

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 34th 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 just once during the past year due to the pandemic, and approved donations to 31 non-Masonic charities, totalling £13,460. An additional three Covid-19 emergency grants were also made totalling £1,500. The Grants awarded varied in size from £200 to £1,000 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 stands at just under £800,000. As at 31st December 2019 the Fund's value of investments totalled £939,022.

The committee intends to meet later in the year and will make additional grants and donations that have been held in abeyance due to lockdown.

Under the Chairmanship of W. Bro. Ron Griffiths, and despite the restrictions imposed by the pandemic, the Fund has had another successful year with many Lodges making applications to the Fund. The ideal beneficiaries are small self-help groups with limited resources, especially those whose activities involve children and less able-bodied people, where a grant from the Tom Langton Fund would make a significant difference to their work and success.

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.

W Bro Alan Hamilton has retired after many years as a Trustee of the fund and we thank him most sincerely for his considerable hard work and wise counsel. We are pleased to welcome W Bro Roy Quin in his stead.

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