

**CITY OF LONDONDERRY  
ORANGE WIDOWS FUND**

**ACCOUNTS**

**FOR THE YEAR ENDED  
31 DECEMBER 2024**

# CITY OF LONDONDERRY ORANGE WIDOWS FUND

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# CITY OF LONDONDERRY ORANGE WIDOWS FUND

## REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024

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The Board of Trustees presents its report and financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2024.

### Reference and Administration Information

Charity Name: City of Londonderry Orange Widows' Fund

Charity Reference Number: NIC 101213

Principal Address: Memorial Hall  
Society Street  
Londonderry  
BT48 6PJ

Trustees  
Mr D Canning  
Mr G Hunter  
Mr W Temple  
Mr M Devenney  
Mr E McCay  
Mr W Wray  
Mr W Jamieson  
Mr D Wylie  
Mr K Miller  
Mr E McClintock  
Mr S Burns  
Mr S Montgomery  
Mr N Branter

### Purposes of the charity

The object of the Fund is for the relief of such widows and dependents of deceased Orange Brethren in necessitous circumstances (whether or not such deceased Brethren had been members of Lodges which are members of the Fund) as the General Committee of the Fund shall decide and in any manner which the General Committee of the Fund shall decide.

### How our charity activities deliver public benefit

#### Activities

The Fund makes grants to the widow or the offspring (where the widow is already deceased) of any member of the Orange Institution. Grants are given at the time of death towards the cost of funeral expenses and each Christmas where there is financial need.

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## REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024 (CONTINUED)

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### Public benefit

The direct benefits which flow from the grants given to widows are the help they provide towards funeral costs and at Christmas, helping with costs that are incurred for the widow's children and relieving distress. Amounts given in grants to widows of deceased members are not of such amount that they would lead to widows being ineligible for the receipt of welfare benefits. The beneficiaries are the widows of deceased members of the various Orange Lodges within the jurisdiction of the City of Londonderry Grand Orange Lodge.

In setting our objectives and planning our activities for the year the trustees have given careful consideration to 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. Our aims, objectives and activities are reviewed, monitored and assessed through our ongoing programme of regular committee meetings. The committee is made up of individuals within the statutory, business, voluntary and community sectors.

### Achievements and performance

During the year the Fund was in receipt of an increased level of donations and gift aid to the previous year and therefore was in a position to continue to pay out grants.

### **Financial review**

#### Financial position

The trustees are pleased to report an improved financial position at the year end with net assets of £107,935.

### **Structure, governance and management**

#### Governing document

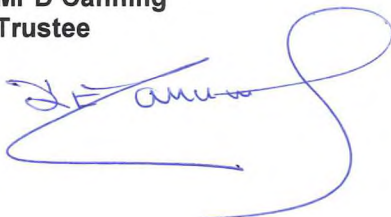
The governing document of the charity is its constitution which sets out the charity's purposes. The charity is registered with the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland.

#### Recruitment and appointment of management committee

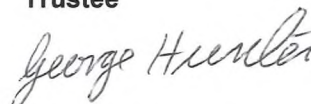
The Fund is administered by a General Committee who are trustees of the charity for the purposes of Charity Law. The trustees have the power to appoint a new trustee to fill a vacancy.

Approved by the Board of Trustees on ~~25-06-2025~~ and signed on its behalf by:

**Mr D Canning  
Trustee**



**Mr G Hunter  
Trustee**



## CITY OF LONDONDERRY ORANGE WIDOWS FUND

### INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE CHARITY TRUSTEES OF CITY OF LONDONDERRY ORANGE WIDOWS FUND

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I report on the accounts of City of Londonderry Orange Widows Fund for the year ended 31 December 2024, which are set out on pages 4 to 5.

#### **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 Charities Act; and
- 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; and
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.



Mervyn Dolan FCA  
For and on behalf of Moore (N.I.) LLP  
21/23 Clarendon Street  
Londonderry  
BT48 7EP

Date: 25 JUNE 2025

## CITY OF LONDONDERRY ORANGE WIDOWS FUND

### STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024

	Unrestricted Funds 2024	Restricted Funds 2024	Total 2024	Total 2023
	£	£	£	£
<b>RECEIPTS:</b>				
<b>Voluntary receipts</b>				
Donations and Gift Aid	7,037	-	7,037	5,701
Bank interest received	57	-	57	51
Income from shares	<u>4,575</u>	-	<u>4,575</u>	<u>3,450</u>
	11,669	-	11,669	9,202
<b>From charitable activities</b>				
Subscriptions and affiliation fees	2,305	-	2,305	2,279
Total income	<u>13,974</u>	-	<u>13,974</u>	<u>11,481</u>
<b>PAYMENTS:</b>				
Grants paid out	8,750	-	8,750	6,350
Bank charges and interest	107	-	107	100
Governance costs	<u>360</u>	-	<u>360</u>	<u>361</u>
	9,217	-	9,217	6,811
<b>Asset and investment purchase</b>				
Purchase of 5,000 (2023: 10,500) Union Arch Properties Plc Shares	7,540	-	7,540	13,430
Total payments	<u>16,757</u>	-	<u>16,757</u>	<u>20,241</u>
<b>Surplus/(deficit) for the year</b>	<u>(2,783)</u>	-	<u>(2,783)</u>	<u>(8,760)</u>
<b>Reconciliation 31 December 2024</b>				
Cash at bank & in hand 01.01.24	25,113	-	25,113	33,873
Surplus/(deficit) this year	<u>(2,783)</u>	-	<u>(2,783)</u>	<u>(8,760)</u>
Cash at bank & in hand 31.12.24	<u>22,330</u>	-	<u>22,330</u>	<u>25,113</u>

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### STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024

	Unrestricted Funds 2024 £	Restricted Funds 2024 £	Total Funds 2024 £	Total Funds 2023 £
<b>Funds reconciliation</b>				
Cash at bank & in hand 01.01.24	25,113	-	25,113	33,873
Surplus/(deficit) this year	<u>(2,783)</u>	-	<u>(2,783)</u>	<u>(8,760)</u>
Cash at bank & in hand 31.12.24	22,330	-	22,330	25,113
<b>Investment assets</b>				
5,000 shares East West Properties Limited	6,535	-	6,535	6,535
14,500 shares Threepines Ltd	19,590	-	19,590	19,590
50,500 shares Union Arch Properties Plc	<u>57,220</u>	-	<u>57,220</u>	<u>49,680</u>
	<u>83,345</u>	-	<u>83,345</u>	<u>75,805</u>
<b>Assets retained for the charity's own use</b>				
Office equipment (at cost)	-	2,260	2,260	2,260
<b>Total assets</b>	<u>105,675</u>	<u>2,260</u>	<u>107,935</u>	<u>103,178</u>
<b>Liabilities</b>				
Creditors	=	=	=	=

Approved by the trustees on 25 JUNE 2025 and signed on their behalf by

Mr D Canning  
TRUSTEE

Mr G Hunter  
TRUSTEE

