

Carrickfergus & District Masonic Charity Committee

Northern Ireland · Charity number 105743

Details

Known as	C.D.M.C.C.
Status	Received
Registered	2018-01-26
Register	View on the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland register

Contact

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Activities

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

How the charity works: Advice/advocacy/information, Education/training, General charitable purposes, Relief of poverty

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

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2024-12-31	£34,571	£32,971	£0	0

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Brian		
Ivor		
Stephen		

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Receipts to date	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	2024 Total	2023 Total
RECEIPTS				
Remittances from Lodges etc.	£ 4,628.00	£ 11,761.58	£ 16,389.58	£ 6,007.66
Provincial Grand Lodge of Antrim	£ 4,364.90	£ 1,933.00	£ 6,297.90	£ 4,549.30
Income Tax Refund(HMRC)	£ 8,022.21		£ 8,022.21	£ -
	<u>£ 17,015.11</u>	<u>£ 13,694.58</u>	<u>£30,709.69</u>	<u>£10,556.96</u>
OTHER DONATIONS				
ML 162 - Hope House	£ -	£ -	£0.00	£ 500.00
ML 162 - Lukaemia & Lymphoma NI	£ -	£ -	£0.00	£ 500.00
ML162 - Playaway Group	£ -	£ -	£0.00	£ 500.00
ML 162- Macmillan Cancer Support	£ -	£ -	£0.00	£ 500.00
ML 162 Air Ambulance	£ -	£ 300.00	£300.00	£ -
ML 162 Friends of Cancer	£ -	£ 600.00	£600.00	£ -
ML 180 - W/Abbey Hospice Supp. Gp.	£ -	£ -	£0.00	£ -
ML 645 - N.I. Childrens Hospice	£ -	£ 1,000.00	£1,000.00	£ -
ML 260- Hope House	£ -	£ 1,000.00	£1,000.00	£ 250.00
ML260-RNLI	£ -	£ 500.00	£500.00	£ 400.00
ML 260 Air Ambulance	£ -	£ 300.00	£300.00	£ -
RAC 313- Diabetes UK	£ -	£ -	£0.00	£ 75.00
	<u>£ -</u>	<u>£ 3,700.00</u>	<u>£ 3,700.00</u>	<u>£2,725.00</u>
Contribution towards Committee Expenses	£ -	£ 150.00	£ 150.00	£ 50.00
Bank Interest	£ 11.70	£ -	£ 11.70	£ 5.77
Total Receipts	<u>£ 17,026.81</u>	<u>£ 17,544.58</u>	<u>£34,571.39</u>	<u>£13,337.73</u>
PAYMENTS TO MASONIC CHARITIES				
FI VJ & Welfare Fund			£ 14,986.12	£ 12,392.91
FI Boys & Girls Fund			£ 118.00	£ 110.00
Belfast masonic Charity Fund			£ 10,221.29	£ 8,761.30
Belfast Masonic Widows Fund			£ 1,142.00	£ 1,525.00
Down Masonic Widows Fund			£ 20.00	£ 20.00
Masonic Orphan welfare Committee			£ 900.93	£ 25.00
Joseph Karmel Fund			£ 1,387.90	£ 148.00
Harold McMaster Taggart Fund			£ 420.00	£ 473.00
PGLA - PGM Fund			£ -	£ 750.00
			<u>£ 29,196.24</u>	<u>£24,205.21</u>
DONATIONS TO OTHER NON MASONIC CHARITIES				
Diabetes UK			£ -	£ 75.00
Hope House			£ 1,000.00	£ 750.00
Lukaemia & Lymphoma NI			£ -	£ 500.00
Playaway Group			£ -	£ 500.00
Macmillan Cancer Support			£ -	£ 500.00
N.I. Childrens Hospice			£ 1,000.00	£ -
RNLI			£ 500.00	£ 400.00
Air Ambulance			£ 600.00	£ -
Friends of Cancer			£ 600.00	£ -
			<u>£ 3,700.00</u>	<u>£2,725.00</u>
C&DCC Donation to GL (Ukraine)			£ -	£ -
Committee Expenses			£ 25.99	£ 62.94
Bank Fees			£ 49.07	£ 49.69
Total Payments			<u>£ 32,971.30</u>	<u>£27,042.84</u>
Surplus (deficit) for the year			£1,600.09	£ 3,183.88
Balance at Bank at 31.12.2023			£ 1,389.80	£ 1,807.81
Balance at Bank at 31.12.2024			<u>£ 2,989.89</u>	<u>£ 1,434.89</u>

TREASURER'S CERTIFICATE

This Financial Statement has been prepared from the books, receipts and vouchers in my possession.

Signed: *Ivor McAllister* {HON. TREASURER}

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CASH AT BANK

Balance at 31/12/2023	£	1,389.80
Lodgements 2024	£	34,559.69
Cheques 2024	-£	32,896.24
Committee Expenses	-£	25.99
Bank Charges	-£	49.07
Balance at 31/12/2023	£	<u>2,978.19</u>
Bank Interest	£	<u>11.70</u>
	£	<u>2,989.89</u>
Balance as per Bank Statements 31/12/2024	£	3,052.83
Expenses for 2023 not yet taken from bank	£	62.94
	£	<u>62.94</u>
	£	<u>2,989.89</u>

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Receipts to date	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	2023 Total	2022 Total
<u>RECEIPTS</u>				
Remittances from Lodges etc.	£ 4,895.00	£ 11,417.00	£ 16,312.00	£ 6,007.66
Provincial Grand Lodge of Antrim	£ 3,175.89	£ 1,135.50	£ 4,311.39	£ 4,549.30
Income Tax Refund(HMRC)				£ -
	<u>£ 8,070.89</u>	<u>£ 12,552.50</u>	<u>£20,623.39</u>	<u>£10,556.96</u>
<u>OTHER DONATIONS</u>				
ML 162 - Hope House		£ 500.00	£ 500.00	£ 1,000.00
ML 162 - Lukaemia & Lymphoma NI		£ 500.00	£ 500.00	-
ML162 - Playaway Group		£ 500.00	£ 500.00	-
ML 162- Macmillan Cancer Support		£ 500.00	£ 500.00	-
ML 180 - W/Abbey Hospice Supp. Gp.		-	-	£ 525.00
ML 180 - N.I. Childrens Hospice		-	-	£ 330.00
ML 260- Hope House		£ 250.00	£ 250.00	£ 200.00
ML260-RNLI Larne		£ 400.00	£ 400.00	£ 500.00
ML 900- Parkinsons NI		-	-	£ 100.00
ML 900- CHILL		-	-	£ 100.00
ML 900- Carrick Connect		-	-	£ 100.00
ML 180- N.I. Hospice		-	-	£ 736.11
ML 180- Stroke Association		-	-	£ 736.00
RAC 313- Diabetes UK		£ 75.00	£ 75.00	-
	<u>£ -</u>	<u>£ 2,725.00</u>	<u>£ 2,725.00</u>	<u>£4,327.11</u>
Contribution towards Committee Expenses		£ 60.00	£ 60.00	£ 50.00
Bank Interest	£ 7.54	£ -	£ 7.54	£ 5.77
Total Receipts	<u>£ 8,078.43</u>	<u>£ 15,337.50</u>	<u>£ 23,415.93</u>	<u>£14,939.84</u>
<u>PAYMENTS TO MASONIC CHARITIES</u>				
FI VJ & Welfare Fund			£ 12,392.91	£ 1,477.30
FI Boys & Girls Fund			£ 110.00	
Belfast masonic Charity Fund			£ 8,761.30	£ 4,752.63
Belfast Masonic Widows Fund			£ 1,525.00	£ 283.00
Down Masonic Widows Fund			£ 20.00	£ -
Masonic Orphan welfare Committee			£ 25.00	£ 25.00
Joseph Karmel Fund			£ 148.00	£ 617.21
Harold McMaster Taggart Fund			£ 473.00	£ 20.00
PGLA - PGM Fund			£ 750.00	
			<u>£ 24,205.21</u>	<u>£7,175.14</u>
<u>DONATIONS TO OTHER NON MASONIC CHARITIES</u>				
Diabetes UK			£ 75.00	£ -
Hope House			£ 750.00	£ 1,200.00
Lukaemia & Lymphoma NI			£ 500.00	£ -
Playaway Group			£ 500.00	£ -
Macmillan Cancer Support			£ 500.00	£ -
W/Abbey Hospice Supp. Gp.			£ -	£ 525.00
N.I. Childrens Hospice			£ -	£ 330.00
RNLI Larne			£ 400.00	£ 500.00
Parkinsons NI			£ -	£ 100.00
CHILL			£ -	£ 100.00
Carrick Connect			£ -	£ 100.00
N.I. Hospice			£ -	£ 736.11
Stroke Association			£ -	£ 736.00
			<u>£ 2,725.00</u>	<u>£4,327.11</u>
C&DCC Donation to GL (Ukraine)			£ -	£ 200.00
Committee Expenses			£ 62.94	£ 10.20
Bank Fees			£ 49.69	£ 30.76
Total Payments			<u>£ 27,042.84</u>	<u>£11,743.21</u>

Surplus (deficit) for the year	-£ 3,626.91	£ 3,183.88
Balance at Bank at 31.12.2022	£ 5,016.71	£ 1,807.81
Balance at Bank at 31.12.2023	<u>£ 1,389.80</u>	<u>£ 1,434.89</u>

TREASURER'S CERTIFICATE

This Financial Statement has been prepared from the books, receipts and vouchers in my possession.

Signed: Ivor McAllister (HON. TREASURER)

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CASH AT BANK

Balance at 31/12/2022	£ 5,016.71	
Lodgements 2023	£ 23,408.39	
Cheques 2023	-£ 26,930.21	
Committee Expenses	-£ 62.94	
Bank Charges	-£ 49.69	
Balance at 31/12/2023	£ 1,382.26	
Bank Interest	£ 7.54	
	<u>£ 1,389.80</u>	
Balance as per Bank Statements 31/12/2023	£ 5,928.81	
Deduct Cheques not presented by 31/12/2023		
FI VJ & Welfare Fund	200560 £ 4,451.07	
MOWC	200564 £ 25.00	
	£ 4,476.07	
Expenses not yet taken from bank	£ 62.94	£ 62.94
		<u>£ 1,389.80</u>

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Annual report

Carrickfergus and District Masonic Benevolent Committee

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

NIC Registration: 105743 Granted on 26/01/2018

HMRC Registration: XN48425

Trustees:

Mr. Samuel (Uel) Crooks (Past Secretary)

Mr. Brian Morrison (Gift Aid Secretary)

Mr. Ivor McAllister (Treasurer)

Address: Whiteabbey Masonic Centre

54 Monkstown Avenue, Newtownabbey BT37 0EB

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Summary

Carrickfergus and District Masonic Charity Committee is governed by the Constitution document which was approved in 2016 and is held by the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland.

The Committee is registered as a Charity by both HMRC and the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland.

The objectives of the Charity Committee are outlined within the Constitution and are available to the public.

Co-Vid from 2020 until the all clear was given to resume normal activities in 2022, had a dramatic impact on the Charity donations from the units within the District. However it was remarkable that some units, through innovative ideas, were able to contribute monies to various charities.

Thankfully those dark days are long gone and 2023 saw an increase in Charity contributions from the members of the Masonic Order.

Sadly, a large number of members of the Masonic Order passed away, others due to the effects of Co-Vid did not resume their Masonic activities due to long term illness, fear and vulnerability.

To all units within the District the Carrickfergus and District Charity Committee is eternally grateful for the support throughout the pandemic and into the new era.

Contributions to the various Masonic Charities and Non-Masonic Charities can be seen in the Annual Accounts for 2023 skilfully prepared by the Treasurer.

Briefly in 2023 a total of just over £23415 had been received. From this £2725 had been donated to non-Masonic Charities and went towards the Public Benefit requirement and £24205 had been donated to Masonic Charities. A total of £27042 was distributed to all Charities. With the merger of Grand Lodge Charities there had been a difficulty created by the Grand Lodge bankers which resulted in almost £9000 having to be retained until the matter had been resolved.

These monies were transferred in 2024 when things had been sorted out.

The Trustees had agreed that unallocated (unreserved) donations would be distributed as follows; 45% to VJMBF: 45% to BMCF: 10% MWF. The Committee members had previously agreed to this recommendation.

This allocation would be reviewed at the AGM on an annual basis in future.

The Trustees would also like to record their thanks to the independent examiner who completed the task at no cost to the Charity Committee.

This report was approved by the Trustees at a meeting held on 28th May 2024 and signed on behalf of the Trustees by:

Brian N. Morrison

Brian N. Morrison (Secretary 2024)

Secretary: Wor. Bro. Brian N. Morrison 17 Carnhill Avenue, Newtownabbey. BT36 6LE

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Annual return

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE MEMBERS OF CARRICKFERGUS AND DISTRICT CHARITY COMMITTEE

I have examined the attached Income and Expenditure Account of Carrickfergus & District Charity Committee for the year ended 31 December 2023.

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of accounts. The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 65 of the Charities Act (Northern Ireland) 2008 and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to

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

Basis of independent examiner's statement

My examination was carried out in accordance with general directions given by the Charity Commission for NI, as required under section 65(9)(b) of the Charities Act (Northern Ireland) 2008.

An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from the trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a 'true and fair' view and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

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.



D R Minshull FCA - Independent Examiner
19 Crescent Business Park, Lisburn, BT28 2GN

Date 23 September 2024