



## **Hampshire & Isle of Wight Masonic Charitable Trust**

The two previous Provincial Charitable Trusts known as The General Charitable Trust and The Hubert Giles Masonic Benevolent Trust have now been amalgamated to form the **Hampshire and Isle of Wight Masonic Charitable Trust**.

The “new” charity has seven Trustees who are responsible for the running and administration of the Trust – they are W Bros Noel Voice (Chairman), Malcolm Childs, Rev John Harvey, Charles Aspinell, David Rowsell, Tom Jones and Barrie Hewitt, supported by the Provincial Secretary and the Provincial Treasurer.

The principal aims and objectives of the “new” Trust are to provide support for Members of Lodges in the Province and their Families in case of need. Applications are made in the first instance via the Lodge or Area Almoner to The Provincial Almoner, W Bro Neil Morse who will assess the individual needs and refer the Application to the Trustees with his recommendation for immediate consideration.

Applications for support from the Trust will specifically be considered to provide one off:

- (a) Financial assistance in times of need and distress to Freemasons and Widows of Freemasons of the Province;
- (b) Financial assistance when necessary to the children of, or related to, Freemasons of the Province whether the Brother be living or deceased;
- (c) Assistance to the Funds of any Masonic Charities as may be approved by the Trustees.
- (d) Funding to support the disability needs of Freemasons at Masonic Centres, and financial assistance for the activities of Amity Groups in the Province.

The Hampshire & Isle of Wight Masonic Charitable Trust (MCT) works closely with the Grand Lodge Masonic Charitable Foundation (MCF) when necessary and appropriate. The MCF deals with the more complex and long term needs of the Brethren and their Families and through the Grand Lodge MCF Visiting Volunteer Scheme which provides a personal visiting service to assess the needs of, and complete applications, for those who can better be served by the resources of the MCF.

The “new” Provincial Masonic Charitable Trustees are keen to ensure that where help is required in our Masonic Community we are made aware of that need, and proactively provide the assistance that is required. So whatever the circumstances we are “open for business” and as Trustees we will do our utmost to provide help and support when and where it is needed.

W Bro Noel R Voice  
Chairman of the Trustees  
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