



Masonic
Charitable Foundation



Impact Summary 2024/25

Support for your communities

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The Freemasons' charity

BUILDING BETTER LIVES

This year has been one of positive change and increasing collaboration, grounded in a long tradition of charitable evolution within Freemasonry.

The work of the Masonic Charitable Foundation, the Freemasons' charity, builds on a heritage shaped over more than three centuries through continual adaptation to the changing needs of communities. This capacity to evolve has ensured that Freemasonry's charitable approach remains relevant and impactful, and it continues to guide everything we do today.

Over the past year we have supported charities on behalf of Freemasonry in every Province, responding to a wide range of causes. Our most significant areas of focus included children facing the extremes of poverty and abuse, as well as people affected by dementia in later life. Our strategic partnerships, particularly our long standing collaboration with Hospice UK, helped us reach even further into communities, enabling many more people to benefit than we could reach alone.

Support for individuals and households in times of crisis remained a core part of our mission. Those facing difficult circumstances received help with living costs, healthcare and education. Our advisers, volunteers and visiting teams provided guidance, reassurance and practical assistance to thousands of people when they needed it most.

Freemasons also continued to make a difference through the Relief Chest Scheme, supporting charities of their choice in communities across England, Wales, the Channel Islands and the Isle of Man. The extensive use of the Scheme reflects the strength of Freemasonry's local engagement and their commitment to improving the lives of others.



Looking ahead, we are examining how best to deliver impactful charitable support, ensure long term sustainability and make full use of the resources entrusted to us. As we enter our tenth anniversary year, we do so with anticipation of further positive change; confident in our direction as the Freemasons' charity, and ready to build better lives with renewed ambition and purpose.

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OUR YEAR IN BRIEF



In 2024/25 we awarded grants totalling over

£27 million

Support for charities and communities

£6.6 million

awarded to **373** local and national charities helping an estimated **466,413** people

This included:

- **£4,266,478** to support early years, children and families
- **£1,052,199** to support isolation in later life
- **£600,000** to support hospices
- **£560,905** to support other locally chosen charities
- **£97,431** to support medical research
- **£60,000** to support disaster relief

Residential care

£6.4 million

to support RMBI Care Co. residents with the cost of their care

Support for individuals and households

£14.3 million

awarded to **2,883** individuals through **4,231** grants

This includes:

- **£8.2 million** awarded for essential living costs
- **£4.6 million** awarded for health, care and wellbeing
- **£1.3 million** awarded for children and young people in education

In addition

We provided advice, information and support services, including:

- **2,243** commissions for our Advice and Support Team, including **864** home visits
- **894** in-home visits to applicants were completed by our **227** trained Visiting Volunteers
- **6,439** calls to our enquiries number

RELIEF CHEST

The MCF is committed to helping Freemasons make a difference to their communities.

Our Relief Chest Scheme offers donor advised funds for individuals, Lodges and Provinces, which can be used to raise funds for all types of charitable projects.

In 2024/25, Freemasons used the MCF's Relief Chest Scheme to make donations of **£5 million** to charities of their choice.

SUMMARY OF ACCOUNTS

2024/25 INCOME

Donations – Festivals	£9.7 million
Donations – Other	£5.4 million
Legacies	£4.6 million
Annual contributions	£3.1 million
Rental income	£2.7 million
Investment income	£9 million
Total	£34.5 million

2024/25 EXPENDITURE

Generating funds	£2.7 million
Masonic grants	£12.8 million*
Charitable grants	£13.6 million**
RMBI Care Co residents' grants	£6.4 million
Masonic support	£2.1 million
Charitable overhead	£3.9 million
Total	£41.5 million

*total paid in year

**includes grants given through the Relief Chest Scheme on behalf of Provinces, Lodges and individuals.

82.6 pence of every pound spent supports charitable activities

7.9 pence is spent raising funds

9.5 pence is spent on running MCF

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ABOUT FREEMASONRY

Freemasonry is a unique members' organisation which has thrived for over 300 years. Having no political or religious affiliations, it comprises members of all ages, races, religions cultures and backgrounds. Freemasons gather in their individual Lodges throughout the country where they have ceremonial traditions which encourage them both to be more tolerant and respectful and actively to fulfil their civic and charitable responsibilities; they also make time to eat, drink and meet together, and form lifelong friendships.

Service has always been a core principle of Freemasonry, which takes pride in its 300-year history of actively supporting those in need.

Freemasons play a crucial role at local, national, and global levels each year, dedicating both their time and resources to make a tangible difference to various organisations and communities.

For more information about Freemasonry and the United Grand Lodge of England, visit ugle.org.uk

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