

Northern Brethren's Fund

Trustees' Report and Financial Statements

for the year ended 30 June 2019

Registered Charity No. 254672

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Legal and Administrative Information

Charity No.	254672
Trustees:	Rev. Peter Carr Rev. Gordon Ryan Rev. Adrian Tuckwell
Chairman:	Rev. Peter Carr
Officers:	Rev. Philip Quinn - Resigned August 2019 Rev. David Smith - Appointed August 2019 Rev. Ian Jackson Rev. James Angus
Contact Address:	Rev. David Smith Our Lady and St. Columba Carville Road Wallsend Tyne and Wear NE28 6RJ
Bankers:	Nat West Bank plc 12 Market Place Durham DH1 3NG
Stockbrokers:	Brewin Dolphin Securities Ltd 39 Pilgrim Street Newcastle upon Tyne NE1 6RQ
Independent Examiner:	P. S. Hutchinson BSc FCA Harrison Hutchinson Ltd 246 Park View Whitley Bay NE26 3QX

Northern Brethren's Fund
Report of the Trustees
for the year ended 30 June 2019

The trustees present their report and the financial statements for the year ended 30 June 2019. The trustees who served during the year and up to the date of this report are set out on page 1.

Structure, governance and management

Officers of the fund

Members of the fund elect the officers who were as follows as at 30 June 2019;

Rev. Philip Quinn - Chairman

Rev. Ian Jackson - Treasurer

Rev. James Angus - Secretary

Rev. Leo Pyle

Investment Powers

The trust deed authorises the trustees to invest monies of the Charity not required for the time being for its purposes, in or upon such investments, securities or property as the officers shall think fit.

Objectives and activities

Constitution, objectives and policies

The charitable trust is governed by its rules to provide relief and support of its members in times of infirmity, sickness and old age. The members of the fund consist of secular Clergy incardinated into the Diocese of Hexham

The benefactors of the fund will be either Clergy or Laity who have contributed during their lives or bequeathed at death such a sum as the Annual General Meeting shall from time to time decide.

Achievements and performance

Development, activities and achievements

The fund continued to provide long term assistance to retired clergy to help with their upkeep and maintenance. This assistance continued to be given on an individual basis after assessing the individual's assets, need and circumstances. Small discretionary grants continued to be paid to clergy suffering from illness.

Financial review

Relief grants totalling £170,845 (2018 - £161,158) were paid out in the year. Investment income, interest received and profit on disposal of shares totalled £187,314 (2018 - £132,893). Benefactions received in the year were £46,754 (2018 - £73,997).

The market value of the fund's stock market investments as at 30 June 2019 was £3,021,094 (2018 - £2,963,413).

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Financial review (continued)

Over the next 10 to 15 years the increasing level of grant payments is expected to exceed ordinary income over the same period. The fund seeks to find alternative means to finance this long term gap between income and expenditure.

Brewin Dolphin, the fund's stockbrokers, have stated that their investment strategy on behalf of the fund aims to provide a balanced return whilst taking on a medium level of risk. All investments are made within ethical constraints such as avoiding direct investment in armament companies.

Statement of trustees' responsibilities

The trustees are responsible for preparing the Trustees' Annual Report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

Law applicable to charities in England and Wales requires the trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the charity and of the incoming resources and application of resources of the charity for that year. In preparing these financial statements the trustees are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles in the Charities SORP;
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable accounting standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements;
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in operation

The trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with Part 8 of the Charities Act 2011 and the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

Approved by the trustees on 15 April 2020 and signed on their behalf by

Rev. Peter Carr
Chairman

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Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees on the unaudited financial statements of Northern Brethren's Fund for the year ended 30 June 2019

I report on the accounts of the charity for the year ended 30 June 2019 which are set out on pages 5 to 8.

This report is made solely to the charity's trustees, as a body, in accordance with section 145 of the Charities Act 2011 and regulations made under section 154 of that Act. My work has been undertaken so that I might state to the charity's trustees those matters I am required to state to them in an independent examiner's report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, I do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the charity and the charity's trustees, as a body, for my work or for this report.

Respective responsibilities of the trustees and examiner

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

Basis of independent examiner's report

My examination was carried out in accordance with General Directions given by the Charity Commission. 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 you as trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a 'true and fair' view and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

Independent examiner's statement

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention:

1. which gives me reasonable cause to believe that, in any material respect, the requirements:
 - to keep accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the Act; and
 - to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the Act; have not been met; 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
PAUL HUTCHINSON BSc FCA
Chartered Accountant

Dated

Address Harrison Hutchinson Ltd, 246 Park View, Whitley Bay, Tyne and Wear. NE26 3QX.

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Statement of financial activities for the year ended 30 June 2019

			Totals	
	Notes	Unrestricted £	2019 £	2018 £
Incoming resources				
Incoming resources from generated funds				
Voluntary income	2	46,754	46,754	73,997
Investment income	3	86,726	86,726	87,866
Total incoming resources		<u>133,480</u>	<u>133,480</u>	<u>161,863</u>
Resources expended				
Relief grants		170,845	170,845	161,158
AGM and meeting expenses		134	134	326
Audit and accountancy fees		1,024	1,024	840
Printing and stationery		200	200	289
Stockbroker fees		20,703	20,703	20,939
Total resources expended		<u>192,906</u>	<u>192,906</u>	<u>183,552</u>
Net (outgoing)/incoming resources before other recognised gains and losses		(59,426)	(59,426)	(21,689)
Other recognised gains and losses				
Gains on investment assets		100,588	100,588	45,027
Net movement in funds		<u>41,162</u>	<u>41,162</u>	<u>23,338</u>
Total funds brought forward		<u>2,447,234</u>	<u>2,447,234</u>	<u>2,423,896</u>
Total funds carried forward		<u>2,488,396</u>	<u>2,488,396</u>	<u>2,447,234</u>

The notes on pages 7 to 8 form an integral part of these financial statements

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Balance sheet As at 30 June 2019

		2019	2018
	Notes	£	£
Fixed assets			
Investments	4	2,253,223	2,166,050
Current assets			
Cash at bank		241,339	287,359
		<u>241,339</u>	<u>287,359</u>
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	6	<u>(6,166)</u>	<u>(6,175)</u>
Net current assets		235,173	281,184
Net assets		<u>£ 2,488,396</u>	<u>£ 2,447,234</u>
Funds			
Unrestricted income funds	7	2,488,396	2,447,234
		<u>£ 2,488,396</u>	<u>£ 2,447,234</u>

The financial statements were approved by the trustees on 15 April 2020 and signed on its behalf by

..... Trustee
Rev. Peter Carr
Chairman

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Notes to the financial statements
for the year ended 30 June 2019

1. Accounting policies

The principal accounting policies are summarised below. The accounting policies have been applied consistently throughout the year.

1.1 Basis of accounting

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention and in accordance with the Statement of Recommended Accounting Practice: Accounting and Reporting by Charities (SORP 2005) issued in May 2008, applicable UK Accounting Standards and the Charities Act 2011.

1.2 Incoming resources

All incoming resources are included in the statement of financial activities when the charity is entitled to the income and the amount can be quantified with reasonable accuracy. The following specific policies are applied to particular categories of income:

Voluntary income is received by way of donations and gifts and is included in full in the Statement of Financial Activities when receivable.

Income from investments is included in the year in which it is receivable.

1.3 Resources expended

Expenditure is recognised on an accruals basis as a liability is incurred. Expenditure includes any VAT which cannot be fully recovered, and is reported as part of the expenditure to which it relates.

Costs of generating funds comprise the costs associated with attracting voluntary income and the costs of fundraising.

Charitable expenditure comprises those costs incurred by the charity in the delivery of its activities and services for its beneficiaries. It includes both costs that can be allocated directly to such activities and those costs of an indirect nature necessary to support them.

1.4 Investments

Investments held as fixed assets are revalued at mid-market value at the balance sheet date by the stockbrokers. The revaluation is noted in the Accounts.

2. Voluntary income	Unrestricted Funds £	2019 Total £	2018 Total £
Benefactions, legacies and SRP collections	46,754	46,754	73,997
	<u>46,754</u>	<u>46,754</u>	<u>73,997</u>

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3. Investment income

	Unrestricted Funds £	2019 Total £	2018 Total £
Gross dividend income	86,392	86,392	87,783
Bank interest receivable	334	334	83
	<u>86,726</u>	<u>86,726</u>	<u>87,866</u>

4. Fixed asset investments

	Listed investments £	Total £
Cost		
At 1 July 2018	2,166,050	2,159,250
Additions	622,861	269,336
Disposals	(535,688)	(262,536)
At 30 June 2019	<u>2,253,223</u>	<u>2,166,050</u>

5. Fixed asset investment market value

	2019 £	2018 £
Market value per stockbrokers portfolio	<u>3,021,094</u>	<u>2,963,413</u>

The receipts from the disposal of shares in the year £636,277 (2018 - £307,563) was used to help fund the purchase other shares in the year costing £622,861 (2018 - £269,336)

Cash at bank includes cash held as part of the investment portfolio	<u>40,864</u>	<u>48,160</u>
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6. Creditors

Amounts falling due within one year:

	2019 £	2018 £
Accruals	<u>6,166</u>	<u>6,175</u>

7. Unrestricted funds

	At 1 July 2018 £	Incoming resources £	Outgoing resources £	Gains and losses £	At 30 June 2019 £
Total funds	<u>2,447,234</u>	<u>133,480</u>	<u>(192,906)</u>	<u>100,588</u>	<u>2,488,396</u>