

Newtownards District Masonic Charity Fund

Northern Ireland · Charity number 101729

Details

Status	Received
Registered	2015-04-30
Register	View on the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland register

Contact

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Activities

Purposes: Relief of poverty of widows of freemasons and or relatives of freemasons and freemasons who are experiencing financial hardship who were or are subscribing members of Lodges within the Newtownards District as defined by the Provincial Grand Lodge of Down but not solely for that purpose. At its discretion provide financial assistance for other charitable purposes as defined in the Charity Act (Northern Ireland) 2008.

What the charity does: The prevention or relief of poverty, 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, General charitable purposes, Grant making, Relief of poverty, Welfare/benevolent

Who the charity helps: Carers, Children (5-13 year olds), General public, Men, Older people, Parents, Unemployed/low income, Women, Youth (14-25 year olds)

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2024-12-31	£20,679	£23,248	£0	0

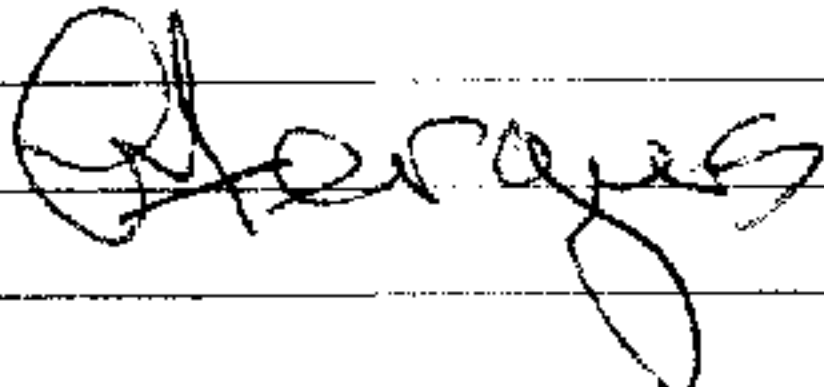
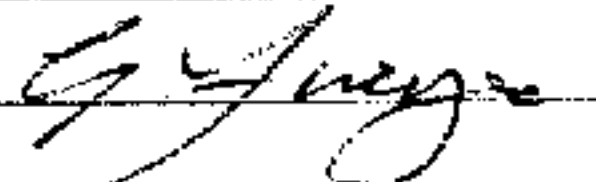
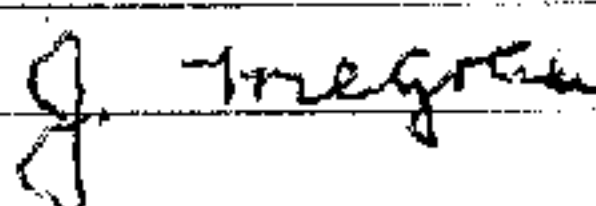
Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Malcolm Telford		
Mr Leslie Fergus		
Mr. J. Toy		
Mr. R. Johnston		
Mr. S. Snodden		
Mr. S. Weir		

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RECEIPTS			PAYMENTS		
Opening Bank Bal. 1st Jan 2023		£ 3,070.86			
less 2022 uncashed cheques					
Opening Balance		£ 3,070.86		VJ I & Welfare Fund	£ 168.75
Lodges		£ 10,764.00		M.E.D. Fund	£ 62.50
Classes		£ 376.00		J. Karmal Fund	£ 125.00
PGL		£ 1,390.15		H.McMaster Taggart Fund	£ 2,006.00
				Kilkeel Golf	£ 30.00
Chapters		£ 3,547.00		Nicole Miskimmon	£ 1,450.00
District Grand Chapter		£ 944.00		Torbank School	£ 1,000.00
Councils		£ 747.00			
Pres.		£ 270.00			
PPSU		£ 1,005.00		Total Cheques	£ 4,842.25
HMRC		£ 2,414.57			
Total receipts		£ 21,457.72		Receipts	£ 21,457.72
				less cheques written	£ 4,842.25
				Sub total	£ 16,615.47
				plus cheques not cashed	£ -
				Sub Total	£ 16,615.47
				Plus Opening Balance	£ 3,070.86
				Balance 31/12/23	£ 19,686.33
				Bank Balance 31/12/23	£ 19,686.33
I certify that the above is a true record of all the receipts and payments of the Newtownards District Gift Aid Accounts for the year 1st Jan - 31st Dec 2023 Gift Aid Treasurer.			We the undersigned have compared the above accounts with the treasurer's books and bank statements and can be certain they are correct in accordance therein.		
 15 OCT 2024			 17/10/24		
			 17/10/24		

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Newtownards District Masonic Charity Fund

Receipts and Payments Account Year Ended 31 st December 2023						
		Note	Unrestricted Funds 2023 £	Designated Funds 2023 £	Total 2023 £	Total 2022 £
Receipts						
	Donations & Gift Aid		21457.72		21457.72	11244.20
	Other Receipts	1	579.33		579.33	260.07
Total Receipts			22,037.05		22,037.05	11504.22
Payments						
	Administration Costs	2	20.22		20.22	18.54
	Charitable Donations	3	19023.32		19023.32	10954.20
Total Payments			19043.52		19043.52	10972.74
Excess of Receipts over Payments for the year			2993.53			

Statement of Assets and Liabilities as at 31st December 2023

	2023	2022
	£	£
Cash Funds		
Fund Account No. 1	210	210
Fund Account No. 2	19686.33	708.61
Committee Acc. No. 1	2970.69	2391.36
Total Cash Funds	3843.70	3309.97

Committee Treasurer: *F J McDonald* 17/10/2024 Date

Fund Treasurer: *P Jerrard* 15/10/2024 Date

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Annual report

Newtownards District Masonic Charity Fund

Trustees' Annual Report for the year ended 31st December 2023

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Objectives and Activities:

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The Committee receives all funds raised by the Lodges, collates, claims tax relief, and distributes to respective Masonic Funds for distribution to beneficiaries.

Achievements, Performance & Public Benefit

The Committee through its subordinate Lodges raised funds which it passed on to various Masonic Funds the principal fund being the Down Masonic Widows Fund which supported 23 widows from the District with a total £22,370.

The Committee supported the local food bank from which it was reported that our donations helped to feed over 80 families.

The Annual Widow's tea was once again cancelled due to the pandemic.

Financial Review

- The Committee distributed £10,954.20 to five Masonic Charities the main recipient of which was the Down Masonic Widows Fund. Subordinate lodges directly supported the community by the provision of monies and events, mainly for the elderly.
- The Committee intends to distribute as much of its receipts as possible less expenses. It is not intending to levy any costs on Lodges for administration as it has sufficient funds within its Committee Account to meet those costs for the foreseeable future.

Going Concern

The trustees have reviewed the budgets for the year ahead and are satisfied that there are adequate funds in place to ensure that the The Newtownards District Masonic Charity Fund can continue its activities and the financial statements for the year ended 2022 can be signed off as a going concern.

Structure, Governance and Management

Governing Document and Constitution of the Charity

The Newtownards District Masonic Charity Fund is governed by the Laws and Constitution as amended and adopted at a meeting held on the 16th October 2014 at the Masonic Hall, Regent Street Newtownards.

Recruitment and Appointment of Committee Members (Trustees)

In accordance with the Laws and Constitution the members as defined in that Laws and Constitution appoint annually the following to be the Board of Trustees.

Chairman

Newtownards District Masonic Charity Fund

Secretary
Treasurer

Vice Chairman
Fund treasurer

Pay and remuneration.

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

Organisational Structure

The governance, strategy, management, and administration 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 meets three times per year and on any other occasion deemed necessary by the Board of Trustees.

Compliance with Public Benefit

The Charity Committee has carefully considered the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland's guidance on public benefit to ensure that the actives 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 and the statement of receipts and payments 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 statement of receipts and payments 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 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.

Signed on behalf of the trustees

Chairman

Date

Secretary

Date

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Independent Examiners Report to the Trustees of Newtownards District Masonic Charity Fund. NIC101729

I report on the accounts of the **Newtownards District Masonic Charity Fund** for the year ended 31st December 2022, which are set out on pages 5 -7

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. That 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 understanding 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.

Mrs. A. McKeown
4 The Hamptons
Ballygowan
NEWTOWNARDS
BT23 6FR



DATE__11 OCT 2024_____

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Accounts

Newtownards District Masonic Charity Fund

Receipts and Payments Account Year Ended 31 st December 2022						
		Note	Unrestricted Funds 2022 £	Designated Funds 2022 £	Total 2022 £	Total 2021 £
Receipts						
	Donations & Gift Aid		11244.20		11244.20	3511.56
	Other Receipts	1	260.07		260.07	32.28
	Total Receipts		11504.22		11504.22	3543.84
Payments						
	Administration Costs	2	18.54		18.54	16.49
	Charitable Donations	3	10954.20		10954.20	3776.81
	Total Payments		10972.74		10972.74	3793.60
	Excess of Receipts over Payments for the year		531.48			-249.76

Statement of Assets and Liabilities as at 31st December 2022

	2022	2021
	£	£
Cash Funds		
Fund Account No. 1	210	210
Fund Account No. 2	708.61	418.61

Committee Acc. No. 1	2191.36	2319.83
Total Cash Funds	<u>3109.97</u>	<u>2948.44</u>

Committee Treasurer: F J McDonald 20/04/2023 Date

Fund Treasurer: P J Gray 20 Apr 2023 Date

Newtownards District Masonic Charity Fund

1. Accounting policies

Set out below are the principal accounting policies which have been adopted in the compilation of the Receipts and Payments Account and the Statement of Assets and Liabilities

1) Receipts and Payments Account

All items of income and expenditure included within the Receipts and Payments Account have been accounted for on a cash receipts basis.

2) Statement of Assets and Liabilities

a) The only assets the charity retains are the balances at bank.

b) Reconciliation of Cash Funds

	£
Total Cash Funds at Beginning of the year	2948.44
Receipts for the Year	11504.22
Payments for the Year	10972.74
Total Cash Funds at end of the year	3,479.92

2. Movement in Funds

	At 1 st Jan. 2022	Incoming resources	Outgoing resources	Transfers	At 31 st DEC. 2022
	£	£	£	£	£
Unrestricted funds					
Fund account No.1	210.00	0	0	0	210.00
Fund account No.2	418.61	11244.20	10954.20	0	708.61
Committee Account No.1	2319.83	260.07	388.54	0	2191.36
TOTALS	<u>2,948.44</u>	<u>11,504.27</u>	<u>11,342.74</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>3109.97</u>

4. Transactions with the Trustees

No trustee or a person related to a trustee had any personal interest in any contract or transaction entered into by the charity during the year.

5. Governance Costs

No Governance costs were incurred during the year as the independent examiner provided services free.

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Notes to the Financial Statements.

Note 1.

Other Receipts:

	£
Bank interest received	3.32
Donations	256.75
Total	260.07

Note 2.

Administration Costs:

	£
Bank Fees	<u>18.54</u>
Total	18.54

Note 3.

Charitable Donations:

	£
Down Masonic Widows Fund	8091.95
Victoria Jubilee Fund	168.75
Margaret Elizabeth Daniels Respite Fund	62.50
Masonic Welfare Fund	500.00
Joseph Karmel Fund	125.00
H. McMaster Taggart Fund	2006.00
Total	10,954.20

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Trustee's Annual report and Statements of Receipts and Payments and Assets and Liabilities

For the year ended 31st December 2022

Charity Number: NIC 101729

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Reference and administrative details

Charity Name: **Newtownards District Masonic Charity Fund**

Charity Registration Number: NIC 101729

Contact Address: Mr Leslie Fergus
21 The Hamptons
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Trustees

Mr Raymond Johnston
Mr Ian McDonald
Mr Leslie Fergus
Mr Samuel Snodden
Mr John Toy
Mr Samuel Weir

Principal Officer- bearers

President: Mr Raymond Johnston
Chairman: Mr James McDowell
Secretary: Mr Raymond Johnston
Treasurer: Mr Ian McDonald
Gift Aid Treasurer: Mr Leslie Fergus

Independent Examiner:

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Bankers:

Ulster bank
Newtownards Branch
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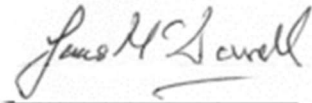
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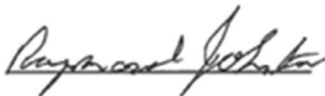
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Chairman

20/04/23 Date



Secretary

20th April 23 Date

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Date 28-7-2023