

RELIEF CHESTS

The Relief Chest Scheme is designed to:

- receive charitable funds
- allow members to donate using a variety of methods
- reclaim Gift Aid tax on any eligible personal donations
- manage donations to Masonic and non-Masonic charities
- manage record-keeping efficiently
- remain compliant with the Data Protection Act (1998)
- meet statutory requirements (eg HMRC, ICO, and Charity Commission)
- offer guidance on fundraising

Using a Relief Chest

A Relief Chest must be used

- only to receive donations intended for charitable
- giving to make donations to Masonic or non-Masonic charities
- any charitable causes recognised as charitable by HM Revenue & Customs
- a Provincial Festival or an Appeal
- relieve the distress of an individual
- according to the Operating Manual and Rules of the Scheme.

Benefits of a Relief Chest

Ease of depositing

Donations can be made into a Relief Chest by:

- post
- telephone
- online

Gift Aid Tax Relief

Under the government's Gift Aid scheme, The Relief Chest Scheme can reclaim an extra 25p in every pound from HM Revenue and Customs on eligible donations received into a Relief Chest.

Ease of donating to charities

Requests to make donations from a Relief Chest to registered charities are processed and forwarded to charities regularly (monthly or if urgent immediately).

Reports

Statements are issued monthly, quarterly or annually, listing all activities in a Relief Chest. Interim statements and subscribers lists are available on request.

Costs

There is no charge for opening or administering a Relief Chest.

Interest

A favourable interest rate is earned on the funds held in a Relief Chest and is tax free.

PLEASE NOTE: Once opened, a donation must be made out of a Relief Chest at least once every 2 years.

The Scheme's services at a glance



To Support the Northumberland Mark Benevolent Fund

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Relief Chest Number - MMM2118

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