

# **Northumberland and Newcastle Society**

(A Company Limited by Guarantee)

## Trustees Report and Financial Statements For The Year Ended 31 December 2023

Charity No. 247885  
Company Registration No. 05528804

# Legal and Administrative Information

Name: **Northumberland and Newcastle Society**

Reg'd Charity No: 247885

Company No. 5528804

Trustees:

Mr J W Matthews (Chairman)  
Mr A T Hedworth (Vice-Chairman)  
Mr T Wickens  
Mrs C E Newlands

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Jesmond  
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NE2 2DL

Independent

Examiner: Mark Thompson MAAT  
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**Trustees' Annual Report**  
**For the year ended 31 December 2023**

**Objectives and activities**

The objective of the Society is the continued promotion of the areas within our remit to encourage an appreciation of the beauty, heritage interest, and community value of the natural and built environment within the County of Northumberland, City and County of Newcastle and the Metropolitan Borough of North Tyneside. During the year, the Society has delivered a full programme of activities for its members in fulfilment of its stated objectives.

**Achievements and Performance**

The Society has continued to monitor planning applications, attend planning inspectorates, and engage in consultation with other agencies regarding restoration work to heritage assets and new developments especially those within conservation areas seeking to promote good sustainable and empathetic design.

**Financial review**

The trustees' policy is to maintain the Society's funds at a sufficient level to meet ongoing commitments with an adequate balance in reserve to meet contingencies. We also investigate and source additional funding opportunities as required for specific projects.

**Matters pertaining to the Companies Act 2006**

For the year ending 31 December 2023 the company was entitled to exemption from audit under section 447 of the Companies Act 2006. The members have not required the company to obtain an audit in accordance with section 476 of the Companies Act 2006. The directors acknowledge their responsibility for complying with the requirements of the Act with respect to accounting records and for the preparation of accounts.

Signed:....., on behalf of Trustees

Print name: .....

Date:.....

## INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT

Report to the  
trustees of

### Northumberland and Newcastle Society

On accounts for  
the year ended

31 December 2023

Charity no 1106223

**Respective  
responsibilities of  
trustees and  
examiner**

The trustees of the organisation are responsible for the preparation of accounts; they consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144(2) of the Charities Act 2011 and that an Independent Examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to

- examine the accounts (under section 145 of the 2011 Act),
- follow the procedures laid down in the General Directions given by the Charity Commission (under section 145(5)(b) of the Act), and
- state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

**Basis of  
independent  
examiner's  
statement**

My examination was carried out in accordance with General Directions given by the Charity Commissioners. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from the trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently I do not express an audit opinion on the accounts.

**Independent  
examiner's  
statement**

In the course of my examination, no matter has come to my attention:

1. which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in, any material respect, the trustees have not met the requirements to ensure that:
  - proper accounting records are kept (in accordance with section 41 of the Act); and
  - accounts are prepared which agree with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the Act; or
2. to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

**Signed:**



**11th March 2024**

**Name:  
Address:**

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# Northumberland and Newcastle Society

## Statement of Financial Activities for the year ended 31 December 2023

		<b>Unrestricted Funds</b>	<b>Restricted Funds</b>	<b>Total Funds</b>	<b>Total Funds</b>
<b>Income</b>		<b>2023</b>	<b>2023</b>	<b>2023</b>	<b>2022</b>
				<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
Donations & Legacies	<b>4</b>	25444		25444	15642
Other Trading Activities		4302		4302	1221
Investment income		2833		2833	-4313
<b>Total Income</b>		<b>32579</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>32579</b>	<b>12550</b>
<b>Expenditure</b>					
Fundraising Costs				0	0
Charitable Activities	<b>5</b>	34525		34525	45818
<b>Total Expenditure</b>		<b>34525</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>34525</b>	<b>45818</b>
Surplus / deficit for the year		-1946	0	-1946	-33268
Transfer between Funds				0	0
Funds at 1 January 2023		29985	0	29985	63253
<b>Funds at 31 December 2023</b>		<b>28039</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>28039</b>	<b>29985</b>

**Northumberland and Newcastle Society**  
**Balance Sheet as at 31 December 2023**

	<b>2023</b>	<b>2022</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
<b>Fixed Assets</b>	0	0
<b>Current Assets</b>		
Investments	22736	25902
Cash at Bank & in Hand	2743	1547
Debtor	2841	3622
<b>Total Current Assets</b>	<u><b>28320</b></u>	<u><b>31071</b></u>
<b>Current Liabilities</b>	<b>281</b>	<b>1086</b>
<b>Net Current Assets</b>	<b>28039</b>	<b>29985</b>
<b>Creditors: amounts due more than one year</b>		
<b>Net Assets at 31 December 2023</b>	<u><u><b>28039</b></u></u>	<u><u><b>29985</b></u></u>
<b>Represented By:</b>		
Restricted Funds		
Unrestricted Funds	28039	29985
	<u><u><b>28039</b></u></u>	<u><u><b>29985</b></u></u>

For the year ending 31/12/2023 the company was entitled to exemption from audit under section 477 of the Companies Act 2006 relating to small companies.

Directors responsibilities:

- a) The members have not required the company to obtain an audit of its accounts for the year in question in accordance with section 476, of the Companies Act 2006
- b) The directors acknowledge their responsibilities for complying with the requirements of the Act with respect to accounting records and for the preparation of accounts.
- c) The accounts have been prepared in accordance with the special provisions of the Companies Act relating to small companies.

Signed ..... Position .....

Print Name.....

Date .....

# Northumberland and Newcastle Society

## Notes to the accounts, 2023

### 1. Basis of accounts

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2015) – Charities SORP (FRS 102), the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) and the Companies Act 2006

Northumberland and Newcastle Society meets the definition of a public benefit entity under FRS 102. Assets and liabilities are initially recognised at historical cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant accounting policy note(s).

### 2. Trustees and Staff

No Trustees were remunerated or received expenses payments.

Total Salary Costs	<b>£ 17,595</b>
Average no of staff was	<b>1</b>

### 3. Costs of financial services

The cost for the Independent Examination for the financial period will be £220.

### 4. Donations & Legacies

#### Unrestricted:

Individual subscription	7760
Business subscription	530
Group subscription	595
Donations	14673
Gift Aid Claim	1886

<b>Total Donations &amp; Legacies</b>	<b>25444</b>
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### 5. Charitable Activities:

Administrator	17595
Rent & Electricity	2636
Insurance	292
Event Expenses	2821
City & County Magazine	3904
Marketing	2356
Professional Fees	1840
Computer Expenses	426
Telephone Expenses	832
Office and Sundry Expenses	1823

<b>Total Charitable Activities</b>	<b>34525</b>
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