

Bangor District Masonic Charity Committee

Masonic Province of Down

Charity Number : 100739

Date Registered 13th February 2015

Accounts and reports for the year ended 31st January 2025

Executive Committee and Officers

Chairman	W. Bro David White
Vice Chairman	W. Bro Matthew Lynch
Secretary	W. Bro Nigel Stanley
Treasurer	W. Bro. Stewart Foster
Gift Aid Treasurer	W. Bro. Stewart Foster

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Annual report and financial statements for the financial year ended 31st January 2025

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Reference and administrative details

Charity Name: Bangor District Masonic Charity Committee

Charity Registration Number: NIC 100739

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149 Donaghadee Road,
Bangor
BT20 4RY

Trustees

Mr David White	Chairman
Mr Matthew Lynch	Vice Chairman
Mr Nigel Stanley	Secretary
Mr Stewart Foster	Treasurer

Principle Office-bearers

Chairman	Mr David White
Secretary	Mr Nigel Stanley
Treasurer	Mr Stewart Foster

Independent Examiner

Mr Diarmuid McNulty
Galwally House
Drumkeen Court
Belfast
BT8 6TB

Bankers

Danske Bank
Bloomfield Shopping Centre
Bangor

Trustees' Annual Report for the year ended 31st January 2025

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The trustees present the Annual Report, Receipts and Payments Account, and Statement of Assets & Liabilities for Bangor District Masonic Charity Committee for the financial year ended 31st January 2025.

Objectives and Activities

The principle function of the Bangor District Masonic Charity Committee is to raise funds through various Masonic lodges situated within the District. By promoting the benefits of fundraising to the lodges, assisting them in their actions by collecting information about potential beneficiaries, identifying other avenues of income for those beneficiaries such as rate rebates and other forms of income support. Through dedicated individuals within each lodge these actions are encouraged.

Achievements, Performance & Public Benefit

The Committee through its respective lodges raise funds which it transfers to respective Masonic Charities with the principle fund being the Down Masonic Widows' Fund who support widows from the District who together received in excess of £20,000 from that Masonic Charity. In addition, the Committee usually host an afternoon tea for all our widows in the The Stables, Groomsport.

Financial Review

The Committee received £11,126.60 in Contributions and claimed £1,441.53 from HMRC.
The Committee distributed £11,993.13 to Masonic Charities with the main recipient being the Down Masonic Widows' Fund.

Governing Document of the Charity

The Bangor District Masonic Charity Committee is governed by the Constitution and Rules as amended and adopted at a meeting held on the 11th February 2013 at the Masonic Hall Hamilton Road Bangor County Down.

Appointment of Committee Members (Trustees)

In accordance with the Constitution and Rules the members as defined in the Constitution and Rules appoint annually the following to be the board of Trustees:

Chairman	Mr David White
Vice Chairman	Mr Matthew Lynch
Treasurer	Mr Stewart Foster
Secretary	Mr Nigel Stanley

Pay & remuneration

The Charity Committee does not pay or remunerate any Trustee or Member of the Committee.

Trustees' Annual Report for the year ended 31st January 2025 (continued)

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Organisational Structure

The governance, strategy and management of The Charity Committee is the responsibility of a Board of Trustees elected in accordance with the constitution to act as trustees of the funds of the Charity Committee.

The Committee meet annually and periodically throughout the calendar year or on any occasion as deemed necessary by the Board of Trustees.

Compliance and Public Benefit

The Charity Committee has given careful consideration to the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland's guidance on public benefit to ensure that the activities entered into during the year have helped to achieve The Charity Committee's objectives and activities, as well as providing public benefit.

Statement of Trustees' Responsibilities

The trustees are responsible for preparing the Trustees' Report, receipts and payments account and statement of assets and liabilities in accordance with applicable law and regulations.

The law applicable to charities in Northern Ireland with Income of less than £250,000 requires the trustees to prepare a receipts and payments account and a statement of assets and liabilities for each financial year.

The trustees are responsible for keeping accounting records that are sufficient to show and explain the Committee's transactions and disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the assets and liabilities of the Charity. They are responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

Signed on Behalf of the Trustees

Chairman

117 Lynch

Secretary

[Signature]

11 Sept 2025

Independent Examiners Report to the Trustees of Bangor District Masonic Charity Committee

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I report on the accounts of the Bangor District Masonic Charity Committee for the year ended 31st January 2025 which are set out on pages 7 & 8.

Respective Responsibilities of Charity Trustees and Examiner

As the charity's trustees you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the Charities Act (Northern Ireland) 2008.

It is my responsibility to:

examine the accounts under section 65 of the Charities Act
follow the procedures laid down in the general directions given by the Commission under section 65(9)(b) of the Charities Act.
state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of independent examiner's report.

I have examined your charity accounts as required under section 65 of the Charities Act and my examination was carried out in accordance with the general Directions given by the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland under section 65(9)(b) of the Charities Act.

My examination included a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also included consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from you as charity trustees concerning any such matters.

My role is to state whether any material matters have come to my attention giving me cause to believe:

- 1 The accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 63 of the Charities Act.
- 2 That the accounts do not accord with those accounting records.
- 3 That the accounts do not comply with the accounting requirements of the Charities Act.
- 4 That there is further information needed for a proper undertaking of the accounts to be reached.

Independent examiner's statement

I have completed my examination and have no concerns in respect of the matters (1) to (4) listed above and, in connection with following the Directions of the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland, I have found no matters that require drawing to your attention.

Mr Diarmuid McNulty
Galwally House
Drumkeen Court
Belfast
BT8 6TB

Signed:



Date:

02/09/25

BANGOR DISTRICT MASONIC CHARITY COMMITTEE**Receipts & Payments Account for Year Ended 31st January 2025****(Registered with Charity Commission for Northern Ireland Number NIC 100739)**

	2024 - 2025		2023 - 2024
No.1 Account Balance as at 1st Feb 2024	£ 951.39	1/2/2023	£ 1,049.65
Reserve Account Balance as at 1st Feb 2024	£ 345.00	1/2/2023	£ 3.24
INCOME			
Gift Aid Charity Donations	£ 10,203.60		£ 12,524.50
Non Gift Aid Charity Donations	£ 923.00		£ 1,732.05
HMRC Tax Refund	£ 1,441.53		£ 2,972.77
Bank Interest	£ 80.21		£ 70.59
Other Contributions	£ 1,492.00		£ 100.00
Total Income	£ 14,140.34		£ 17,399.91
Total	<u>£ 15,436.73</u>	Total	<u>£ 18,452.80</u>
EXPENDITURE			
Miscellaneous			
Insurance	£ 134.20		£ 126.68
Bank Charges	£ 76.96		£ 60.91
Other Expenses (Printing)	£ 0.00		£ 80.00
Ladies Tea	£ 1,948.76		£ 211.50
	£ 2,159.92		£ 479.09
Donations to Charity			
Down Masonic Widows Fund	£ 11,386.88		£ 13,100.32
Victoria Jubilee Masonic Welfare Fund	£ 281.25		£ 539.50
Masonic Welfare Fund			
Joseph Karmel Fund	£ 50.00		£ 37.50
Belfast Masonic Charity Fund			
Margaret Daniels Respite Fund			
Other Charities	£ 325.00		£ 3,000.00
	£ 12,043.13		£ 16,677.32
No.1 Account Balance as at 31st Jan 2025	£ 191.82	31/1/2024	£ 951.39
Reserve Account Balance as at 31st Jan 2025	£ 1,041.86	31/1/2024	£ 345.00
Total	<u>£ 15,436.73</u>	Total	<u>£ 18,452.80</u>
	£ 0.00		£ 0.00

On Behalf of the Trustees

Chairman

W. Bro David White

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Date:

11/10/25

This statement has been prepared from the books, receipts and vouchers in my possession and is a true and accurate calculation for the income and expenditure for the Financial Year 1st February 2024 to the 31st January 2025.

Honorary Treasurer*W. Bro Stewart Foster*

W. Bro Stewart Foster

Date:

11/09/25

We have examined the foregoing account and having compared the same with the books and vouchers, can certify that this is in accordance therewith and with the explanations given to us.

Honorary Auditors*N/A*

Date:

BANGOR DISTRICT MASONIC CHARITY COMMITTEE

Statement of Assets and Liabilities as at 31st January 2025

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	2024 - 2025	2023 - 2024
Cash Funds		
Committee Account	£ 191.82	£ 951.39
Reserve Account	<u>£ 1,041.86</u>	<u>£ 345.00</u>
	£ 1,233.68	£ 1,296.39

On Behalf of the Trustees

Chairman Mr David White

Treasurer Mr Stewart Foster

Mr Lynch.
Stewart Foster