

Province of Armagh Widows' Gift Scheme

Northern Ireland · Charity number 108814

Details

Known as PGL of Armagh Widows' Gift Scheme

Status Received

Registered 2022-09-28

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

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Activities

Purposes: The Scheme shall be used: For the prevention or relief of poverty of the widows of Freemasons who were members of lodges under the jurisdiction of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Armagh (comprising the counties of Armagh, Louth and Monaghan). Such widows are hereafter referred to as qualifying widows.

What the charity does: The prevention or relief of poverty

How the charity works: Advice/advocacy/information, Counselling/support, General charitable purposes, Grant making, Relief of poverty, Welfare/benevolent

Who the charity helps: General public, Older people, Parents, Unemployed/low income, Women

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2024-12-31	£14,751	£26,918	£0	0

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Gilbert Irvine		
James Blair		
John Montgomery		
John Richardson		

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Accounts

Provincial Grand Lodge of Armagh
Year Ended 31 December
Income & Expenditure Account
Widows Gift Scheme

	2024	2023	2024	2023
	Stg£	Stg£	€	€
Income				
Lodge Contributions	10,200	14,641	4,190	3,850
Chapter Contributions	-	-	-	100
Preceptory Contributions	-	-	-	200
Provincial Grand Lodge Charity Collections	676	520	370	-
	10,876	15,161	4,560	4,150
Expenditure				
Widows Gift Cheques	50	12,700	3,000	1,860
Widows Bereavement Grants	2,100	-	1,400	128
Transfer to RMF Account	12,300	-	-	-
Bank Charges	-	-	47	-
PY Widows Gift Cheques	6,700	-	2,340	-
	21,150	12,700	6,787	1,988
Surplus/(Deficit)	(10,275)	2,461	(2,227)	2,162
Cash at Bank & In Hand				
Bank Current Account at 31 December	33,340	43,614	31,377	33,604
Cash on hand	-	-	-	-
	33,340	43,614	31,377	33,604

The income and expenditure has been prepared from the accounting records as provided to the treasurer of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Armagh and from information and explanations provided to him. All expenditure has been vouched to receipts and supporting documentation.

Approved and signed on behalf of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Armagh by:

Provincial Grand Treasurer

M. Bellew

Examined and compared with vouchers and found to be correct

Honorary Auditors:

W.I. McMurray

M. Lundy

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	2023	2022	2023	2022
	Stg£	Stg£	€	€
Income				
Lodge Contributions	14641.01	13530.5	3850	4185
Chapter Contributions			100	300
Preceptory Contributions			200	
Provincial Grand Lodge Charity Collections	520			
Interest Received				
Bank Error				
	<u>15161.01</u>	<u>13530.5</u>	<u>4150</u>	<u>4485</u>
Expenditure				
Widows Gift Cheques	12700	13100	1860	2580
Widows Bereavement Grants			128.23	131.31
Bank Charges				
Sundry expenses				
PY Widows Gift Cheques				
	<u>12700</u>	<u>13100</u>	<u>1988.23</u>	<u>2711.31</u>
Surplus/(Deficit)	<u>2,461.01</u>	<u>430.50</u>	<u>2,161.77</u>	<u>1,773.69</u>
Cash at Bank & In Hand				
Bank Current Account at 31 December	43614.16	41153.15	33604.42	31442.65
Cash on hand				
	<u>43614.16</u>	<u>41153.15</u>	<u>33604.42</u>	<u>31442.65</u>
Net movement in bank account	Agreed	<u>2,461.01</u>	<u>2,161.77</u>	<u>1,773.69</u>

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Annual report

Province of Armagh Widows' Gift Scheme – Registered Charity in Northern Ireland No 108814

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

The trustees of the Province of Armagh Widows' Gift Scheme are pleased to submit their report and accounts for the period 1 January 2023 to 31 December 2023.

Objectives and Activities.

The object of the Scheme as set out in the Constitution is that the scheme shall be used:-

For the prevention or relief of poverty of the widows of Freemasons who are members of lodges under the jurisdiction of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Armagh (comprising the counties of Armagh, Louth and Monaghan).

The Scheme is managed by the Trustees. The Trustees met on three occasions in the year 2023, March, June and October, to monitor progress towards the Scheme's objectives. At each meeting the Treasurer presents up-to-date accounts and these are reviewed against grants and forecasted spending. All spending is discussed and approved.

The Trustees continue to remind members of the Masonic Lodges of the Scheme's objectives and how it may be supported. In planning the activities for the year the trustees have considered the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland's guidance on public benefit to ensure that the activities have helped to achieve the charity's purposes and provide a benefit to the beneficiaries.

In 2023 the Scheme made a total of 289 grants to widows of Freemasons totally £12700 and €1988.23 on the lead up to Christmas.

Financial Review.

The Scheme had an opening balance £41153.15 and €31442.65 on 1 January 2023. Donations from Masonic Lodges and other branches of Masonry contributed an income of £15161.01 and €4150.

Expenditure for the year was £12700 and €1988.23 resulting in a closing balance of £43614.16 and €33604.42. As at 31 December 2023 the Scheme has no funds in material deficit.

Reference and Administrative Details:-

Charity Name - Province of Armagh -Widows' Gift Scheme. Charity Number – 108814

Principle Address- 14 Tudor Lodge, Waringstown, Co. Armagh. BT66 7SX.

Charity Trustees as of June 2022

Gilbert T Irvine

James R Blair Secretary.

John Richardson

John Montgomery

Support.

The Trustees wish to acknowledge the support given by many members of the Masonic Order to the Scheme. There are no administrative costs associated with the Scheme.

Approved and adopted by the Trustees on 7 October 2024 and signed on their behalf.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'J Blair', with a small dot at the end of the signature.

J Blair
Secretary

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Annual return

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE CHARITY TRUSTEES OF PROVINCE OF ARMAGH WIDOWS' GIFT SCHEME

I report on the accounts of the Province of Armagh Widows' Gift Scheme for the year ended 31 December 2023, which are set out on the attached pages.

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:

- 1. Examine the accounts under section 65 of the Charities Act
- 2. Follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Commission under section 65 (9) (b) of the Charities Act
- 3. 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.

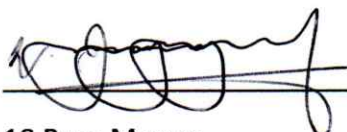
My examination included a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also included consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from you as charity trustees concerning any such matters.

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.

 W I McMurray

18 Brae Manor,
Waringstown,
Co. Armagh.
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Dated 25/10/2024.