TRUSTEES' ANNUAL REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st JANUARY 2021

The Trustees present the Annual Report and Statements of Receipts and Payments and Assets and Liabilities for the County Tyrone Frontier Relief Society for the year ended 31st January 2021

OBJECTS AND ACTIVITIES

The society has been established for charitable purposes only. In particular the society is established to relieve the poverty of widows and orphans of persons killed by violence in Northern Ireland who are in necessitous circumstances.

There are currently 28 widows on the roll of the Society in County Tyrone and each year we give them a Christmas Grant, provide them with flowers prior to Easter, take them out for a meal and social function in the late Spring and send them a maintenance grant during the summer if funds permit to deal with normal household expenses. The grants and flowers are personally delivered by Trustee members in their respective areas, thus keeping us in regular contact to deal with any needs or concerns that arise from time to time. This Social interaction gives the widows the opportunity to meet others in similar circumstances to themselves and build relationships that otherwise would never have been possible.

We keep them updated on grants available from organizations such as the Memorial Fund and those of a similar ethos in the 'Victims' sector.

ACHIEVEMENT, PERFORMANCE AND PUBLIC BENEFIT

In reviewing the year 2020-21, the Trustees are aware of the need to continue to seek out donations from those and others who are sympathetic to the work that we are doing for the widows and orphans.

During this year however it wasn't possible to visit the widows during the pandemic. However we continued to send them their summer maintenance grant and the Christmas grant along with a cheque at Easter to treat themselves in whatever way they felt like pampering themselves. Regular phone contact was kept in place and the responses received in letters and E.mails acknowledged the benefit of this personal support. Unfortunately we were unable to hold the annual dinner due to the pandemic and this was greatly missed by those who regularly attended. Unfortunately some of our regular contributors were unable to support our fundraising during the pandemic due to reduced funds but hopefully that will improve as we emerge from the pandemic.

The attached financial accounts show the amount of donations received from various sources. This varies from year to year as does our expenses but our target each year is around £7,000 which allows us to carry out our four main core activities. This year for reasons stated above we are down over £1,900 where the previous year there was a surplus of approximately £650. As a result of the reduced income we were not in a position in the summer to pay out the full maintenance grant.

In conclusion the Trustees have given careful consideration to the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland's guidance on public benefit to ensure that the activities entered into during the year have helped to achieve their objectives and activities, as well as providing public benefit and would concur that these have been met during 2020 by the various activities in which we are engaged.

Maurice Clements **Chairman.**

Robert A Clements **Secretary.**

14th November 2021 **Date.**