

# **The Hampshire & Isle of Wight Masonic Grand Charity**

## **(The Tom Langton Fund)**

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The Provincial Grand Charity was founded in 1985 by the then Provincial Grand Master, R.W.Bro. Col. Thomas Bennett Langton. Having completed its 31st Year the Charity has once again been able to give generous support to numerous charitable and deserving causes in the Province.

The Fund Committee has met twice during the past year and approved donations to 70 non-Masonic charities, totalling £36,254. The Grants awarded varied in size from £200 to £1,500 and these were made to support a wide range of projects and causes. The total amount of grants awarded and donated since the Charity was established in 1985 exceeds £700,000. As at 31<sup>st</sup> October 2016 the Fund's value of investments totalled £981,162.

Under the Chairmanship of W Bro. David Flemming, PSGD, PAsstPGM, the Fund has had another successful year with many more Lodges making applications to the Fund. During the year the Area Representatives have continued to promote the Fund across the Province very effectively and the number of applications has increased as a result. Much valuable local publicity has been obtained as a result of donations being made to charities, groups and organisations for specific projects and providing invaluable financial assistance. The ideal beneficiaries are small self-help groups with limited resources, especially those whose activities involve children, where a grant from the Tom Langton Fund would make a significant difference to their work and success.

W. Bro Rob Prouting, PPJGW, and W.Bro Mark Werner, PProvSGD have joined the Committee as the Representatives for the South Wes Area, replacing W.Bros Leon Whitfield and W.Bro Ian Young respectively.

We especially thank our Trustees for their advice and support, and of course the Area Representatives for their considerable efforts in promoting the Fund and presenting the various Applications to the Committee on behalf of Lodges in their designated Areas.

Finally, the Committee wishes to express its sincere thanks to the Provincial Grand Master, RW Bro. Michael Wilks for his support, and to the Provincial Grand Secretary, the Deputy Provincial Grand Secretary and their staff for their valuable assistance during the past year.