



Hampshire & Isle of Wight
2027 FESTIVAL
MAKING A DIFFERENCE

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Dear Brethren

Charity has always been one of the cornerstones upon which Freemasonry rests, indeed it is one of our three Grand Principles and over many years Hampshire & Isle of Wight Brethren have demonstrated their support for Masonic and Non-Masonic in an exemplary manner.

This was no better exemplified by the amount raised in support of the 2005 Festival for the Masonic Samaritan Fund, and of course our record breaking 2016 Festival in support of the Royal Masonic Trust for Girls and Boys where we raised £7.75m.

Since the conclusion of the 2016 Festival, a wide range of local and national Non-Masonic causes have benefitted enormously from the assistance given by Hampshire & Isle of Wight Freemasons, donations have come from individual Brethren, Lodges, Areas and of course the "Tom Langton Fund" totaling £2M.

Our thoughts now turn to the 2027 Festival in support of the Masonic Charitable Foundation (MCF), this will be the first time that we have been in Festival for the recently formed MCF, and it is our intention to launch the Festival at our AGM on 29th July 2021. Since its formation in 2016 Hampshire & Isle of Wight Freemasons have received magnificent aid from the MCF, assisting annually, on average 260 Brethren and their families, with annual grants in excess of £527k. Masonic Festivals run on an 11 year cycle, so you will see that over that period Brethren and their families from our Province will have received £5.8M in grants. We need to ensure that the MCF is sustainable as none of us know when we may have to call on it in the future. Therefore we need to give the Festival the best support possible. To achieve that aim I have appointed a team which I feel will drive the Festival Appeal forward. The members of the Team are.

Festival Director WBro Barrie Hewitt
Festival Secretary WBro David Hilton MBE
Festival Ambassadors WBro John Donoghue, WBro Sean Whelan
North East Area Festival Chairman WBro Richard Lucas
North Central Area Festival Chairman WBro Andi Parker
South Central Area Festival Chairman WBro Jim Renshaw
South East Area Festival Chairman WBro Keith Clark
South West Area Festival Chairman WBro Barry Hills
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Provincial Grand Charity Steward WBro John Pearson

The Festival Team is there to give you advice and encouragement on the best way to donate, and I would urge you all to give as much support to the Festival Appeal within your means.

Let us look forward to a successful outcome to our 2027 Festival Appeal

Sincerely and Fraternaly

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