



**Masonic**  
Charitable Foundation



**Somerset 2020**

# **Festival Appeal**



**For Freemasons, for families, for everyone**  
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In April 2011, having accepted the invitation for Somerset to hold a Festival in 2020, I confirmed that Regular Giving, with Gift Aid, would continue to be our preferred approach to fund-raising.

Based on the generosity of Somerset Brethren in previous Festivals £2.8m seemed achievable and would enable us to put back a sum equivalent to the support our charities provide to Somerset.

My confidence has not been misplaced as with three years to go we have raised the fantastic sum of £1.7m. This represents very good progress but we shall have to raise our game if we are to achieve our goal.

This brochure illustrates just some of the many ways in which your money does so much good in Somerset, nationally and – in times of natural disaster – overseas.

Somerset was a major beneficiary during the floods of 2014; many Somerset charities receive significant support; around £170,000 a year aids members of our Masonic family who are in need of support.

More than half of our Lodges have gained three or more Ashlar awards representing donations of at least £400 per Member.

I am deeply grateful to those who have already given generously. We need to continue that effort and I urge those Lodges and Brethren who have yet to fully engage with the Festival to do so as soon as possible please.

Gift Aid remains a very effective way of giving. Taking the time to complete a Direct Debit or an envelope provides an extra 25%. Gift Aid provided £500,000 for our last Festival so it really is worth the extra effort.

You may prefer other ways of raising money. Sponsorship challenges, social events and the ever-popular raffle all help and can be great fun too.

Please take time to read this brochure, make a commitment and encourage your fellow members to help too.

**Stuart Hadler**  
**Provincial Grand Master**

## Support in Somerset

The Foundation is currently supporting



Grant awarded to local charities in Somerset totalled almost



Freemasons and family members in Somerset



Our Festival Appeal target:



...at a cost of



In 2017 we reached:



Over the last five years, support amounted to





## Charity Grants

The Masonic Charitable Foundation continues the work of The Freemasons' Grand Charity by looking beyond Freemasonry, making significant financial grants which help people to live happy, fulfilling lives and participate actively in society.

### Grants are awarded to charities that provide support in the following areas:

- ♥ **Financial hardship** for those in poverty, debt or unemployment
- ♥ **Health and disability** for people experiencing chronic or life-limiting conditions and disabilities
- ♥ **Education and employability** for disadvantaged children and young people
- ♥ **Social exclusion and disadvantage** for those facing barriers to participating in society

### Funding is also provided to:

- ♥ Advance medical and social research
- ♥ Hospices throughout England and Wales
- ♥ Air ambulance and rescue services

Funding is provided to support major natural disaster relief appeals at the Foundation's discretion.

The charities supported by the Masonic Charitable Foundation make a significant and lasting difference to those in need. The grants seek to benefit as many people as possible and further the causes about which Freemasons and their families are most passionate.



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## designability

In the last few years, the Masonic Charitable Foundation has given **£63,250** to Designability, a team of professional engineers developing solutions to problems faced by disabled people, therapists and clinicians.

The grants have funded 13 Wizzybugs – a fun powered wheelchairs designed specifically for disabled children under the age of five.

**“The Wizzybug loan scheme has been a tremendous success and is making a difference to children and their families right across the UK. This has only been possible through the support of our donors. Our long term aim is grow the scheme so that we can offer Wizzybug to any child in the UK who might benefit.**

**We are very grateful for the generous support of the Masonic Charitable Foundation and are very pleased that they are helping us to achieve our goals.”**

Professor Nigel Harris,  
Director at Designability



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## Supporting our local community in Somerset

The Masonic Charitable Foundation have provided almost £500,000 to charities that support the most vulnerable people in our Province.



### Shelter £25,000

Shelter campaigns and provides services to ensure better housing for all. A grant of £25,000 was awarded to support the children's service specifically for homeless children in South-West England.

Shelter



### R.I.C.E. £2,966

The Research Institute for the Care of Old People, based in Somerset, carries out research to advance the knowledge and treatment of the more serious memory conditions, such as Alzheimer's disease, which affect older people.



### Worldwide Volunteering for Young People £2,500

This small grant was awarded to support the charity to help young people become involved in worthwhile and challenging volunteering.



### Hospices £171,749

Each year, the Foundation supports all hospices in England and Wales that receive 60% or less of their funding from the NHS. In Somerset, the Foundation supports Children's Hospice South West (Charlton Farm), St Margaret's Somerset Hospice, St Margaret's Yeovil and Weston Hospicicare.



## Somerset air ambulance and rescue services



Since 2007, a total of £41,000 has been given to the Provincial Grand Lodge of Somerset to Dorset and Somerset Air Ambulance and Great Western Air Ambulance.

The Foundation has also funded a Patient Transport Ambulance in the Province at a cost of £50,000.

And in 2014, £30,000 was awarded to organisations including the Somerset Community Foundation to assist victims of the prolonged winter flooding.



## What we do for Freemasons and families

The Masonic Charitable Foundation builds better lives by enabling opportunity, advancing healthcare and education and promoting independence for Freemasons, their families and the wider community. A wide range of help and support is available for financial, health and family related needs, including:

### Financial

- Essential daily living costs
- Help through a personal crisis
- Funeral bills
- Emergency home repairs

### Health

- Medical treatment
- Mobility aids and essential home adaptations
- Counselling

### Family

#### ♥ For children in full-time education

- Essential costs for education or training
- Scholarships, travel grants and student accommodation
- Supporting exceptional talent in sport, music or the performing arts

### Care

- Masonic care homes – including nursing, residential and dementia care
- Respite care

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IMAGE

#### Real Lives Craig's story

“My little lad in particular struggled with school after my wife passed and I worried how I would support him through such a difficult time. The MCF made it that little bit easier for us as a family. It's been 10 years and I still miss my wife every day, but the support we received has been invaluable.”

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## How to support the 2020 Festival

### ♥ Become a Festival Steward

Any Freemason can qualify as Steward of the 2020 Festival by donating or promising to donate a minimum of £300 including Gift Aid where applicable towards the Appeal. Over five years, £300 equates to a regular contribution of just 16 pence per day, £1.15 per week or £5 per month.

If circumstances permit, you can also become a Vice Patron by donating £500 including Gift Aid, a Patron by donating £1,000 including Gift Aid, or a Grand Patron by donating £2,000 including Gift Aid. See page 9 for more details.

**Complete the form included in this brochure to become a Festival Steward now.**

You can also set up a direct debit or make a single donation online by visiting

[www.mcf.org.uk/donate](http://www.mcf.org.uk/donate)

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### ♥ Use Gift Aid envelopes

The Masonic Charitable Foundation can supply Gift Aid envelopes for alms collections, festive boards and other occasions; use of the envelopes will boost eligible donations by 25%.

### ♥ Organise a fundraising event

Fundraising and sponsored events can be great fun and raise vital funds.

Previous activities have included long-distance cycle rides and marathons, quiz nights and world record attempts.

To create a personalised fundraising page, visit [www.mcf.org.uk/somerset2020](http://www.mcf.org.uk/somerset2020)

### ♥ Leave a legacy

By remembering the Foundation in your will, you can make a lasting difference to the lives of those in need of support.

### ♥ Promote the Festival

The Foundation can supply promotional materials, posters and banner stands for use at Masonic centres and fundraising or social events. They can also arrange for a speaker to attend Lodge meetings or other appropriate events to speak about the work of the charity.

It is also a good idea to share the Foundation's Tweets and Facebook posts regularly to ensure as many people as possible are aware of the work they do and the 2020 Festival Appeal.

### ♥ Stay up-to-date

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[/MasonicCharitableFoundation](https://www.youtube.com/MasonicCharitableFoundation)

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## Honorifics

### Individual Honorifics

A series of individual honorifics have been set to acknowledge and celebrate financial achievements.

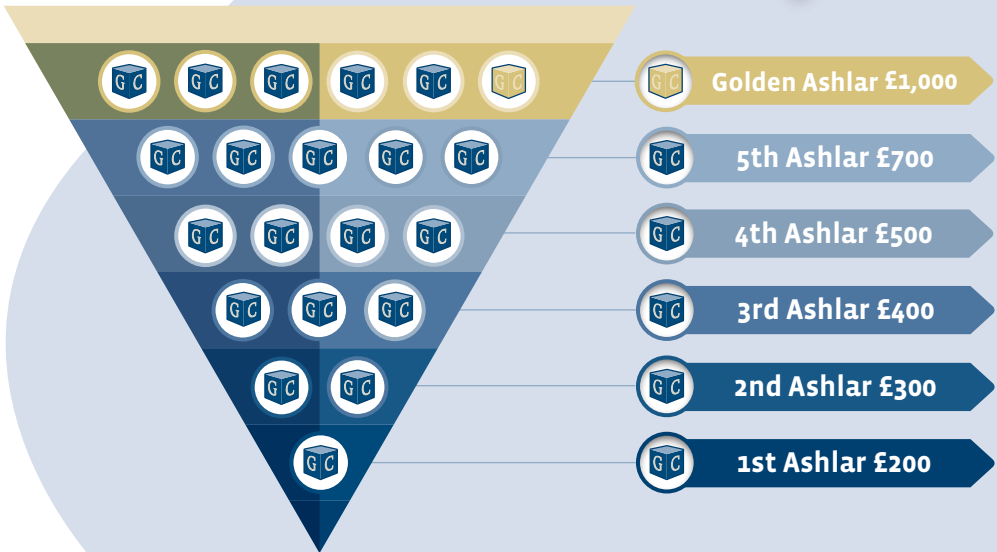
Steward	Vice Patron	Patron	Grand Patron
 £300	£500	£1,000	£2,000
719 awarded	404 awarded	158 awarded	40 awarded

\*Including Gift Aid tax reclaimed by the MCF where applicable. Vice Patrons, Patrons and Grand Patrons will receive a bar to affix to the ribbon of their jewel.

### Lodge Honorifics

We use the Ashlar system to acknowledge and celebrate the financial achievements of Lodges. Upon achieving each level, the Lodge will be awarded an additional Ashlar to display on its Lodge Festival Banner.

The qualification amounts per member of the Lodge are as follows:



You can donate directly to the Festival Relief Chest E0038 or through your Lodge Relief Chest. Donations will be attributed towards your individual and Lodge honorifics.

All funds donated to the 2020 Festival will be used by the Masonic Charitable Foundation in support of the charitable objects of The Freemasons' Grand Charity.







Watch video stories of some of the Freemasons and families the Masonic Charitable Foundation has helped on YouTube now.

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## Why not complete a regular giving form and become a Festival Steward right away?

For further information, speak with your Charity Steward.

✉ MCF, 60 Great Queen Street, London, WC2B 5AZ

Or by post, send the enclosed form to

Online at [www.mcf.org.uk/somerset2020](http://www.mcf.org.uk/somerset2020)

By telephone [020 7395 9313](tel:02073959313)

If you haven't done so already, please consider signing up to regular giving. There are many easy ways to do so:

**Regular Giving**

