



PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF SOMERSET

31st July 2020

Dear Lodge Secretary,

Coronavirus Pandemic

Dear Brother Secretaries.

Over the past 16 weeks or so, our lives have changed beyond all imagination due to the Covid-19 Pandemic. We as a Province wanted to help our communities and those who needed support. The initiatives and fund-raising activities undertaken by many members of the Province rose to the challenge. The Money raised from individuals, Lodges the Masonic Charitable Foundation, the UGLE, the Provincial Grand Chapter of Somerset, the Provincial Grand Mark Lodge of Somerset and the Provincial Grand Lodge of Somerset has been able to support our local communities to a total of **£149,789**

We as Somerset Freemasons should be immensely proud of how much we have raised collectively across the 3 Provincial orders and this message should be shared across all our communities, friends and families.

These donations have been detailed below where this money has come from and how it has been distributed throughout the Province.

A special thank you to The Provincial Grand Chapter of Somerset in supporting the crisis with donations of £12,000 and to the Provincial Grand Mark Lodge of Somerset with donations of £20,000

So far the Masonic Charitable Foundation Covid-19 appeal has just topped £1million, this will give us opportunities to fund other charities addressing issues such as mental health and child poverty, please let me know if you are looking to support any charity linked to the Covid-19 whereby we can apply for additional funding from the MCF.

Please communicate this to all your members to keep everyone informed with how Freemasonry in Somerset has responded to this crisis.

I hope everyone stays safe and well and I am sure we all look forward to when we can all get back to normal once again.

Yours sincerely and fraternally

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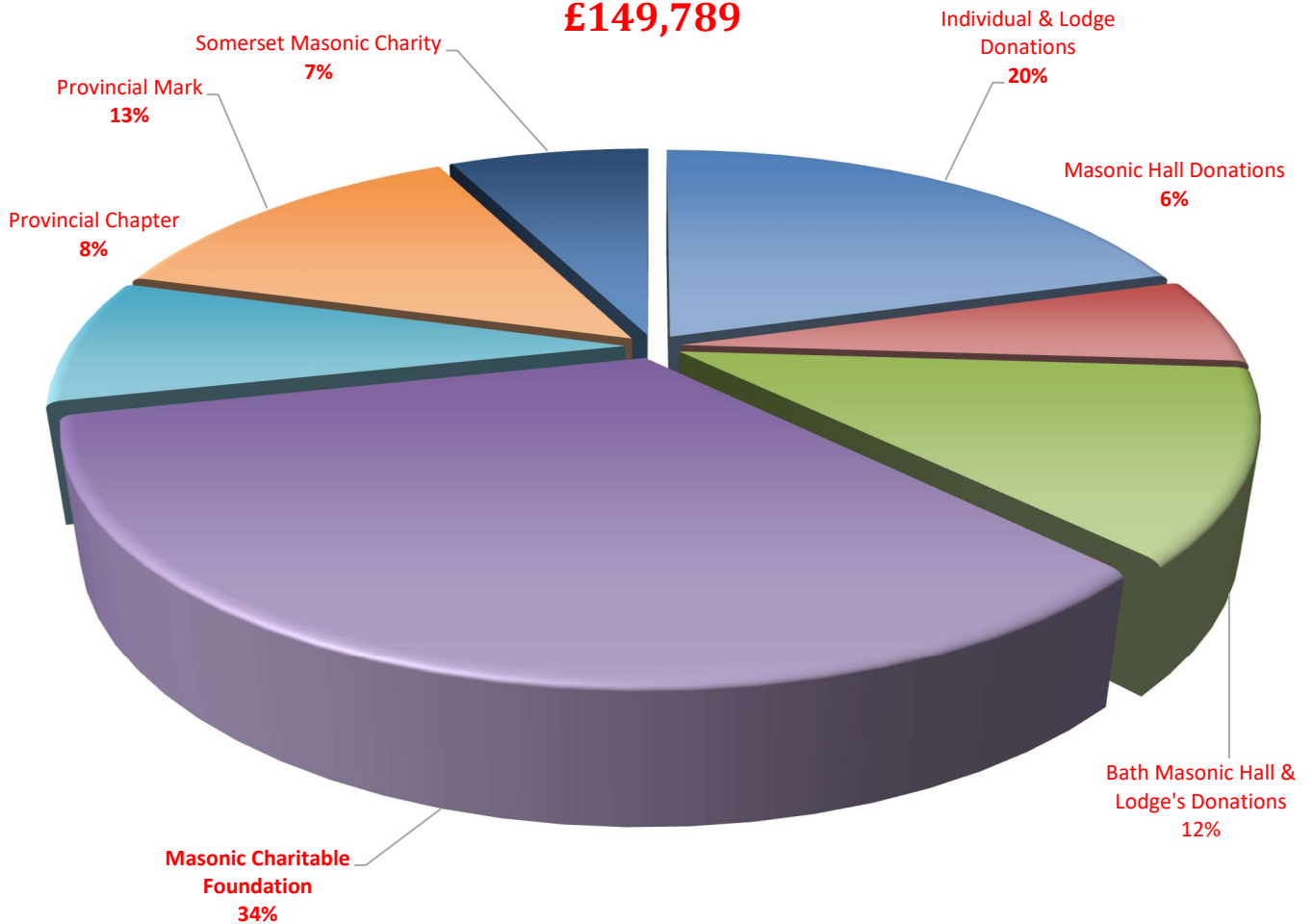




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| £30,664 | Individual & Lodge Donations |
| £8,350 | Masonic Hall Donations |
| £17,500 | Bath Masonic Hall and Bath Lodge's |
| £50,500 | The MCF Including the UGLE |
| £12,000 | Provincial Chapter |
| £20,000 | Provincial Mark |
| £10,775 | The Somerset Masonic Charity |

Covid-19 Fund Raise £149,789



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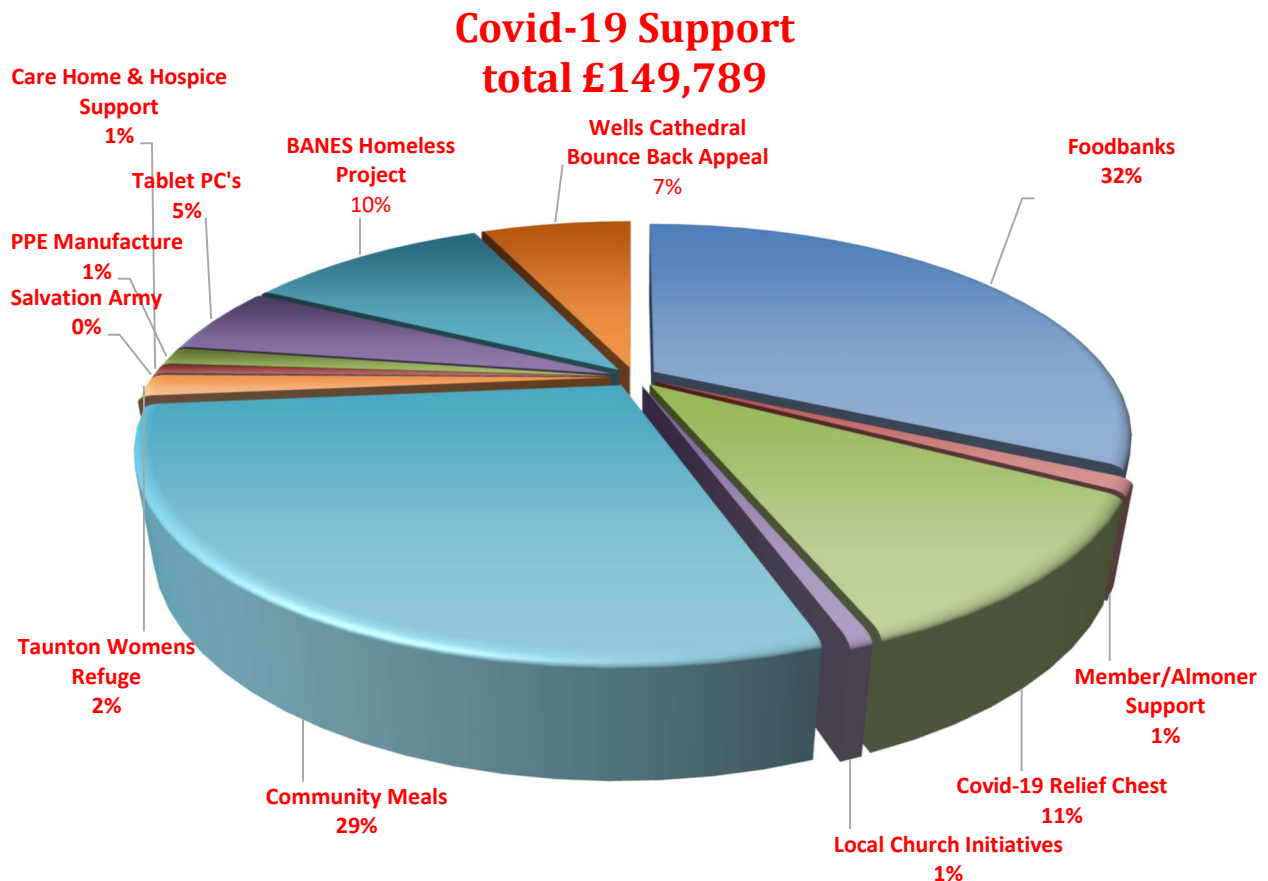
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This money has been used to support the following local community initiatives as follows;

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| £48,214 | Local Community Foodbanks |
| £1,400 | Member/Almoner support |
| £16,500 | The Covid-19 Relief Chest |
| £950 | Local community Church initiatives |
| £43,050 | Community Meals representing 8,500 meals |
| £2,550 | Taunton Women's Refuge |
| £125 | The Salvation Army |
| £1,150 | Care Home and Hospice support |
| £2,000 | PPE manufacture |
| £8,000 | Tablet PC's |
| £15,850 | BANES Homeless Project |
| £10,000 | Wells Cathedral Bounce Back Appeal |



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There were 50 Tablet PC's purchased and distributed to the Covid-19 wards of the following hospitals;

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| 10 | Bath Royal United Hospital by David Medlock |
| 10 | Yeovil District Hospital by Scott Gibbons |
| 10 | Taunton Musgrove Park Hospital by Adrian Robson |
| 10 | Weston General Hospital by Adrian Robson |
| 5 | Bristol Royal Infirmary by Elliott Borthwick |
| 5 | Cadogan Court Exeter |

This summary to be detailed to Lodge's across the Province for distribution to all members

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