

CARY & DUNLUCE MASONIC CHARITY COMMITTEE



Trustees' Annual Report & Statement of Receipts and Payments & Assets and Liabilities

for the year ending 31st December 2024

Registered with the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland: NIC 102549

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Cary and Dunluce Masonic Charity Committee

References and Administrative details

Charity name: Cary & Dunluce Masonic Charity Committee

**Charity Commission for
Northern Ireland number:** NIC 102549

**HMR&C Registered
number:** XN47767

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Chairman:	Mr John (Jack) Gault
Vice Chairman:	Mr Samuel Morton
Treasurer:	Mr Vincent Francis
Secretary:	Mr Jason Craig
Gift Aid Secretary:	Mr Andrew Bingham
	Mr Martin McLean
	Mr Jeffery Morrow
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Independent Examiner: Wendy Barr FCA

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 Cary & Dunluce Masonic Charity Committee for the year ended 31st December 2024.

Objectives and Activities

The principal function of the Cary & Dunluce Masonic Charity Committee is to raise funds through the various Masonic organisations situated within its District. It does so by promoting the benefits of fundraising to the Lodges, assisting them with collecting information about potential beneficiaries, identifying other sources of Income for those beneficiaries, such as rate rebates or other forms of Income support. It does this through dedicated individuals within each Lodge. Potential beneficiaries are identified by the respective lodge and application forms completed and forwarded to the District Provincial Officer for review. The forms are then collated and forwarded to the respective fund. The Committee receives all funds raised by the lodge, collates, claims tax relief and distributes to respective Masonic Funds for distribution to beneficiaries.

Relieve poverty amongst widows of Freemasons, relatives of Freemasons or Freemasons who are experiencing financial hardship and who were or are subscribing Members of Lodges within the Cary & Dunluce District as defined by the Provincial Grand Lodge of Antrim.

At its discretion, The Charity Committee can provide financial assistance for other exclusively charitable purposes as defined in the Charities Act (Northern Ireland) 2008.

Achievements, Performance & Public Benefit

The Committee, through its respective lodges and with public support, raised funds totaling £4,015 less expenses of £1,555 by holding a fundraising Charity Breakfast on the 16th November 2024 at Bushfoot Golf Club, Portballintrae. The funds raised were divided equally £1,250 each to:

- i} Zachary Geddis Break the Silence Trust
- and
- ii) Chest, Heart & Stroke NI.

Through the Committee, Lodges within Cary & Dunluce raised a total of £6,100 for the following charities: Air Ambulance NI - £5000, RNLI - £400, Age Concern - £700

All the aforementioned are non-masonic charities.

It should be noted that the accounts are prepared on a receipts and payments basis, and therefore some amounts will not reflect in the 2024 accounts due to banking timings.

Financial Review

The Committee received £16,660 in Gift Aid contributions and £1,915 in Non-Gift Aid contributions and claimed £4028 from HMRC by way of Gift Aid refund for the year. The Committee distributed £18,232 to five Masonic Charities, the main recipient of which was the Victoria Jubilee Benevolent & Welfare Fund.

The Committee intends to distribute as much of its receipts as possible less expenses. It is not intending to levy any further 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 Committee can continue its activities and the financial statements for the year ended 2024 can be signed off as a going concern.

Structure, Governance and Management

Governing Document and Constitution of the Charity

The Cary & Dunluce Masonic Charity Committee is governed by the Constitution and Rules as amended and adopted at a meeting held on the 3rd day of February 2016 at the Masonic Hall, Main Street, Bushmills and last amended on the 8th day of March 2018.

Recruitment and Appointment of Committee Members (Trustees)

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

- Chairman
- Vice Chairman
- Treasurer
- Secretary
- Gift Aid Secretary
- Registrar
- Events Promoter

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 four times per year and on any other occasion deemed necessary by the Board of Trustees.

Compliance with Public Benefit

The Charity Committee has considered 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 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 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 of fraud and other irregularities.

Signed on behalf of the Trustees

Chairman: Mr John Gault

Date: 24th September 2025

Secretary: Mr Jason Craig

Date: 24th September 2025