially recognised at historical cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant accounting policy note(s).

2. Trustees and Staff

No Trustees were remunerated or received expenses payments.

Total Salary Costs	£ 21,446
Average no of staff was	1

3. Costs of financial services

The cost for the Independent Examination for the financial period will be £220.

4. Donations & Legacies

Unrestricted:

Individual subscription	7560
Business subscription	560
Group subscription	485
Donations	20095
Gift Aid Claim	5693

Total Donations & Legacies	34393
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5. Charitable Activities:

Administrator	21446
Rent & Electricity	2618
Insurance	342
Event Expenses	4719
City & County Magazine	3862
Marketing	0
Professional Fees	220
Computer Expenses	443
Telephone Expenses	1201
Office and Sundry Expenses	5183

Total Charitable Activities	40034
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Charity no 1106223

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Signed:



11th March 2024

Name:
Address:

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Income		2023	2023	2023	2022
				£	£
Donations & Legacies	4	25444		25444	15642
Other Trading Activities		4302		4302	1221
Investment income		2833		2833	-4313
Total Income		32579	0	32579	12550
Expenditure					
Fundraising Costs				0	0
Charitable Activities	5	34525		34525	45818
Total Expenditure		34525	0	34525	45818
Surplus / deficit for the year		-1946	0	-1946	-33268
Transfer between Funds				0	0
Funds at 1 January 2023		29985	0	29985	63253
Funds at 31 December 2023		28039	0	28039	29985

Northumberland and Newcastle Society
Balance Sheet as at 31 December 2023

	2023	2022
	£	£
Fixed Assets	0	0
Current Assets		
Investments	22736	25902
Cash at Bank & in Hand	2743	1547
Debtor	2841	3622
Total Current Assets	<u>28320</u>	<u>31071</u>
Current Liabilities	281	1086
Net Current Assets	28039	29985
Creditors: amounts due more than one year		
Net Assets at 31 December 2023	<u><u>28039</u></u>	<u><u>29985</u></u>
Represented By:		
Restricted Funds		
Unrestricted Funds	28039	29985
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2. Trustees and Staff

No Trustees were remunerated or received expenses payments.

Total Salary Costs	£ 17,595
Average no of staff was	1

3. Costs of financial services

The cost for the Independent Examination for the financial period will be £220.

4. Donations & Legacies

Unrestricted:

Individual subscription	7760
Business subscription	530
Group subscription	595
Donations	14673
Gift Aid Claim	1886

Total Donations & Legacies	25444
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5. Charitable Activities:

Administrator	17595
Rent & Electricity	2636
Insurance	292
Event Expenses	2821
City & County Magazine	3904
Marketing	2356
Professional Fees	1840
Computer Expenses	426
Telephone Expenses	832
Office and Sundry Expenses	1823

Total Charitable Activities	34525
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NORTHUMBERLAND & NEWCASTLE SOCIETY

Balance sheet as at 31 December 2021

	2021		2020	
	£	£	£	£
Investments				
COIF Charities Investment Fund		43,714		37,301
Fixed Assets				
Kielder Viaduct				
Cost		1		1
Equipment				
Cost	3,020		3,020	
Depreciation	- 3,020		- 2,951	
		0		69
		43,715		37,371
Current Assets				
Debtors	7,055		9,351	
Cash at Bank and In Hand	13,830		10,917	
	20,885		20,268	
Current Liabilities				
Creditors	1,347		1,255	
Net Current Assets		19,538		19,013
Net Assets		63,253		56,384
Financed By				
Accumulated Fund:				
Balance at 1 January	50,906		38,967	
Surplus for the Year	4,820		11,939	
		55,726		50,906
NEPG Fund:				
Balance at 1 January	5,478		31,587	
Surplus/ (Deficit) for the Year	2,049		- 26,109	
		7,527		5,478
		63,253		56,384

These accounts are a summary of the statutory accounts prepared by Mr Mark Thompson, Independent Examiner, which are available on request

NORTHUMBERLAND & NEWCASTLE SOCIETY

Income and expenditure account for the Year Ended 31 December 2021

	2021		2020		
	£	£	£	£	£
Income					
Individual subscriptions	8,113		9,428		
Business subscriptions	600		420		
Group subscriptions	690		795		
Donations	5,935		1,823		
NEPG	5,049		18,113		
Legacy	0		10,000		
Income Tax Rebate	1,916		1,628		
	22,303		42,207		
Interest Received		1		5	
Surplus on Events		548		153	
Increase in investment		6,413		2,724	
Advertising		690		690	
Grants received		2,875		3,010	
Other income		0		51	
		31,450		48,840	
Expenses					
Secretariat	12,885		11,537		
Pension Costs	199		160		
Postage and Stationery	123		209		
Telephone	720		586		
Rent and Electricity	2,664		2,602		
Insurance	281		209		
Subscriptions	97		97		
City and County	3,198		2,060		
NEPG	3,000		44,222		
Sundry Expenses	1,345		1,119		
Depreciation	69		209		
		24,581		63,010	
		6,869		-	14,170
Transfer to NEPG Fund		-		26,109	
		2,049		11,939	
Surplus for the Year		4,820		11,939	