

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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Independent

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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Statement of Financial Activities for the year ended 31 December 2024

		Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total Funds	Total Funds
		2024	2024	2024	2023
Income				£	£
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

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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	36709	28320
Current Liabilities	2400	281
Net Current Assets	34309	28039
Creditors: amounts due more than one year		
Net Assets at 31 December 2024	34309	28039
Represented By:		
Restricted Funds		
Unrestricted Funds	34309	28039
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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

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2015) – Charities SORP (FRS 102), the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) and the Companies Act 2006

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

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