



PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE
OF HAMPSHIRE AND ISLE OF WIGHT

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Dear Bro Secretary,

I trust that you and your family continue to keep safe. I'd be grateful if you will please note the following and distribute the information to your members:

1. MCF Covid-19 Fund

We have now fully allocated the £10,000 made available to us by the MCF for charities and other causes impacted by Covid-19 across the Province – this has made a real difference. A summary of grants made is as follows:

	Lodge	No.	Area	Agreed	Charity / Organisation
1	Spithead Lodge	6719	Solent	£500	Aspire Ryde
2	Spithead Lodge	6719	Solent	£500	Community Action, Isle of Wight
3	Hermes Lodge	5532	Solent	£500	Rainbow Centre, Fareham
4	Mercury Lodge	4581	NE	£250	St John Ambulance, Farnborough Branch
5	West Wight Lodge	8570	Solent	£1000	Isle of Wight Samaritans
6	Spithead Lodge	6719	Solent	£500	Spina Bifida, Isle of Wight
7	Albert Edward Lodge	1780	SC	£750	The Honeypot Childrens' Charity
8	Elizabethan Lodge	7262	SW	£500	The Stable Family Home Trust
9	Landport Lodge	1776	SE	£500	The Roberts Centre
10	Lyndhurst Lodge	8012	SW	£250	Citizens Advice, Test Valley
11	Rowner Lodge	6974	Solent	£250	Scrubstars
12	Albert Edward Lodge	1780	SC	£250	Leonard Cheshire Homes
13	Mayflower Lodge	8815	NC	£250	Winchester Live at Home
14	Hermes Lodge	5532	Solent	£350	Love 4 Life
15	Ashburn St Johns	9395	NE	£500	Winchester Streetreach
16	Knole Lodge	8996	SW	£250	Bournemouth Foodbank
17	RM Portsmouth Lodge	6423	SE	£500	Aggie Weston's
18	Southsea Lodge	4071	SE	£500	Two Saints Homeless
19	Hermes Lodge	5532	Solent	£500	Fareport Talking News
20	Mercury Chapter	4581	NE	£300	Church Crookham and Fleet Menshed
21	Knole Lodge	8996	SW	£250	Salvation Army - Boscombe
22	Province of Hants & IOW (joint application with Dorset Province - £500 each)			£500	Hope for Food, Bournemouth
	TOTALS			£9,650	

2. Covid-19 Response Group

We have been successful in a number of applications for support for specific initiatives across the Province:

- £2,000 has been donated to St John Ambulance for Covid-related training for their staff.
- £8,000 has been donated to 'Honeypot Children's Charity' to help them through these difficult times.
- £5,400 has been awarded to a brother on the Isle of Wight providing meals to Care Home staff.
- We have also submitted a joint application with the Province of Dorset in support of 'Veterans in Action' to deliver food to vulnerable members of the community.

1. General Information from Hampshire County Council

The following wider information may be useful to you and your members:

a. Men's Health Week (15-21 June)

Hampshire County Council is [encouraging](#) men to consider the benefits of joining a men's group to connect with others for better mental and physical health during the Covid-19 pandemic.

Hampshire's [Men's Activity Network](#) consists of 20 men's groups across the county which offer a range of activities including online training courses, one-to-one mentoring sessions and fortnightly virtual networking sessions. The Network is promoting a [free online training session](#) on Thursday 18 June, for any community organisation that would like to learn how to reach out and engage more successfully with men locally. This includes a digital toolkit to help organisations attract new members, email mensactivitynetwork@hants.gov.uk for details.

b. Home and Well

Citizens Advice Hampshire's [Home and Well project](#) has been re-modeled during the Covid-19 crisis to provide support to around 200 people. *Home and Well* is collaboration between Citizens Advice Hampshire, utility companies, and the CCG. It aims to support residents to return home as quickly and easily as possible after a hospital stay and ensure they have a home environment that will aid further recovery. For more information, see a newly published [case study](#), an [infographic showing the story and impact so far](#) or visit the [Home and Well webpage](#).

c. Your Hampshire

Hampshire County Council issued the latest edition of [Your Hampshire](#) to subscribers last week. The newsletter aims to keep Hampshire residents up to date with local issues and news from the County Council. This edition included information on the following: the new booking system for Hampshire Waste Recycling Centres, cycling and walking library scheme and volunteering, in the context of Covid-19.

Keep safe!

Fraternal Regards
Frank Milner
Provincial Grand Secretary