

## TRUSTEES' ANNUAL REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31<sup>st</sup> JANUARY 2024

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 31<sup>st</sup> January 2024

### OBJECTS AND ACTIVITIES

The society has been established for charitable purposes only. 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 25 widows on the roll of the Society in County Tyrone and each year we give them a Christmas Grant, provide them with a gift cheque 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 are personally delivered by Trustee members in their respective areas. Our social function was discontinued during Covid but we kept 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 speak to others who have concerns about their welfare 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.

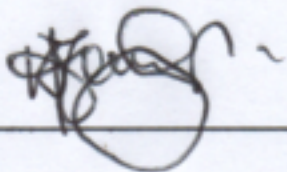
### ACHIEVEMENT, PERFORMANCE AND PUBLIC BENEFIT

In reviewing the year 2023-24, 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 reporting year however, it still wasn't considered advisable to visit the widows following the pandemic, but this will be taken up again soon. 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 still have been unable to hold the annual dinner since the pandemic and this was greatly missed by those who regularly attended. Fortunately, some of our regular contributors were able to return to support our fundraising during the past year and help replenish our funds which got somewhat depleted over the Covid period.

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 now around £6,000 which allows us to carry out our main core activities. This year for the reasons stated above we brought in nearly £9,000 where the previous year there was a deficit of approximately £2,000. Our expenses this year were £6,242. As a result of the increased income, we were in a position in the summer to pay out the full maintenance grant and increased the gift cheque at Easter from £30.00 to £50.00.

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 2023 by the various activities in which we are engaged.



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Chairman.

*Robert T.A. Abernethy*  
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Secretary.

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23<sup>rd</sup> November 2024

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