

**DOWNPATRICK DISTRICT MASONIC CHARITY COMMITTEE**



**Trustees' Annual report and Statement of Receipts and Payments and Assets and Liabilities**

**For the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> December 2025**

**Charities Number: NIC 101336**

**Downpatrick District Masonic Charity Committee**

**Annual report and financial statements for the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> December 2025**

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**Downpatrick District Masonic Charity Committee**

**References and administrative details**

Charity Name: **Downpatrick District Masonic Charity Committee**

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Charity Registration Number: NIC 101336

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**Trustees**

Mr Noel Wilson Sufferin	President
Mr William James George	Chairman
Mr William Black	Secretary
Mr Norman Uel Stewart	Treasurer

**Principal Office-bearers**

President:	Mr Noel Wilson Sufferin
Chairman:	Mr William James George
Secretary:	Mr William Black
Treasurer:	Mr Norman Uel Stewart

**Independent Examiner**

Mr Diarmuid McNulty  
Galwally House  
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**Bankers**


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Ballynahinch  
BT24 8AP

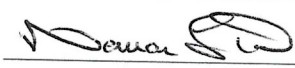
Receipts and Payments Account Year Ended 31 <sup>st</sup> December 2025					
	Note	Unrestricted Funds 2025	Designated Funds 2025	Total 2025	Total 2024
<b>Receipts</b>					
Donations	1		£17,443.70	£17,443.70	£17,990.51
Gift Aid Claimed			£4,251.96	£4,251.96	£6,064.60
Other Receipts	2	£300.00		£300.00	£355.00
<b>Total Receipts</b>		£300.00	£21,695.66	£21,995.66	£24,410.11
<b>Payments</b>					
Administration Costs			-	-	-
Charitable Donations	3.		£21,880.66	£21,880.66	£24,055.11
Insurance	4	£226.54		£226.54	£216.28
Other Expenditure	5	£223.00	-	£223.00	£130.00
<b>Total Payments</b>		£449.54	£21,880.66	£22,330.20	£24,401.39
<b>Excess of Receipts Over Payments for the year Before Transfers</b>		(£149.54)	(£185.00)	(£334.54)	£8.72
<b>Transfers</b>		-	-	-	-
<b>Excess of Receipts Over Payments for the year</b>		(£149.54)	(£185.00)	(£334.54)	£8.72
<b>Balance Brought Forward</b>		£620.64	£0.00	£620.64	£611.92
<b>Balance Carried Forward</b>		£471.10	(£185.00)	£286.10	£620.64

Statement of Assets and Liabilities as at 31<sup>st</sup> December 2025

	2025	2024
	£	£
<b>Cash Funds</b>		
Fund Account	£286.10	£620.64
<b>Total Cash Funds</b>	<b>£286.10</b>	<b>£620.64</b>

On Behalf of the Trustees

Secretary: Mr. William Black  2/2/26

Treasurer: Mr. Norman Stewart  2/2/26

## Notes to the financial statements for the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> December 2025

### 1. Accounting policies

Set out below are the principal accounting policies which have been adopted in the compilation of the Receipts and Payments Account and the Statement of Assets and Liabilities

#### 1) Receipts and Payments Account

All items of income and expenditure included within the Receipts and Payments Account have been accounted for on a cash receipts basis.

#### 2) Statement of Assets and Liabilities

- i) The only assets the charity retains are the balances at bank.

### 2. Reconciliation of Cash Funds

	£
Total Cash Funds at Beginning of the year	620.64
Receipts for the Year	21,995.66
Payments for the Year	22,230.20
Total Cash Funds at end of the year	<u>286.10</u>

### 3. Movement in Funds

	At 1 Jan 2025 £	Incoming Resources £	Outgoing Resources £	Transfers £	At 31 Dec 2025 £
<b>Designated funds</b>					
Fund Account	0.00	21,695.66	21,880.66	-	(185.00)
	<u>0.00</u>	<u>21,695.66</u>	<u>21,880.66</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(185.00)</u>
<b>Unrestricted funds</b>					
Committee Account	620.64	300.00	449.54	-	471.10
	<u>620.64</u>	<u>300.00</u>	<u>449.54</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>471.10</u>
<b>Total funds</b>	<u>620.64</u>	<u>21,995.66</u>	<u>22,330.20</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>286.10</u>

#### Purposes of Designated Funds

Fund Account

The Fund account is used for the receipt of contributions from Lodges, gift aid claimed and distribution to respective Masonic Funds. An overallocation was made to the Down Masonic Widows Fund which will be recovered next year.

### 4. Collections from Third Parties

	2025 £	2021 £
None	-	-
	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>

**Notes to the financial statements for the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> March 2025 (continued)**

**5. Transactions with the Trustees**

The Treasurer and Secretary normally receive an honorarium of £50 each to cover all costs of administration of the fund such as postage, stationery etc. however this year they did not draw down on the funds.

No trustee or a person related to a trustee had any personal interest in any contract or transaction entered into by the charity during the year.

**6. Governance Costs**

No Governance costs were incurred during the year as the independent examiner provided services free.

The Following Notes  
Do Not Form Part of The Accounts  
And are for Information Only

Note 1 Donations

	2025			2024
	Gift Aid	Non Gift Aid	Total	Total
Lodge 30	570.00	80.00	650.00	440.00
Lodge 35	515.00	43.00	558.00	706.00
Lodge 50	775.00	120.00	895.00	735.00
Lodge 142	350.00	150.00	500.00	
Lodge 172	310.00	90.00	400.00	450.00
Lodge 301	420.00	-	420.00	375.00
Lodge 367	275.00	300.00	575.00	575.00
Lodge 369				320.00
Lodge 377	575.00		575.00	500.00
Lodge 379	255.00	45.00	300.00	449.00
Lodge 488	-	350.00	350.00	400.00
Lodge 516	915.00	2,275.00	3,190.00	2,000.00
Lodge 703	759.00	41.00	800.00	715.00
Lodge 835	380.00	-	380.00	370.00
Lodge 917	365.00	5.00	370.00	345.00
Lodge 1009	460.00	25.00	485.00	480.00
Royal Arch Chapter 35	365.00	165.00	530.00	640.00
Royal Arch Chapter 113	135.00	10.00	145.00	190.00
Royal Arch Chapter 301	290.00	200.00	490.00	280.00
Royal Arch Chapter 377	195.00	300.00	495.00	765.00
Royal Arch Chapter 379				240.00
Royal Arch Chapter 703	395.00	105.00	500.00	375.00
Royal Arch Chapter 1009				575.00
Mourne Council				350.00
Myra Castle Council	200.00	55.00	255.00	320.00
Heart of Down Council	301.00	219.70	520.70	372.70
Donard Preceptory	805.00	95.00	900.00	920.00
Heart of Down Preceptory	570.00	266.00	836.00	805.00
Myra Castle Preceptory	788.00	12.00	800.00	800.00
St Patrick's Preceptory	230.00	115.00	345.00	500.00
Provincial Grand Lodge of Down				1,470.00
District Grand Chapter of Down	1,179.00	-	1,179.00	
Provincial Priory of South Ulster				527.81
	12,377.00	5,066.70	17,443.70	17,990.51

Total Gift Aided Contributions	£12,377.00
Total Non-Gift Aided Contributions	£5,066.70
Gift Aid Claimed	£4,251.96
	<hr/> £21,695.66

Note 2.

The Down Masonic Widows Fund meet all the costs associated with the Widows Lunch directly. The following Lodges contributed £30 each for provision of gifts for the ladies attending and for gratuities for the entertainers.

Killyleagh True Blues Masonic Lodge No 30  
Union Masonic Lodge No 35, Saintfield  
Ardglass Masonic Lodge No 172  
Ballynahinch Masonic Lodge No 301  
St Patricks Masonic Lodge No 367  
Crossgar Masonic Lodge No 379  
Dundrum Masonic Lodge No 488  
Myra Castle Masonic Lodge No 516  
Spa Masonic Lodge No 703  
Cathedral View Masonic Lodge No 917 Crossgar

Note 3.

Charitable Donations:

Down Masonic Widows Fund	£18,258.46
Victoria Jubilee Fund	£1,646.50
Teddies for Loving Care	£75.00
Joseph Karmel Fund	£375.70
Harold McMaster Taggart Fund	£410.00
Margaret Elizabeth Daniel Fund	£1,115.00
	<u>£21,880.66</u>

Note 4

Other Expenditure

Gifts for Widows	£183.00
Gratuities for Entertainment	£40.00
	<u>£223.00</u>