

Six Mile Valley District Masonic Charity Committee

Northern Ireland · Charity number 103309

Details

Known as SMVDMCC

Status Received

Registered 2015-12-21

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

Contact

Address Doagh Masonic Hall
16 Station Road
Doagh
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Activities

Purposes: The objects of 'The Charity Committee' shall be to:- Relieve poverty amongst widows of freemasons, relatives of freemasons or freemasons who are experiencing financial hardship and who are or were subscribing Members of Lodges, within the SixMile Valley 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.

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, Relief of poverty, Welfare/benevolent

Who the charity helps: Children (5-13 year olds), General public, Men, Older people, Preschool (0-5 year olds), Unemployed/low income, Women, Youth (14-25 year olds)

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2024-12-31	£16,453	£21,328	£0	0

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Ainsley Steele		
Mr Gary Mckittrick		
Mr Mark Buchanan		
Mr William James Mawhinney		

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Accounts

RECEIPTS and PAYMENT ACCOUNT for YEAR ENDED 31st DECEMBER 2024

Six Mile Valley District Masonic Charity Committee

Lodges: 41, 45, 148, 160, 175, 276, 317, 467, 501, 505, 514, 549, 615, 637, 736, 762, 776, 788, 923.

Royal Arch Chapters: 45, 175, 276, 317, 375, 615.

Council of Knight Masons: 44, 59.

Preceptories: Doagh Union Latharna & Templetown

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RECEIPTS		PAYMENTS	
MASONIC CHARITY RECEIPTS		MASONIC CHARITY PAYMENTS	
	£		£
CRAFT	8423.54	V.J. & MW Benevolent Fund	8,621.62
RAC	1,095.00	Belfast Masonic Charity Fund	5,119.05
Co. Knt. Msns.	500.00	Belfast Masonic Widows Fund	3,735.69
Preceptory	1,500.00	Boys & Girls Fund	371.25
P.P.E.U.	0.00	Masonic Orphans Welfare Committee	187.50
		Harold Mc.Master Taggart Benevolent Fund	460.00
	11,518.54		18,495.11
OTHER CHARITY RECEIPTS		OTHER CHARITY PAYMENTS	
Annual Church Service	441.00	Annual Church Service .	150.00
Annual Carol Service	640.00	Annual Carol Service	695.00
Gift Aid Rebate	3,393.11	Joseph Karmal Fund	225.00
Other Charity Receipts	100.00	Other Charities	970.00
	4,574.11		2,040.00
ADMIN RECEIPTS		ADMIN PAYMENTS.	
Unit Admin Donations	345.00	Annual Church Service .	0.00
Other Admin Donations	0.00	Annual Carol Service(printing)	0.00
Bank Int.	15.21	Sec./ Treas. Expenses	0.00
		Ind Examiner	0.00
		Other Payments	555.13
		Bank Fees	60.79
		Insurance	176.91
	360.21		792.83
OPERATING SUB TOTAL		OPERATING SUB TOTAL	
	16,452.86		21,327.94
Opening balance 01 01 2024	8,715.87	Closing balance at 31 12 2024	13,548.66
Cheques not presented	9,707.87	Closing deposit a/c	
		Cheques Returned	0.00
GRAND TOTAL	34,876.60	GRAND TOTAL	34,876.60

This statement has been prepared from the books, receipts, & vouchers in my possession

Treasurer *Cushley Steep*
 Date *10.06.2025*

We have examined the above summary of Receipts & Payments etc together with the records & documents from which they have been compiled & certify that the bank / deposit account balances included above are in accordance with bank statements / account books presented to us.

Auditor *M. Sewley* 12/3/25
 Auditor *Thomas Mahon* 14/3/25

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MASONIC CHARITY RECEIPTS		MASONIC CHARITY PAYMENTS	
	£		£
CRAFT	£ 6,944.50	V.J. & MW Benevolent Fund	9,818.79
RAC	1,120.04	Belfast Masonic Charity Fund	1,909.37
Co. Knt. Msns.	315.00	Belfast Masonic Widows Fund	1,543.38
Preceptory	698.00	Boys & Girls Fund	0.00
P.P.E.U.	0.00	Masonic Orphans Welfare Committee	0.00
		Harold Mc.Master Taggart Benevolent Fund	370.00
	9,077.54		13,641.54
OTHER CHARITY RECEIPTS		OTHER CHARITY PAYMENTS	
Annual Church Service	560.00	Annual Church Service .	150.00
Annual Carol Service	750.00	Annual Carol Service	375.00
Gift Aid Rebate	1,433.78	Joseph Karmal Fund	0.00
Other Charity Receipts	550.00	Other Charities	0.00
	3,293.78		525.00
ADMIN RECEIPTS		ADMIN PAYMENTS.	
Unit Admin Donations	120.00	Annual Church Service .	0.00
Other Admin Donations	0.00	Annual Carol Service(printing)	0.00
Bank Int.	12.49	Secretary's Expenses	0.00
		Ind Examiner	0.00
		Antrim Charity Council	0.00
		Bank Fees	41.07
		Insurance	166.73
	132.49		207.80
OPERATING SUB TOTAL	12,603.81	OPERATING SUB TOTAL	14,374.34
Opening balance 01 01 2023	10,211.40	Closing balance at 31 12 2023	8,716.87
Cheques not presented	375.00	Closing deposit a/c	
		Cheques Returned	0.00
GRAND TOTAL	23,090.21	GRAND TOTAL	23,090.21

This statement has been prepared from the books, receipts, & vouchers in my possession

Treasurer *Christy Cook*
 Date *21.02.2024*

We have examined the above summary of Receipts & Payments etc together with the records & documents from which they have been compiled & certify that the bank / deposit account balances included above are in accordance with bank statements / account books presented to us.

Auditor *M. Scott* 26/2/24
 Auditor *John McL* 28/2/24
 29/2/24

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Trustees' Report

Year ended 31st December 2023

Trustees:	Mr. Jim Mawhinney	(Chairman)
	Mr Gary McKittrick	(Secretary)
	Mr. Ainsley Steele	(Treasurer)
	Mr Mark Buchanan	(Trustee)

Address: Freemasons' Hall
16 Station Road
Doagh
Co. Antrim.
BT39 0QT

The Six Mile Valley District Masonic Charity Committee is governed by our constitution document which was approved by the Committee at a Special General Meeting held on the 12th December 2015. The Committee was registered with the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland on 21st December 2015 and issued with charity number NIC 103309. The Committee has been accepted as a charity by H.M. Revenue and Customs under reference number XR 35314.

Six Mile Valley District Masonic Charity Committee

Trustees' Report (continued)

Year ended 31st December 2023

The Charity Committees' objectives are detailed within their constitution document as follows;

- To relieve poverty amongst widows of freemasons, relatives of freemasons, or freemasons who are experiencing financial hardship and who are or were subscribing members of lodges within the Six Mile Valley 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.

The Trustees have had regard to the public benefit guidance issued by the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland.

During the year ended 31st December 2023 the Committee conducted the following activities in furtherance of its aims for the public benefit;

- Contributed financial assistance to four Masonic charities.
- Held our annual Church service and Carol service.

The results of the Committees' activities during the year 2023 are as contained in the Receipt and Payments Accounts. The trustees are thankful for the support of the brethren from within the district and their guests through their continued generous donations which are used to further the Committees' purposes as detailed above.

This report was approved by the Trustees at a meeting held on 18th October 2023 and signed on their behalf by:

Ainsley Steele
(Secretary)

Six Mile Valley District Masonic Charity Committee

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Annual return

**Independent examiner's report to the charity trustees of Six Mile Valley District Masonic
Charity Committee.**

I report on the accounts of the trustees for the year ended 31st December 2023.

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 Charity's 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.

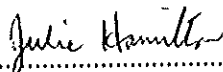
My examination included a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also included consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanation from you as charity trustee concerning any such matters.

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 account to be reached.

Independent Examiner's Statement.

I have completed my examination and have no concerns in respect of the matter (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.



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J Hamilton FCCA

Heron Accountancy Solutions
Chartered Certified Accountants

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68/72 Newtownards Road
Belfast
BT4 1GW

Date:

Six Mile Valley District Masonic Charity Committee

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Accounts

Six Mile Valley District Masonic Charity Committee

Receipts and Payments Account for the Year Ended 31 December 2018

	Note	Unrestricted Fund £	Restricted Fund £	Dec-18 Total £	Dec-17 Total £
<u>Receipts:</u>					
Voluntary income					
Donations and Gift Aid	1	13,607	-	13,607	11,731
Fund Raising Activities	2	1,099	590	1,689	1,178
Investment Income	3	10	-	10	8
Total receipts		14,718	590	15,308	12,917
<u>Payments:</u>					
Grants & Donations	4	-	225	225	5,136
Cost of Fundraising	5	160	-	160	130
Governance Costs	6	556	-	556	80
Total payments		716	225	941	5,346
Net Movement in funds		14,002	365	14,367	7,571
<u>Reconciliation of funds:</u>					
Total Funds brought forward		3,135	-	3,135	2,364
Total Funds carried forward		17,137	365	17,502	9,935

The notes on pages 6 and 8 form an integral part of these financial statements



Six Mile Valley District Masonic Charity Committee

Statement of Assets and Liabilities for the Year Ended 31 December 2018

Note	2018 £	2017 £
<u>Current assets:</u>		
Cash at bank and in hand	17,502	3,135
Net current assets	<u>17,502</u>	<u>3,135</u>
Net Assets	<u><u>17,502</u></u>	<u><u>3,135</u></u>
<u>Charity funds:</u>		
Unrestricted Fund	17,137	3,135
Restricted Fund	365	-
	<u><u>17,502</u></u>	<u><u>3,135</u></u>

The Financial Statements were approved by the Board of Trustees on and signed on its behalf by:

Tom Mahon
(Treasurer)



Brendan Tweed
(Chairperson)



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Six Mile Valley District Masonic Charity Committee

Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 December 2018

1	<u>Donations and gift aid</u>	2018	2017
		£	£
	Craft	7,024	4,691
	R.A.C.	972	735
	C of K.M.	319	292
	Preceptory	1,173	2,294
	P.P. East Ulster	2,034	-
	Gift Aid	1,617	1,420
	Committee admin donations	350	310
	Donations	119	-
		<u>13,607</u>	<u>9,742</u>
2	<u>Fund Raising Activities</u>	2018	2017
		£	£
	Annual Church Service	552	604
	Carol Service	547	455
	DRAC Charity Breakfast	-	850
	Charity Breakfast	590	-
		<u>1,689</u>	<u>1,909</u>
3	<u>Investment income</u>	2018	2017
		£	£
	Interest received	10	9
		<u>10</u>	<u>9</u>



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Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 December 2018

4	<u>Grants and Donations</u>	2018 £	2017 £
	Victoria Jubilee Benevolent Fund	-	8,603
	Belfast Masonic Charity Fund	-	4,135
	Belfast Masonic Widow Fund	-	402
	Masonic Welfare Fund	-	328
	Masonic Orphans Welfasre Committee	-	3,232
	Joseph Karmel Benevolent Fund	-	35
	Harold McM Taggart Benevolent Fund	-	266
	Educational Shakespear Co	-	-
	D RAC Charity Breakfast	-	850
	Carol Service Donations	225	272
		225	18,123
5	<u>Cost of Fundraising</u>	2018 £	2017 £
	Annual Church Service Expense	-	-
	Annual Church Service Donation	100	100
	Annual Carol Service Expenses	60	100
		160	200
6	<u>Governance Costs</u>	2018 £	2018 £
	Antrim Steering Committee	-	-
	Secretary's expenses	45	28
	Treasurer's expenses	-	42
	Antrim Charity Council	-	20
	Insurance	326	-
	Independent Examiner's fee	150	-
	Bank fees	35	48
		556	138



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Financial Statements and Trustees' Report

For year ended

31st December 2018



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Trustees' Report

Year ended 31st. December 2018

Trustees:	Mr. Thomas Mahon	(Chairman 1 st Jan. – 27 th Mar 2018)
	Mr. Michael Alexander	(Chairman 27 th Mar – 31 st Dec 2018)
	Mr. Brendan Tweed	(Vice – Chairman)
	Mr. Stanley Braden	(Treasurer 1 st Jan – 27 th Mar 2018)
	Mr. Thomas Mahon	(Treasurer 27 th Mar 2018 – Present)
	Mr. Ainsley Steele	(Secretary)
	Mr. James Hughes	(Gift Aid Secretary)

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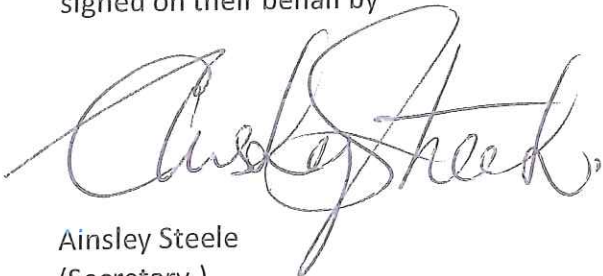
The Trustees have had regard to the public benefit guidance issued by the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland.

During the year ended 31st December 2018 the Committee conducted the following activities in furtherance of its aims for the public benefit;

- It was with deep sadness that we report on the death of our treasurer during the year which sadly impacted on our dispersal of the monies allocated to our Masonic charities. This however has now been rectified through our current treasurer.
- A number of lodges from within the District made financial contributions and support to non-Masonic charities through fund raising events and functions. The committee were also active in support to our local churches through organising a Divine Church service and Carol service with participation from the local Primary school choir.

The results of the Committee's activities during the year 2018 are as contained in the Receipt and Payments Accounts on page 5 and the Statement of Assets and Liabilities on page 6. The trustees are as always thankful for the support of the brethren from within the district and their guests through their continued generous donations which are used to further the Committees' purposes as detailed in their constitution document.

This report was approved by the Trustees at a meeting held on 15th. October 2019 and signed on their behalf by



Ainsley Steele
(Secretary.)



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Signed. Julie Hamilton

Julie Hamilton FCCA
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Date: 15/10/19

