



Provincial Grand Chapter of Somerset

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Food Bank Initiative

Dear Companions,

I hope you have all had a good summer break, and you are all enjoying getting back to your Lodges and Chapters.

As many of you will know from The Most Excellent Grand Superintendent's address at the Annual Provincial Convocation in May, he announced that the Province's charity for the ensuing year would no longer be the food bank initiative, and that a new Charity would be chosen. I am pleased to announce that this chosen Charity is "Young Somerset".

Young Somerset began as the Somerset Rural Youth Project in 1997 and initially focused on supporting young people in rural areas of Somerset. Over the years the organisation has developed and in 2018 they became **Young Somerset**. They now support young people and their families across the whole of Somerset. Supporting children and young people who have high levels of need, risk and vulnerability. Supporting them with learning by doing, building economic, education and employability skills alongside their personal and social development.

Please see Young Somerset's web link. [Who We Are | Young Somerset](#)

The Most Excellent Grand Superintendent and I would like to express our sincere thanks and appreciation to all those Chapters who've embraced the food bank initiative last two years and for their efforts and hard work in supporting and donating to Food Banks across the Province. We would now welcome the same enthusiasm in supporting this new initiative. Young Somerset.

I am delighted to announce that Provincial Grand Chapter of Somerset will continue to support any Chapter that raises above £150 for the Young Somerset initiative, with a “support fund” calculated on the amount you have raised. I am hopeful that this will assist and encourage Chapters to fully support this initiative.

Please find below the Support Fund available for each Chapter to claim against the amount the Chapter has raised/donated.

The Support Fund is available to be claimed, each time the Chapter raises/donates funds. This is not restricted to only one occasion.

Chapter Donation	Supported Fund
£150 - £200	£100
£300	£150
£400	£200
£500	£250
£600	£300
£700	£350
£800	£400
£900	£450
£1,000	£500

*The Support Fund is capped at £500.

I look forward to your support with this new initiative.

Yours sincerely and fraternally,

Geoff Lester

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