**NORTHAMPTON HUNTINGDON & BEDFORD MARK BENEVOLENT ASSOCIATION Charity Commission registered number 207374**

**The Trustees' Annual Report for the financial year commencing 1st January 2025 and ending on the 31st December 2025.**

The principal address of the Charity to which all correspondence should be addressed is 24, Denford Road, Ringstead, Kettering, Northamptonshire NN14 4DF.

The Charity is governed by its Governing Document dated 24th July 1962. subsequently amended on 22 August 2022 and approved by the Charities Commission

## The Aims and Objectives of the Charity:

To assist needy Brethren and their immediate family by means of grants and to aid its members to subscribe to the funds of any registered charity, but primarily to the Grand Lodge of Mark Master Masons Fund of Benevolence, Registered Charity No 207610 (also referred to as The Mark Benevolent Fund).

**Trustees:** During the financial year covered by this report were:

### Ex officio

Mr John David Sowerby
Mr David Michael Snape (Chair)
Mr Christopher James (Retired 28 June 2025)
Mr Stephen Andrew Hardy (Appointed 29 June 2025)

### Elected members

- Thomas Arnold Davison – (Elected 11th June 2022)
- James Richard King – (Elected 10th June 2023)

## Selection of Trustees:

The Ex officio Trustees are the Executive Officers of the Mark Province of Northampton, Huntingdon and Bedford together with two elected subscribing members of the Association elected annually. The elected Trustees may serve a maximum of 5 years in that office.

## Activities & Achievements:

The Trustees approved payments totalling £20,715 to the Mark Benevolent Fund; discretionary grants totalling £1,700; and dispensed the sum of £13,700 in discretionary grants on behalf of the MBF.

**Policies:**

Conflict of Interest:- Trustees are required to disclose any conflict of interest or potential conflict of interest.
Trustee benefits:- Trustees do not receive any payments for their services to the Association. Provided they qualify under the terms of the governing document and complete the required forms they may qualify for relief and discretionary grants
Grant Applications: all must be reviewed by each Trustee.

Financial:- All cheques must be signed by either two trustees or the secretary and one trustee, similarly all electronic payments made from the Associations Bank Accounts, except transfers between accounts held in the same right and held by the same banker of the Association when sole authorisation may apply

**Declaration**: I declare that this report was approved by the Trustees on 10 August 2026.



David Snape –

Chairman of the Trustees Northampton, Huntingdon and Bedford Mark Benevolent Association .

**Northampton Huntingdon and Bedford Mark Benevolent Association**

Statement of Financial Activities for the year ended 31st December 2025

| **General Fund** | | **2025** | | **2024** |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| **Income** | £ | £ | £ | £ |
| Alms-PGL | 1,013.06 | | 924.00 | |
| Alms- RAM | 471.30 | | 414.05 | |
| Donation - Lodges | 3,100.00 | | 4,305.00 | |
| Donation - Brethren | 18,937.00 | | 12,283.00 | |
| Ladies Festival | --- | | 1,000.00 | |
| Income Tax Recoverable | 2,918.75 | | 2,958.84 | |
| Interest received - Instant Access A/C | 203.04 | | 284.21 | |
| Interest received - 32-Day Access A/C | 1,305.18 | | 1,324.90 | |
| Interest received – HMRC | 16.47 | | 150.19 | |
| Petitioner Grants from MBF | 13,700.00 | | 0.00 | |
| Transfer from 32-Day Acc | 10,017.10 | | 0.00 | |
| Transfer from Inst Access Acc | 1,000.00 | | 0.00 | |
| | | **52,681.90** | | **23,644.19** |
| Sale of Regalia | | 75.00 | | 177.00 |
| | | **52,756.90** | | **23,821.19** |
| **Expenditure** | | | | |
| Charitable Donations | 1,750.00 | | 7,390.00 | |
| MBF Grants to Petitioners | 13,700.00 | | 0.00 | |
| Accountancy Charge | 96.00 | | 90.00 | |
| Transfer to PGL MMM | 10.00 | | 0.00 | |
| Transfer to Relief Chest | 1,484.36 | | 1,338.05 | |
| Transfer to MBF | 20,715.00 | | 3,528.48 | |
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| | | **48,496.30** | | **12,346.53** |
| Net Income/(Expenditure) | | **4,260.60** | | **11,474.66** |
| Total Fund brought forward (General Fund) | | **95,100.36** | | **83,625.70** |
| **Total Fund carried forward** | | **99,360.96** | | **95,100.36** |

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**Balance Sheet as at 31st December 2025**

| | **2025** | | **2024** | |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| | **£** | **£** | **£** | **£** |
| **Represented By:** | | | | |
| Debtor-HMRC | 3,949.74 | | 3,109.03 | |
| Lloyds Bank – Treasurers A/C | 10,670.57 | | 7,918.19 | |
| Lloyds Bank – Instant Access A/C | 24,805.27 | | 25,602.23 | |
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