

# Grand Royal Arch Purple Chapter of Ireland Benevolent Fund

Northern Ireland · Charity number 100650

## Details

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**Status** Received

**Registered** 2014-11-05

**Register** [View on the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland register](#)

## Contact

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## Activities

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**Purposes:** The Charity is established: (1) for the relief of those in need by reason of youth, age, ill health, disability, financial hardship or other disadvantage of people living in Ireland (the area of benefit) through the provision of financial assistance; (2) the advancement of education of young people in the area of benefit through the provision of grants and bursaries; (3) to further such other purposes that are charitable under the law of Northern Ireland as the trustees in their absolute discretion from time to time determine.

**What the charity does:** The advancement of education, The relief of those in need by reason of youth, age, ill-health, disability, financial hardship or other disadvantage

**How the charity works:** Advice/advocacy/information, Disability, Education/training, Grant making, Heritage/historical, Medical/health/sickness, Overseas aid/famine relief, Relief of poverty, Religious activities, Welfare/benevolent, Youth development

**Who the charity helps:** Adult training, Carers, General public, Learning disabilities, Men, Mental health, Older people, Physical disabilities, Sensory disabilities, Unemployed/low income, Voluntary and community sector, Women, Youth (14-25 year olds)

## Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-11-30	£156,505	£124,684	£0	0

## Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
David Scott		
John Clarke		
John Richardson		
Val Young		

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# Accounts

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# Grand Royal Arch Purple Chapter of Ireland

## Benevolent Fund

Charity Reference No. XN75275  
Northern Ireland Charity No.- NIC100650

John Richardson J.P.  
Treasurer  
"The Halt"

1 Harwood Gardens  
Carrickfergus  
BT38 7US



## TRUSTEES REPORT Dec 2025

The purpose of the charity is the relief of those in need by reason of youth, age, ill health, disability, financial hardship or other disadvantage through the provision of financial assistance by way of grants. The availability of such grants are by application through an Ireland wide network of Fund Representatives.

The Trustees at the time of this report are John Richardson, Val Young, Robert John Clarke and David Scott, there are therefore 4 Trustees.

The Benevolent Fund continues to address a wide number of requests for assistance, during the year under review 1st December 2024...30th November 2025 dispersed some £122250 in Grants to over 491 recipients ranging from death grants, educational bursaries, aid to flood victims, and aid to missionary and other agencies, worldwide. All within the public arena and within the parameters of Public Benefit. Evidence as to the helpful nature of these grants is by way of positive response from recipients.

The Trustees are conversant with the requirements of the Charity Commission Public Benefit rules and fully comply. Grand Royal Arch Purple Chapter of Ireland Benevolent Fund continues to derive satisfactory income from donations [public services] membership subscriptions and general donations.

A portfolio is under management of Rathbones Ltd and the income derived from these investments provides sufficient resources to address grant applications. The trustees are content to work within the parameters of income without drawing upon capital. Income for the year under review was £156505.23

No charity funds are in deficit nor would the Charity Trustees embark on any exercise which would place assets at risk

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'John Richardson', written over a white background.

J Richardson J.P.  
Trustee

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The Benevolent Fund continues to address a wide number of requests for assistance, during the year under review 1st December 2023...30th November 2024 dispersed some £114650 in Grants to over 488 recipients ranging from death grants, educational bursaries, aid to flood victims, and aid to missionary and other agencies, worldwide. All within the public arena and within the parameters of Public Benefit. Evidence as to the helpful nature of these grants is by way of positive response from recipients.

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# Annual return

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**Independent Examiner's Report**

**To**

**R Thiepval Young**

**Grand Registrar**

**Trustees of Grand Royal Arch Purple Chapter of Ireland Benevolent Fund**

I have carried out an independent examination of the accounts of Grand Royal Arch Purple Chapter of Ireland Benevolent Fund for the year ended 30<sup>th</sup> November 2024 as required under section 65 of the Charity Act and in accordance with the general directions given by the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland under section 65 (9) b of the Charities Act and submit the following report.

Given that your accounts show an income under £250,000, I have carried out my analysis on the basis of the accounts being Receipts and Payments and can confirm that all vouching documentation such as invoices, receipts and correspondence are complete and in order.

All transactions shown in the accounts has met the accounting and reporting regulations under section 65 of the Charities Act, and I am satisfied that the Trustees Annual Report is consistent with my analysis of the accounts.

My examination has also raised no concerns in respect of compliance with the accounting requirements of the Charities Act and no further information is required for a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached, so I am happy that the accounts are consistent with the standard required by the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland.

In conclusion, I have found no matters that require further attention and would thank the Trustees for their cooperation during my examinations.

Name: Dr Nevin Hamilton

Qualification: Retired Medical Doctor

Address: 3 Rockport Park

Londonderry

Date: 10<sup>th</sup> December 2024

Signed: 

**Grand Royal Arch Purple Chapter of Ireland Benevolent Fund**

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# Accounts

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**GRAND ROYAL ARCH PURPLE CHAPTER OF IRELAND  
BENEVOLENT FUND**

**INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 NOVEMBER 2023**

<b>INCOME</b>		
Membership Contributions	£ 83,621.00	£ 114,250.00
Church Services	£ 8,413.16	£ 2,400.00
Donations	£ 7,130.15	£ 27.58
Investment Income & Tax Refunds	£ 27,684.74	
Bank Interest	£ 308.95	
	<b>£ 127,158.00</b>	<b>£ 127,158.00</b>
<b>EXPENDITURE</b>		
Grants		£ 114,250.00
Miscellaneous Expenditure		£ 2,400.00
Bank Charges		£ 27.58
		<b>£ 127,158.00</b>
<b>SURPLUS FOR YEAR</b>		
		<b>£ 10,480.42</b>

**BALANCE SHEET AT 30 NOVEMBER 2022**

<b>ASSETS</b>	
Investment's Investec (Cost)	£ 455,000.00
Danske Bank Current Account	£ 58,778.63
	<b>£ 513,778.63</b>
<b>Total Assets represented by Reserve Account</b>	
At 30th November 2022	£ 503,298.21
Add Surplus for Year	£ 10,480.42
	<b>£ 513,778.63</b>

Prepared from books, vouchers and information supplied by Mr John Richardson and certified to agree therewith.

J.S.R.Harcourt. Norman Gray Dr.Nevin Hamilton

12th December 2023

*Nevin Hamilton*  
*Norman Gray*  
*Jodie Harcourt*

value of investments at 30th November 2023 £560,000.00  
Fund has assets in excess of £600,000.00

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# Grand Royal Arch Purple Chapter of Ireland

## Auditors' Report, 2023

At the invitation of the Grand Treasurer the Grand Auditors met with him, to examine the General Account and the Benevolent Fund account of Grand Chapter. The following Auditors examined the records: Bro. John Harcourt, Bro. Norman Gray and Bro. Nevin Hamilton.

All books, vouchers, bank statements and records relating to both funds were made available, the end date for both funds being **30<sup>th</sup> November 2023**.

Following careful scrutiny and cross checking of the income and expenditure for both accounts the auditors agreed that as presented these statements gave a true overview of the standing of both accounts.

The records relating to both accounts and funds have been kept in exemplary manner, clearly and orderly filed, making the checking of individual records easily accessible and the task in hand straightforward. All queries from the auditors were answered to their complete satisfaction.

The auditors note once again that incorrect information is still supplied on some grant applications, making it difficult to process these and leading to delayed grant payments.

The Grand Treasurer is once again to be highly commended for his diligence and work in looking after the accounts and funds and rectifying the many shortcomings.

We would draw the attention of the members of Grand Chapter to the following:  
For the year 2022-2023 the General Account shows a sizable surplus.

The Benevolent Fund account shows that, post Covid, grant applications have reverted to levels of former years compared with previous years. The surplus in this Fund is just over £10,000, this reduction due to increased demands on the Fund. It was noted that a disproportionate number of grants arrived on 29<sup>th</sup> and 30<sup>th</sup> November, this despite Grand Treasurers request at Grand Chapter in Jan 2023

Thankfully income from Church Services has recommenced to previous levels.

The investments have been added to again, the value of which encouragingly have increased despite fears of Brexit and Covid.

The number of acknowledgments from grant recipients in relation to the volume of grants distributed continues to remain disappointingly low.

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## Independent Examiner's Report 2023

**Grand Royal Arch Purple of Ireland**

**Benevolent Fund**

C/o R. Thiepval Young Secretary

2 Brook Green

Carrickfergus

BT38 7TG

To: The Trustees of Grand Royal Arch Purple of Ireland Benevolent Fund

I have carried out an independent examination of the accounts of G.R.A.P.C.I. Benevolent Fund for the year ending 30th November 2023 as required under section 65 of the Charity Act and in accordance with the general directions given by the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland under section 65 (9) b of the Charities Act and submit the following report.

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Name: Dr. Nevin Hamilton  
Qualification: Retired Medical Doctor  
Address: 3 Rockport Park  
Londonderry  
BT47 6JQ

Date: 12th December 2023

Signed:

