

Newry & District Masonic Charity Committee

Northern Ireland · Charity number 101882

Details

Status Received

Registered 2016-01-15

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

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Activities

Purposes: The objects of The Charity Committee shall be to:- a) relieve the poverty of widows of Freemasons and, or, relatives of Freemasons and Freemasons who are experiencing financial hardship who were/are subscribing Members of lodges within the Newry District, as defined by the Provincial Grand lodge of Down. b) promote Masonic Charities and other non Masonic charities by providing information about these bodies to masons, their families, relatives and the wider public by way of leaflets, lectures or any other means. c) at its discretion, provide financial assistance for other charitable purposes as defined in the Charities 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: Relief of poverty, Welfare/benevolent

Who the charity helps: Children (5-13 year olds), Men, Parents, Preschool (0-5 year olds), Women, Youth (14-25 year olds)

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-12-31	£26,908	£24,031	£0	0

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Eric Williamson		
Mr Adrian Mcquillan		
Mr Allen Kinnin		
Mr Ian Simms		
Mr James Riddell		
Mr Trevor Holmes		

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NEWRY & DISTRICT MASONIC CHARITY COMMITTEE

RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT

Year ended 31 December 2025

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total 2025 £	Total 2024 £
Receipts				
Donations and collections	19,765.00	2,750.00	22,515.00	27,473.30
Gift aid tax refund	4,393.94	-	4,393.94	4,473.49
Miscellaneous income	740.00	-	740.00	800.00
Bank interest	322.60	-	322.60	157.26
Total Receipts	25,221.54	2,750.00	27,971.54	32,904.05
Payments				
Donations to charities	24,031.94	2,750.00	26,781.94	31,888.00
Miscellaneous expenses	450.00	-	450.00	557.16
Bank charges	45.64	-	45.64	94.87
Total Payments	24,527.58	2,750.00	27,277.58	32,540.03
Net receipts (payments)	693.96	-	693.96	364.02
Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-
Net movement in funds	693.96	-	693.96	364.02
Funds brought forward	22,922.69	-	22,922.69	22,558.67
Funds carried forward	23,616.65	-	23,616.65	22,922.69

STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES

31 December 2025

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Funds Reconciliation				
Bank and cash at start of year	22,922.69	-	22,922.69	22,558.67
Net movement in funds	693.96	-	693.96	364.02
Bank and cash at end of year	23,616.65	-	23,616.65	22,922.69
Bank & Cash Balances				
Current account			14,914.92	14,543.56
Deposit account			8,701.73	8,379.13
			23,616.65	22,922.69

ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Basis of accounting

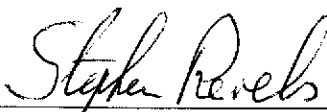
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Fund accounting

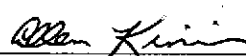
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Approved by the Trustees on 25th March 2026



S Revels
Chairman



A Kinnin
Secretary

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Receipts				
Donations and collections	23,223.30	4,250.00	27,473.30	30,315.10
Gift aid tax refund	4,473.49	-	4,473.49	1,922.74
Miscellaneous income	800.00	-	800.00	860.00
Bank interest	157.26	-	157.26	58.95
Total Receipts	28,654.05	4,250.00	32,904.05	33,156.79
Payments				
Donations to charities	27,638.00	4,250.00	31,888.00	28,821.74
Miscellaneous expenses	557.16	-	557.16	530.59
Bank charges	94.87	-	94.87	96.57
Total Payments	28,290.03	4,250.00	32,540.03	29,448.90
Net receipts (payments)	364.02	-	364.02	3,707.89
Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-
Net movement in funds	364.02	-	364.02	3,707.89
Funds brought forward	22,558.67	-	22,558.67	18,850.78
Funds carried forward	22,922.69	-	22,922.69	22,558.67

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31 December 2024

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Funds Reconciliation				
Bank and cash at start of year	22,558.67	-	22,558.67	18,850.78
Net movement in funds	364.02	-	364.02	3,707.89
Bank and cash at end of year	22,922.69	-	22,922.69	22,558.67
Bank & Cash Balances				
Current account			14,543.56	14,336.80
Deposit account			8,379.13	8,221.87
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Trustees' Report for the year ended 31st December 2024

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Newry & District Masonic Charity Committee

Reference and administrative details

Charity Name: Newry & District Masonic Charity Committee

Charity Registration Number: NIC 101882

Contact Address: Adrian McQuillan
Newry Masonic Hall
Downshire Road
Newry
BT34 1DX

Trustees Mr Eric Williamson
Mr David Gamble
Mr Allen Kinnin
Mr Ian Simms
Mr Adrian McQuillan
Mr James Riddell

Principal Officer - Bearers

President: E. Williamson
Chairman: D. Gamble
Secretary: A. Kinnin
Treasurer: I. Simms
Gift Aid Treasurer: J. Riddell

Independent Examiner: B. B. Shriver

Bankers: Danske Bank
Bridge Street
Banbridge
BT32 3JL

Newry & District Masonic Charity Committee

Trustees' Annual Report for the year ended 31st December 2024

The Trustees present the annual report and statements of Receipts and Payments and Assets and Liabilities for Newry & District Masonic Charity Committee for the year ended 31st December 2024

Objectives and Activities

The principal function of the Newry & District Masonic Charity Committee is to raise funds through the various Masonic Lodges situated within its District. It does so by promoting the benefits of fundraising to the Lodges, assisting them with collecting information about potential beneficiaries and identifying other sources of income for those beneficiaries such as rate rebates.

It does this through dedicated individuals within each lodge. The respective lodges identify potential beneficiaries and application forms are completed and forwarded to the Charity Committee for review.

Achievements. Performance & Public Benefit

The Committee receives all funds raised by the Lodges, claims tax relief and distributes to beneficiaries, both Masonic and Non-Masonic.

Financial Review

The Committee received £31,946.79 in donations and collections during the year, including tax of £4,473.49 claimed from HMRC in respect of contributions made under the gift aid scheme. The Committee distributed £27,638 to Masonic Charities, the main recipient of which was the Down Masonic Widows Fund and donated £4,250 to other charities.

Structure. Governance and Management Governing Document and Constitution of the Charity

The Newry & District Masonic Charity Committee is governed by the Laws and Constitution as amended and adopted at a meeting held on the 25th of November 2015 at the Masonic Hall, Downshire Road, Newry.

Recruitment and Appointment of Committee Members (Trustees)

In accordance with the Laws and Constitution, the members, as defined in the said Laws and Constitution, appoint annually the following to be the Board of Trustees:

President
Chairman
Deputy Chairman
Treasurer
Secretary
Gift Aid Treasurer

Pay and remuneration

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

Newry & District Masonic Charity Committee

Organisational Structure

The governance, strategy, management and administration of The Charity Committee are 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 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, 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.

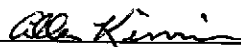
The law applicable to charities in Northern Ireland with Income of less than £250,000 requires the trustees to prepare a statement of receipts and payments and a statement of assets and liabilities for each financial year.

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 anytime 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 on 26th March 2025



Stephen Revels
Chairman



Allen Kinnin
Secretary

Newry & District Masonic Charity Committee

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Annual return

Independent examiner's report to the charity trustees of Newry & District Masonic Charity Committee

I report on the accounts of the Newry & District Masonic Charity Committee for the year ended 31st December 2024.

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.

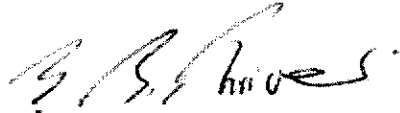
My examination included a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also included consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from you as charity trustees concerning any such matters.

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.



B B Shriver FCA
Chartered Accountant
23 Laurel Grove
Newry
26th March 2025

Newry & District Masonic Charity Committee

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NEWRY & DISTRICT MASONIC CHARITY COMMITTEE

RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT

Year ended 31 December 2023

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total 2023 £	Total 2022 £
Receipts				
Donations and collections	2,807.90	27,507.20	30,315.10	17,190.00
Gift aid tax refund	1,922.74	-	1,922.74	1,649.45
Miscellaneous income	860.00	-	860.00	-
Bank interest	58.95	-	58.95	4.09
Total Receipts	<u>5,649.59</u>	<u>27,507.20</u>	<u>33,156.79</u>	<u>18,843.54</u>
Payments				
Donations to charities	1,314.54	27,507.20	28,821.74	18,280.00
Miscellaneous expenses	530.59	-	530.59	-
Bank charges	96.57	-	96.57	70.18
Total Payments	<u>1,941.70</u>	<u>27,507.20</u>	<u>29,448.90</u>	<u>18,350.18</u>
Net receipts (payments)	3,707.89	-	3,707.89	493.36
Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-
Net movement in funds	<u>3,707.89</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>3,707.89</u>	<u>493.36</u>
Funds brought forward	18,850.78	-	18,850.78	18,357.42
Funds carried forward	<u><u>22,558.67</u></u>	<u><u>-</u></u>	<u><u>22,558.67</u></u>	<u><u>18,850.78</u></u>

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Bank & Cash Balances				
Current account			14,336.80	10,687.86
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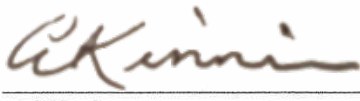
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Approved by the Trustees on 27 March 2024.



 D Gamble
 Chairman



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 Secretary

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