

Lodge Strathendrick No 780 Benevolent Fund

Scotland · Charity number SC024475

Details

Status	Active
Legal form	Unincorporated association
Registered	1996-03-04
Register	View on the OSCR register

Contact

Address 46 Kirkmill Road
Balfron
Stirlingshire
G63 0TJ

Activities

Activities: 'It makes grants, donations, loans, gifts or pensions to individuals','It makes grants, donations or gifts to organisations'

Purposes: 'the relief of those in need by reason of age, ill-health, disability, financial hardship or other disadvantage'

What the charity does: Extending benevolence to members in times of need. Supporting the charity work of the Grand Lodge of Scotland, providing donations to Masonic and external charities with each application being considered on its own merits. Providing free use of our premises to local charitable organizations.

Beneficiaries: 'Older People','People with disabilities or health problems','No specific group, or for the benefit of the community','Other charities or voluntary bodies'

Objectives: The relief of those in need by reason of age, ill health, disability, financial hardship or other disadvantage.

Geography

- **Main operating location:** Stirling
- **Geographical spread:** A specific local point, community or neighbourhood

Finances

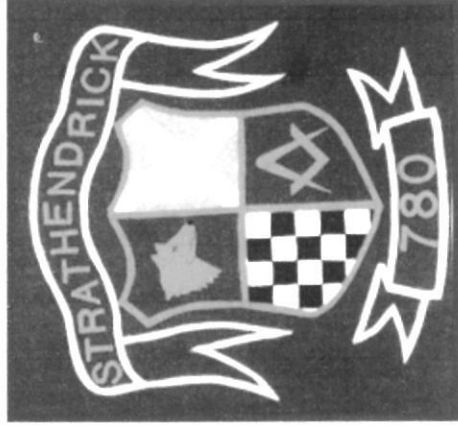
Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-08-31	£1,411	£1,400	-	0
2024-08-31	£2,464	£1,550	-	0
2023-08-31	£919	£1,800	-	0
2022-08-31	£124,434	£163,000	-	0
2021-08-31	£2,255	£1,200	-	0

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FINANCIAL STATEMENT FOR THE 12 MONTHS
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Trustees' Report and Financial Statements

Scottish charity number SCO 244475

31 August 2025

Statement of balances as at 31 August 2025

	2025	2024
Bank and Cash in hand		
Opening balances	941.05	26.25
Surplus / (deficit) for year	11.51	914.80
Closing balances	<u>952.56</u>	<u>941.05</u>

On behalf of the Trustees



Denver Chalmers
Secretary, Trustee.

Date 22 November 2025

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	2025	2024
Receipts		
National Savings Bond Interest	1411.51	1464.80
Transfer from Man. Fund	-	1000.00
Total receipts	<u>1411.51</u>	<u>2464.80</u>
Payments		
Grand Lodge Benevolent Fund	300.00	300.00
Grand Lodge Homes Fund	150.00	150.00
Provincial Grand Lodge Benevolent Fund	150.00	300.00
Lodge Grants	800.00	800.00
Strathcarron Hospice per Stirlingshire Lodges	-	-
Salvation Army	-	-
Balfron Medical Clinic	-	-
Senior citizens	-	-
Total payments for charitable activities	<u>1400.00</u>	<u>1550.00</u>
Surplus/ (deficit) for year	11.51	914.80

1. Administration Information

In the terms of Law 193 of the Constitutions and Laws of the Grand Lodge of Scotland, the Trustees of the Lodge Benevolent Fund are the Master, Secretary, Treasurer and Almoner and their successors from time to time in the respective offices. As at 31st August 2025 the individuals holding these offices were:

Murray C. O'Donnell (Master) 2 Ballewan Crescent, Blanefield.

J. Denver L. Chalmers (Secretary) 46 Kirkmill Road, Balfron.

Hugh B Edmond (Treasurer) Dunkessan, Fintry.

Keir G. Brown (Almoner) 15 Station Road, Balfron.

Details of the appointment procedure to these positions are outlined in the Constitutions and Laws of the Grand Lodge of Scotland.

No Trustee receives any payment or gratuity for his services.

Bankers

Bank of Scotland

2. Trustees' Report

The Trustees have pleasure in submitting their annual report and the independently examined financial statements for Lodge Strathendrick No. 780 Benevolent Fund.

The Trustees have ensured the adoption of the provisions of the Statement of Recommended Practice (SORP 2005) "Accounting and Reporting by Charities" issued in February 2005.

The Benevolent Fund has been entered into the Scottish Charity Register and is entitled, in accordance with Section B(1) of the Charities and Trustee Investment (Scotland) Act 2005, to refer to itself as a Charity registered in Scotland.

Administration information is shown at 1 above.

3. Structure, Governance and Management

Lodge Strathendrick No 780 was constituted in 1891 and is a holding of The Grand Lodge of Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of Scotland (hereafter referred to as Grand Lodge). Its objectives, organisational structure, together with legal and administrative arrangements, are governed by the Constitutions and Laws of the Grand Lodge of Scotland and the Special Bye-laws of the Lodge, copies of which are available for consultation from the Secretary.

Trustees of the Lodge trust are as listed at 1 on page 11.

The strategic direction of the Trust is vested in the members of the Lodge assembled from time to time and management is implemented by the Administrative Officers.

4. Objectives and Activities

The Lodge is committed to continuing to develop its charitable work that takes the form of:

1. Supporting the benevolent funds of Grand Lodge, our parent body.
2. Supporting the Masonic Homes Fund.
3. Supporting the various funds of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Stirlingshire, the overseeing body on behalf of Grand Lodge.
4. Extending benevolence to the sick and bereaved members where considered necessary.
5. Extending benevolence to members in times of need.
6. Providing donations to both masonic and external charities, with each application being considered on its own merits.
7. Remembering older members, widows and pensioners of the village at Christmas.
8. Providing free use of our premises to external local charitable organisations.

5. Achievements and Performance

During the last 12 months the Organisation has continued to meet its stated Aims and Objectives as outlined above. Donations were made to the following:

1. The Grand Lodge of Scotland Benevolent Fund.
2. The Masonic Homes Fund.
3. The funds of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Stirlingshire.
4. The various funds of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Stirlingshire to various external charities.
5. External charities.
6. In total 20 Christmas grants were distributed to the elderly brethren, widows and housebound members of the Lodge.

6. Financial Review

The income from and performance of the Fund investment portfolio has for another year been good with interest rates remaining fairly good and no donation from the Management Fund has been required this year. Total giving amounted to £1,400.00 compared with Net Income the previous year of £1,468.80.

7. Risk Management

As each donation is considered individually relative to the funds available, it is considered that there is no risk element in implementation.

8. Taxation

The Charity Fund is recognised as such by the Inland Revenue for taxation purposes, therefore there is no liability to taxation on any of its income.

MANAGEMENT

	£	
2023/2024 Balance brought forward		21186.93
(450.00) Initiation Fees		450.00
(760.00) Test Fees		855.00
(250.00) Life Members' Vol. Contribution		180.00
() Affiliation Fees		
(55.00) Mark Diplomas & Sale of Mark Tokens		135.00
(000.00) Donations		1000.00
(000.00) Bequest		10000.00
(967.00) Collections		938.00
(899.00) Raffles		1199.00

£ 35943.93

BUILDING OR

	£	
2023/2024 Balance brought forward		743.38
(2623.00) Rents		2677.00
Other Users Share of Insurance		105.00
Donation		
Transfer from Man. Fund		5000.00

£ 8525.38

**REPORT BY THE EXAMINER
FOR LODGE STRATHENDRICK No. 780**

27 December 2025

I certify that I have examined the books, accounts and vouchers of the Treasurer of Lodge Strathendrick No. 780 on the Roll of the Grand Lodge of Scotland for the twelve months ending 31 August 2025, and found them to be correct, sufficiently vouched and instructed. I have also examined the Bank Statements which, having been compared with the Books and Records of the Lodge, have been found in order, and report the foregoing statement is properly drawn up so as to exhibit a true and correct view of the Lodges Funds at that date.

The Title Deeds representing the Lodge Property have not been examined but a letter from the Law Agents dated 3rd. January, 2008 has been exhibited confirming that they hold the Title Deeds and that they are in order.

Yasser C Robb PM 1483

Steven Manson PM 780

27 December 2025

Brother Hugh B. Edmond P.M. as Treasurer presents to the Members of Lodge Strathendrick No. 780 a summary in the following pages of the financial activities and balance sheet for the year ended 31 August 2025.

I am pleased to present the summary of the accounts for the year ending 31st August 2025. These accounts are laid out in a manner necessary to meet the requirements of the 'Charities and Trustee Investment (Scotland) Act 2005'.

Activities in the Lodge are back to normal after the pandemic. There has been a slight increase in the cost of services such as water, light and insurance. Initiation Fees, Test Fees and Voluntary contributions from Life Members have virtually covered fees to Grand lodge so overall the situation is quite satisfactory. This, with income from all activities of the Lodge including collections, raffles and social activities has kept the overall situation in balance.

Interest rates have kept at a surprisingly attractive level and as a result income into the Benevolent Fund from investments has been steady at over £1,400.00, making it less dependent on donations from the Management Fund.

In the last financial year our total funds have increased by over £11,000.00. This was as a result of a generous bequest of £10,000.00 and a donation of £1,000.00 for new printed Ritual Books. Without these two receipts, Lodge funds were virtually unchanged from last year. Our financial position remains very satisfactory although I would urge careful consideration to all spending.

Any questions on these accounts should in the first instance be addressed to the Treasurer.

CAPITAL ACCOUNT

FUND

Balances from:-

	(31.08.24)	31/08/2025
Management Fund	21186.93	29094.47
Building or Hall Fund	743.38	1576.98
Benevolent Fund	941.05	952.56
Social Fund	38215.53	40768.04

(£61086.89) £ 72392.05

Represented by:-

	(31.08.24)	31/08/2025
National Savings Bond	(£40000.00)	40000.00
Bank of Scotland Current A/C	(20771.04)	32171.69
Cash in Hand	(45.85)	10.36
Bar Stock	(270.00)	210.00

(£61086.89) £ 72392.05

	2023/2024	£
(1384.00)	Grand Lodge	1392.00
(100.00)	Provincial Grand Lodge	50.00
(20.00)	PM Dues to PGL	20.00
	Grand Lodge 2000 Club	24.00
	P.G.L. Don. To Golf	75.00
	Bank Charges	58.46
	P.G.L. Don. To Bowls	50.00
	Licencing (Premises)	180.00
	Miscellaneous	
	Transfer to Hall Fund	5000.00

Balance 29094.47
£ 35943.93

HALL FUND

	2023/2024	£
(2191.85)	Fuel	1941.95
(663.69)	Light	669.58
(947.24)	Insurance	1245.95
(760.00)	Cleaning	1000.00
	Fire Protection Work	97.20
(1492.84)	Water Rates	1628.73
	New Urn	64.99
	Care of Car Park & Weed Control	300.00

Balance 1576.98
£ 8525.38

SOCIAL

	£	
2023/2024 Balance brought forward		38215.53
Burns Supper		
Burns Supper Draw		465.00
Racenight		1195.00
(0311.70) Transfer from Bar Account		1750.00
	£	<u>41625.53</u>

BAR

	£	
Drawings		2947.00
Bar Stock at 31.8.2025		210.00
	£	<u>3157.00</u>

FUND

	£	
2023/2024		
(276.94) Harmonies		257.49
(500.00) Installation Dinner		600.00
Balance		40768.04
	£	<u>41625.53</u>

ACCOUNT

	£	
Bar Stock at 31.8.2024		270.00
Supplies		1137.00
Transfer to Social Fund		1750.00
	£	<u>3157.00</u>