

REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES AND
FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 OCTOBER 2024
FOR
PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF WEST KENT
CHARITY FUND

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REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES
For The Year Ended 31 October 2024

The Trustees present their report with the financial statements of the Charity for the year ended 31 October 2024.

REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS

Registered Charity number

289866

Principal address

Oakley House
Bromley Common
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Trustees

M S Vos

Trustee

R C Grove

Trustee

P B Woodman

Trustee

A P L Fermor

Trustee

P Sawyer

Ex Officio – Provincial **Grand Treasurer**

Independent examiner

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STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

Governing document

The Provincial Grand Lodge of West Kent Charity Fund is constituted by Trust Deed.

Recruitment and appointment of new Trustees

The appointment of Trustees is governed by the Trust Deed of the Charity.

Induction and training of new Trustees

The Board of Trustees keeps the skill requirements for the Trustee Body under review. Training expenses are provided for new Trustees together with an induction pack comprising a copy of the governing Trust Deed, a copy of last year's annual report and accounts, copies of board minutes and a copy of the Charity Commission's guidance - "The Essential Trustee"

Organisational structure

The day-to-day management of the Charity is vested in the Provincial Grand Charity Committee appointed in accordance with the Trust Deed

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STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

Charity Committee

Steve Rozier (Chair), David Stock (Secretary), Tim Perrin, Kieron Lockyer, Martin Eggleton, Eric Lewis, Ian McKinnon, Peter Hayler and Peter Sawyer (Provincial Grand Treasurer)

Risk management

The Trustees have a duty to identify and review the risks to which the Charity is exposed and to ensure appropriate controls are in place to provide reasonable assurance against fraud and error. The Trustees have examined the major strategic, business and operational risks which the Charity faces and confirm that the systems have been established to enable regular reports to be produced so that the necessary steps can be taken to lessen these risks.

OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

Objectives and aims

The objectives of the Trust are to provide grants to any Masonic or other Charity and to deserving cases in the Province and the local community. The policy of the Charity Fund is to continue to raise funds necessary to enable it to meet its objectives.

Grant making policies

The Charity Committee has power to make grants to any Masonic or other Charity and to deserving cases in the Province. The total grants to any one recipient shall not normally exceed £10,000 in any twelve months and such grants shall be approved at the next meeting of Provincial Grand Lodge.

ACHIEVEMENT AND PERFORMANCE

Charitable activities

Investment income of £38,202 was received from assets managed by Quilter Cheviot and bank deposit interest. Additionally, £11,536 was generated from per capita donations, honours and voluntary donations. A total of £119,435 was donated in support of worthy charities, with an additional £2,899 being incurred for investment management and governance costs.

Investment performance

Annual portfolio performance, including income, showed a return of 16.3% against a benchmark return of 18.1%, with an annual yield of 2.85%. During the fiscal year world markets remained somewhat volatile resulting in the portfolio of assets suffering negative annual performance. Our investment strategy is medium risk with the aim to achieve capital growth, as well as significant income to meet our charitable donations. In uncertain times negative performance will occur, however our portfolio is invested for the long term. The Trustees of the Provincial Charity Fund recently met with the Fund Managers and are satisfied with their explanation and views on the future investment strategy for the Quilter Charity Fund, in which our assets are now invested. Total assets under management at the end of October 2024 was £1,270,366.

FINANCIAL REVIEW

Reserves policy

It is the policy of the Charity to maintain funds at a level to be able to respond to appropriate applications, which arise from time to time. The Charity also aims to maintain approximately £1 million in an investment portfolio in order to provide sufficient annual income to enable it to make charitable grants to public charities and community projects and to support appeals for funds following any emergency, which may occur in the local or wider community.

Investment policy and objectives

The investment portfolio is managed by Quilter Cheviot Investment Managers with the aim of generating sustainable income that will support donations made.

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Statement of Trustees' Responsibilities

The Trustees are responsible for preparing the Trustees' report and the financial statements in accordance with the United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice) and applicable law and regulations.

The law applicable to charities requires the Trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the Charity and of the incoming resources and application of resources of the Charity for that period. In preparing these financial statements, the Trustees are required to:

- • select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- • observe the methods and principles in the Charities SORP;
- • make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- • state whether applicable accounting standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements; and
- • prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in business.

The Trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records that disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the Charity and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011, the applicable Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations, and the provisions of the constitution. The Trustees are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the Charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

The annual report was approved by the Trustees of the Charity on 14th February 2025 and signed on its behalf by:

.....
P Sawyer – Provincial Grand Treasurer

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF
PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF WEST KENT
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I report on the accounts for the year ended 31 October 2024 set out on pages five to ten.

Respective responsibilities of Trustees and Examiner

The Charity's Trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The Charity's Trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year (under Section 144(2) of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act)) and that an independent examination is required.

It is my responsibility to:

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

Basis of the independent examiner's report

My examination was carried out in accordance with the General Directions given by the Charity Commission. 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 you as Trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a 'true and fair view' and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statements below.

Independent examiner's statement

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention:

- (1) which gives me reasonable cause to believe that, in any material respect, the requirements
- to keep accounting records in accordance with Section 130 of the 2011 Act; and
 - to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and to comply with the accounting requirements of the 2011 Act

have not been met; or

- (2) to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Peter O'Donnell FCA
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Date: 14th February 2025

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STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
For The Year Ended 31 October 2024

		31.10.24 £	31.10.23 £
INCOMING RESOURCES	Notes		
Voluntary income			
Legacies received		-	-
Donations		492	268
Craft Honours		1,684	1,575
Per Capita Contributions		<u>9,360</u>	<u>9,616</u>
	2	<u>11,536</u>	<u>11,459</u>
Investment income			
Dividend Received		34,352	45,348
Deposit account interest		769	411
Other Interest Receivable		<u>3,081</u>	<u>1,933</u>
	3	<u>38,202</u>	<u>47,692</u>
Total incoming resources		49,738	59,151
RESOURCES EXPENDED			
Charitable activities			
Wheelchair Maintenance		80	-
Provincial Charitable Donations		76,344	41,602
Almoners Fund Grants		390	800
Prostate Cancer initiative		3,772	5,555
Legacy donations		<u>38,849</u>	<u>33,000</u>
		119,435	80,957
Independent Examiners Fee	5	1,482	1,782
Investment Management Costs	4	<u>1,417</u>	<u>8,369</u>
Total resources expended		<u>122,334</u>	<u>91,108</u>
Net income/(expenditure) before gains / losses		(72,596)	(31,957)
Realised Gains/(Losses) on Investments		201,099	(7,398)
Unrealised Gains/(losses) on Investments		<u>(54,668)</u>	<u>(54,715)</u>
Net movement in Funds		73,835	(94,070)
Funds brought forward		<u>1,307,410</u>	<u>1,401,480</u>
Funds carried forward		<u><u>1,381,245</u></u>	<u><u>1,307,410</u></u>

The notes form part of these financial statements

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BALANCE SHEET
At 31 October 2024

	Notes	31.10.24 £	31.10.23 £
FIXED ASSETS			
Investments	8	1,270,366	1,125,354
CURRENT ASSETS			
Debtors		10,864	15,328
Grand Charity Relief Chest	9	35,396	63,815
Cash at bank and in hand		65,819	104,113
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		112,079	183,256
CREDITORS			
Amounts falling due within one year	10	<hr/> 1,200	<hr/> 1,200
NET CURRENT ASSETS		<hr/> 110,879	<hr/> 182,056
TOTAL NET ASSET		<hr/> <u>1,381,245</u>	<hr/> <u>1,307,410</u>
		<hr/>	<hr/>
TOTAL FUNDS	11	<hr/> <u>1,381,245</u>	<hr/> <u>1,307,410</u>

The financial statements were approved by the Board of Trustees on 14th February 2025 and were signed on its behalf by:

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R C Grove - Trustee

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P B Woodman - Trustee

The notes form part of these financial statements

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
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1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Statement of compliance

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 Charities Act 2011.

Basis of preparation

Provincial Grand Lodge of West Kent 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 notes.

Exemption from preparing a cash flow statement

The Charity opted to early adopt Bulletin 1 published on 2 February 2016 and have therefore not included a cash flow statement in these financial statements.

Going concern

The Trustees consider that there are no material uncertainties about the Charity's ability to continue as a going concern.

Incoming resources

All incoming resources are included on the Statement of Financial Activities when the Charity is legally entitled to the income and the amount can be quantified with reasonable accuracy.

Resources Expended

Expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis and has been classified under headings that aggregate all costs related to the category. Where costs cannot be directly attributed to particular headings, they have been allocated to activities on a basis consistent with the use of resources.

Grants offered subject to conditions which have not been met at the year-end date are noted as a commitment but not accrued as expenditure.

Stock

Stock is valued at the lower of cost and estimated selling price less costs to complete and sell, after due regard for obsolete and slow-moving stocks. Cost is determined using the first-in, first-out (FIFO).

Taxation

The Charity is considered to pass the tests set out in Paragraph 1 Schedule 6 of the Finance Act 2010 and therefore it meets the definition of a charitable company for UK corporation tax purposes. Accordingly, the Charity is potentially exempt from taxation in respect of income or capital gains received within categories covered by Chapter 3 Part 11 of the Corporation Tax Act 2010 or Section 256 of the Taxation of Chargeable Gains Act 1992, to the extent that such income or gains are applied exclusively to charitable purposes.

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2. VOLUNTARY INCOME	31.10.24	31.10.23
	£	£
Donations and legacies	2,176	1,843
Per Capita Contributions	<u>9,360</u>	<u>9,616</u>
	<u>11,536</u>	<u>11,459</u>
3. INVESTMENT INCOME	31.10.24	31.10.23
	£	£
Dividend Received	34,352	45,348
Deposit account interest	769	411
Other Interest Receivable	<u>3,081</u>	<u>1,933</u>
	<u>38,202</u>	<u>47,692</u>
4. INVESTMENT MANAGEMENT COSTS	31.10.24	31.10.23
	£	£
Support costs	<u>1,417</u>	<u>8,369</u>
5. GOVERNANCE COSTS	31.10.24	31.10.23
	£	£
Independent Examiner's fee	<u>1,482</u>	<u>1,782</u>
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6. Taxation

The Charity is a registered charity and is therefore exempt from taxation.

7. TRUSTEES' REMUNERATION AND BENEFITS

There were no Trustees' remuneration or other benefits for the year ended 31 October 2024 nor for the year ended 31 October 2023.

Trustees' expenses

There were no Trustees' expenses paid for the year ended 31 October 2024 nor for the year ended 31 October 2023.

8. FIXED ASSET INVESTMENTS

	Listed investments £
MARKET VALUE	
At 1 November 2023	1,125,354
Additions	1,192,731
Disposals	(888,674)
Revaluations	<u>(159,045)</u>
At 31 October 2024	<u>1,270,366</u>
NET BOOK VALUE	
At 31 October 2024	<u>1,270,366</u>
At 31 October 2023	<u>1,125,354</u>

There were no investment assets outside the UK.

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9. GRAND CHARITY RELIEF CHEST

During the year, donations to the Provincial Grand Charity Relief Chest were made and expended as follows:-

	31.10.24	31.10.23
Opening balance	63,815	61,048
Receipts:		
Donation	500	-
Prostate Initiative		1,964
Gift Aid		365
	<u>500</u>	<u>2,329</u>
Donations:		
Provincial Charitable Donations	32,000	1,495
	<u>32,000</u>	<u>1,495</u>
Interest received:	<u>3,081</u>	<u>1,933</u>
Closing balance	<u><u>35,396</u></u>	<u><u>63,815</u></u>

10. CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

	31.10.24	31.10.23
	£	£
Other creditors	<u>1,200</u>	<u>1,200</u>

11. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS

	Balance 01.11.23 £	Net movement in funds £	Balance 31.10.24 £
Total funds			
General fund	1,268,606	112,639	1,381,245
Legacy fund	<u>38,804</u>	<u>(38,804)</u>	<u>-</u>
TOTAL FUNDS	<u><u>1,307,410</u></u>	<u><u>73,835</u></u>	<u><u>1,381,245</u></u>