



PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE & PROVINCIAL GRAND CHAPTER OF WARWICKSHIRE



June 2024

Dear Brethren,

This is my last report as the Provincial Grand Charity Steward as I stood down from office at Provincial Grand Lodge on the 8th June 2024.

Before I move on to outline the work of the WMCA in 2023/24 I would like to thank you all for your tremendous generosity over the last 5 years. Whenever the province has looked to you for support you have always stepped up to the mark. Just one example is the £37,000 you donated, in just five weeks, for our Ukraine Appeal in 2022. An absolutely fantastic response and one which you can all be very proud of.

The WMCA again donated £200,000 to local charities in the financial year 2023/24. The beneficiaries included our local hospices, our two local Air Ambulances and charities supporting our:-

military personnel and veterans, older citizens experiencing dementia and/or loneliness and isolation, children experiencing the effects of poverty, family bereavement, domestic violence, refuges and other services combatting domestic and sexual violence, homeless shelters and hostels, local cancer support services for adults and children, local services providing assistance to individuals with a wide range of disabilities, medical charities helping individuals manage the impact of Huntington's Disease, Cystic Fibrosis, Fahr's Disease, MS and Brain Injuries etc.

A full list of beneficiaries appears below.

Warwickshire Masonic Charitable Association 2023 Non- Masonic Donations			
	Hospitals, Hospices, Rescue Services & Air Ambulance	Area	Grant
1	Acorns Children's Hospice	West Midlands	£7,060
2	Arrive Alive	Warwickshire	£2,000
3	Birmingham Children's Hospital	West Midlands	£5,000
4	Birmingham Children's Hospital(Singing Medicine Ex-Catherdra)	Birmingham	£4,000
5	Hospice Charity Partnership (Birmingham Hospice)	Birmingham	£4,000
6	Fastaid	West Midlands	£2,000
7	Friends of Water Search and Rescue Team	Warwickshire	£1,000
8	Lifelites	Midlands & Nationwide	£5,000
9	Marie Curie Cancer Care Hospice	Solihull	£4,000
10	Mary Ann Evans Hospice	Nuneaton	£4,000
11	Midland Freewheelers	West Midlands	£4,000
12	Midland Air Ambulance	West Midlands	£4,000
13	Myton Hospice	Warwickshire	£4,000

14	Shakespeare Hospice	Stratford-upon-Avon	£4,000
15	St. Giles Hospice	Staffordshire	£4,000
16	Warwickshire & Northamptonshire Air Ambulance	Warwickshire	£4,000
17	Zoe's Place Hospice	Leamington Spa	£4,000
18	University Hospital Birmingham Charity	Warwickshire	£3,500
			£69,560
	Aged, Children and Youth	Area	Grant
1	Age Uk Solihull	Solihull	£1,000
2	Birmingham Boys & Girls	Birmingham	£1,000
3	Birmingham Royal Ballet	Birmingham	£1,000
4	Buddy Bags Foundation	Birmingham	£3,000
5	When you Wish upon a Star	Warwickshire	£2,000
6	Go Beyond	Midlands & Nationwide	£1,000
7	Jessie May Trust	Nationwide	£1,000
8	Jubilee Solihull Community Trust	Warwickshire	£1,000
9	Little Sisters of the Poor	Birmingham	£1,000
10	The Coventry Boot Fund	Coventry	£1,000
11	The Little Princess Trust	Warwickshire	£2,000
12	The Bradby club	Birmingham	£500
			£15,500
	Community	Area	Grant
1	Birmingham Crisis Centre	Birmingham	£3,000
2	Birmingham Rape and Sexual Violence Project	Birmingham	£1,000
3	Birmingham Settlement	Birmingham	£2,000
4	Cavell Nurses Trust	Warwickshire	£2,000
5	Coventry Haven	Coventry	£2,000
6	Domestic Abuse Counselling Service	Nuneaton	£1,000
7	Insight Counselling service	Bedworth	£1,000
8	Harbury E-Wheels	Leamington Spa	£1,000
9	Knowle Masonic Centre Community Fund	Warwickshire	£500
10	Refuge	Warwickshire	£2,000
11	Roshni	Birmingham	£1,000
12	Solihull Bereavement Counselling Services	Solihull	£1,000
13	St. Basils	West Midlands	£2,000
14	Solihull Arden Charitable Trust	Warwickshire	£2,000

15	St Anne's Hostel	Birmingham	£1,000
16	Taber House (Homeless Shelter)	Birmingham	£1,000
17	Valley House(Homeless Shelter)	Coventry	£1,000
18	Voluntary Action Coventry	Coventry	£1,000
19	Warwickshire Search and Rescue	Warwickshire	£1,000
			£26,500
	Religious	Area	Grant
1	Coventry Church Municipal Charities	Coventry	£2,000
2	Coventry Cathedral (Organ Appeal)	Coventry	£5,000
3	St Chads sanctuary	Birmingham	£1,000
4	Solihull & District Hebrew Congregation Thursday Club	Solihull	£1,000
5	Salvation Army	Warwickshire	£2,000
6	The Collegiate Church of St Mary	Warwick	£1,000
			£12,000
	Armed and Ex-Services	Area	Grant
1	Cakes for Casualties	Birmingham	£1,000
2	On Course Foundation	West Midlands	£1,000
3	The Veterans contact Point	Warwickshire	£2,000
4	Walking with the Wounded	Warwickshire	£1,000
			£5,000
	Medical Research	Area	Grant
1	Ladies Fighting Breast Cancer	Warwickshire	£1,000
2	The Holly Trust	Warwickshire	£2,000
			£3,000
	Medical Welfare	Area	Grant
1	Action for Pulmonary Fibrosis	West Midlands	£1,000
2	Bowel cancer UK	Nationwide	£1,000
3	Brain Tumour Support	Midlands/National	£1,000
4	(Cheat) Childhood Eye Cancer	Midlands /Nationwide	£1,000
5	Cycstic Fibrosis Trust	Warwickshire	£1,000
6	Cerebral Palsy West Midlands	West Midlands	£1,000
7	Coventry & Warwickshire Mind	Warwickshire	£1,000
8	The Pam Britton Trust for Dementia	Warwickshire	£1,000

9	Fahr Beyond	Nationwide	£1,000
10	Healing Hands Network	UK/Overseas	£2,000
11	Israel & Gaza Appeal	Overseas	£10,000
12	Headway Birmingham & Solihull	West Midlands	£1,000
13	Kids Cancer Charity	West Midlands	£1,000
14	Macmillan Cancer Support	Midlands/National	£2,275
15	MS Society	Rugby	£1,000
16	Muscular Dystrophy Support Centre (NMC Midlands Ltd)	Coventry	£1,000
17	Molly Olly's Wishes	Warwick	£3,000
18	Coventry & Warwickshire MND Group (Moter Neurone Disease Association Group)	Warwickshire	£5,060
19	The Neurofibromatosis Association (t/a Nerve Tumors UK)	Warwickshire	£1,000
20	Parkinson's UK	Midlands /Nationwide	£1,000
21	Shine (Spine Bifida)	Warwickshire	£1,000
22	Spinal Muscular Atrophy (SMA)	Stratford-upon-Avon	£1,000
23	(Stroke Association)	Coventry	£1,000
24	SWFT	Warwickshire	£2,000
25	Target Ovarian Cancer	Warwickshire	£1,000
26	Teenage Cancer Trust	Warwickshire	£1,000
			£44,335
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	Disabled	Area	Grant
1	Arden Riding Group	Warwick	£2,000
2	Dogs for Good	Warwickshire	£2,250
3	Fledglings	Warwickshire	£2,000
4	Nuneaton Riding for the Disabled	Nuneaton	£1,000
5	Way Ahead	Warwickshire	£1,000
			£8,250
	Sports and Recreation	Area	Grant
	1st Coleshill Brownie Pack	Coleshill	£1,000
1	Coventry Masonic Pantomime	Warwickshire	£3,000
2	Shirley & District Sea Cadets	Birmingham	£1,000
3	The Narrow Boat Project (LNBP)	Warwickshire	£1,000
4	Shipton on Stour Sports and Social Club	Warwickshire	£2,000
5	Stonehouse Gang	Warwickshire	£1,000

6	2nd Warwick Sea Scouts	Warwick	£1,000
7	Wilson Stuart Scout Pack	Birmingham	£2,000
			£12,000
		TOTAL	£196,145.00

In addition and in support of the MCF we were able to donate a further £50,000 to International Disaster Funds offering assistance in the aftermath of the floods in Libya, the earthquakes in Syria, Turkiye and Morocco and the tragedies in Israel and Gaza.

This year is an important year for charitable giving in Warwickshire with the bringing together of our two charities, the Warwickshire Masonic Charitable Association and the Warwickshire Masonic Benevolent Fund, to form our new combined charity the Warwickshire Freemasons Charitable Foundation. The new charity will be more efficient, effective and flexible but it will retain its core objectives of supporting :-



Freemasons and their families and dependants, and

Non-masonic charities operating in Warwickshire

Your new Provincial Grand Charity Steward is W. Bro. Andy Staker, best known to you all for his work in distributing over 4,000 Easter Eggs, every year, to local disadvantaged children.

I know Andy will do a fantastic job as our Charity Steward and I know you will give him your full support. You can contact him on as.charity@warwickshireppl.org.

In closing can I once again thank you all for your generosity which lets the most vulnerable and disadvantaged in Warwickshire know that "Freemasons Care"

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