



PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF HAMPSHIRE AND ISLE OF WIGHT

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Charities receive £17,500 in Bordon

Local Freemasons recently held a charity giving evening in celebration of the Tercentenary year of the United Grand Lodge of England. The evening was held at the Bordon Masonic Centre and very well attended by both charity representatives and Freemasons.

Several dignitaries attended to provide support for the event, these included:

- Chairman East Hampshire District Council (EHDC) - Cllr Lynn Evans
- Accompanied by Cllr David Evans – Horndean
- Mayor of Alton - Cllr Dean-Paul Phillips
- Mayor of Whitehill & Bordon - Cllr Colin Leach
- EHDC for Four Marks & Medstead - Cllr Ingrid Thomas
- County Cllr Petersfield & Hangers - Cllr Russell Oppenheimer
- EHDC & Headley District Councillor - Cllr Anthony Williams



To commence the evening Adrian Bean, Deputy Chairman of the North East Area, welcomed everyone and provided introductions. Following this Mike Wilks, the Provincial Grand Master, gave a talk about Freemasonry and the values it represents and teaches its members.

A total of twenty-six charities have been supported, and they were given the opportunity to explain the amazing and selfless work they provide to the local community. There were many moving stories about actions of the charities in relation to how they provide respite, care and relief from suffering for so many people. A total of over £17,500 was presented.



Mike Wilks said afterwards: "Listening to the charity representatives explain the work they do was very humbling. It provided even more motivation for us to keep raising funds for such worthy causes. For 300 years we have been supporting charity and I hope we'll still be doing it in another 300 years."

The evening concluded with a social in the dining hall of the centre. This provided a great opportunity for the charities to further explain what they do, and to learn about Freemasonry from its members.

Full List of Charities in attendance:

No.	Charity	Supporting Lodge
1	Alton Cardiac Rehab	Amery Lodge
	Alton Cardiac Rehab	Whitehill Lodge
	Alton Cardiac Rehab	Holybourne Lodge
2	Lifelites	Lodge of Friendship
	Lifelites	Amery Lodge
3	The Rosemary Foundation	Lodge of Friendship
	The Rosemary Foundation	St Peters Lodge
4	The Petersfield Society of Special Needs	St Peters Lodge
5	Petersfield Counselling Service	Lodge of Friendship
6	Petersfield ShopMobility	Union of Malta Lodge
7	Petersfield Girl Guides	Lodge of Friendship
8	The Oaks Playscheme for Disabled Children	Lodge of Friendship
9	Bisters Big Build	Shalden Lodge
	Bisters Big Build	Amery Lodge
	Bisters Big Build	Aultoun Lodge
	Bisters Big Build	Camelot Lodge
	Bisters Big Build	Holybourne Lodge
10	Alton MS Society	Shalden Lodge
11	Holybourne Theatre Company	Shalden Lodge
12	Kings Arms Young Carers	Aultoun Lodge
13	The Murray Parish Trust	Camelot Lodge
14	Friends Forever	Woolmer Forest Lodge
15	Homestart Weywater	Woolmer Forest Lodge
16	The Downs Syndrome Association	Woolmer Forest Lodge
17	Hounds for Heroes	Bordon Garrison Lodge
18	The Royal Marsden Hospital	Bordon Garrison Lodge
19	The Kevin Ackling Fund	Cherry Tree Lodge
20	Headley Youth Football Club	Headley Lodge
21	Headley Holme Primary School	Headley Lodge
22	St Johns Ambulance	Headley Lodge
23	Riding for the Disabled	Headley Lodge
	Riding for the Disabled	Whitehill Lodge
24	Masonic Trout & Salmon Fishing Charity	Headley Lodge
25	Headley Sports Association	Headley Lodge
26	Annas Challenges	Chequered Flag Lodge

