



Registered Charity No. 1154801

Associates General Meeting

30th October 2023

Welcome



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Agenda

- 1. Apologies**
- 2. Welcome by The Chairman** **W Bro William Durman**
- 3. Summary of the 6 Charities** **W Bro Peter Watkins**
- 4. GMCA Overview/Secretary** **W Bro John Henry**
- 5. The Treasurer** **W Bro Peter Fray**
- 6. Survey of the Brethren** **W Bro Jonathan Jones**
- 7. A report on Masonic Housing** **W Bro Mark Steventon-Smith**
- 8. Any other business, questions**
- 9. Charity Vote Results**
- 10. To close the meeting**



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The Trustees

W Bro William Durman - Chairman

W Bro John Henry - Secretary

W Bro Malcolm Hart

W Bro Peter Watkins

W Bro Sean Sullivan

W Bro Jon Jones

GMCA Support Team

W Bro Peter Fray - GMCA Treasurer

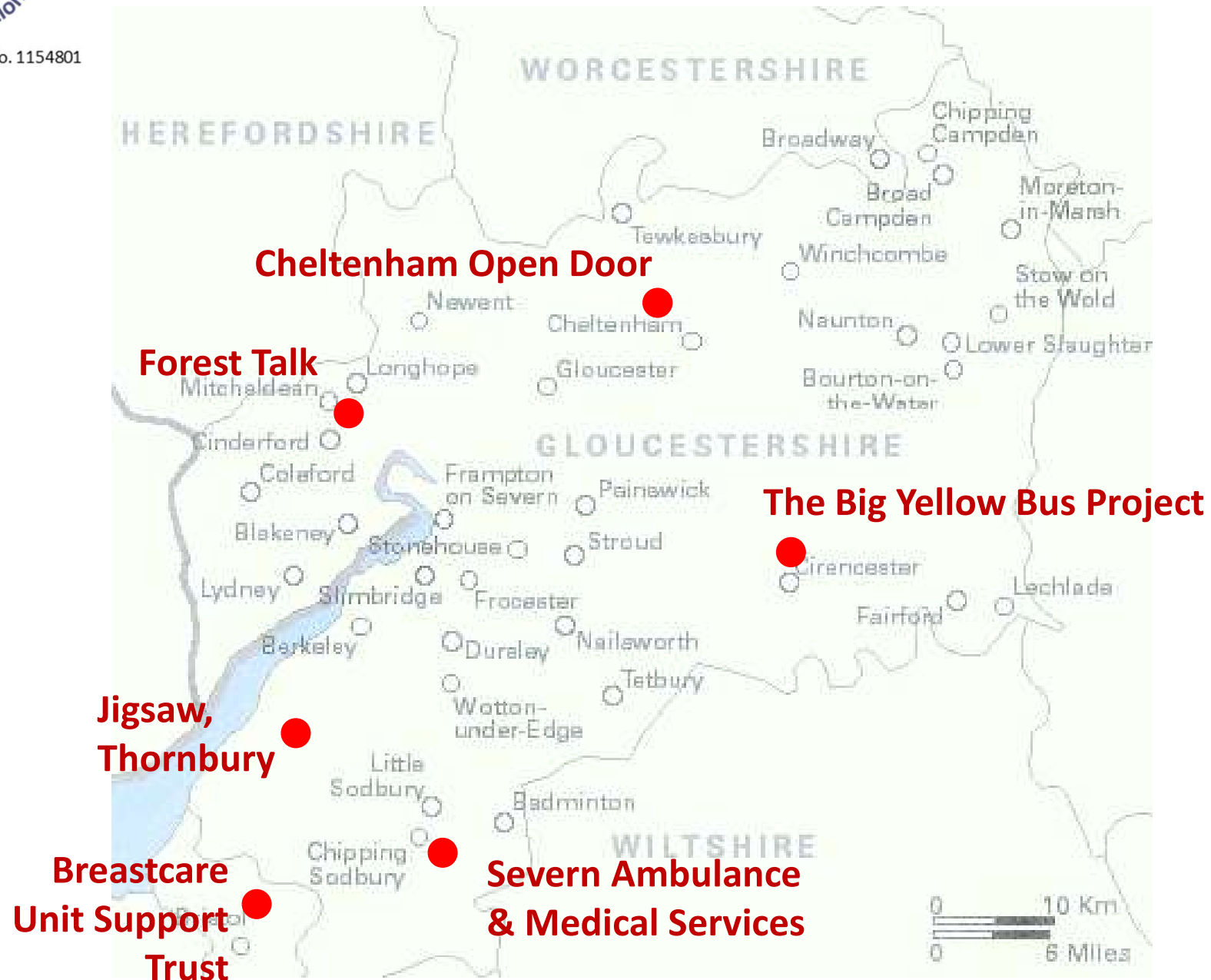
Vacant - Administrator

W Bro Tony Allcock - Assisting Charites



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Nominated Charities





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The Big Yellow Bus Project

Location: Cirencester

Area benefits: Gloucestershire

What do they do?

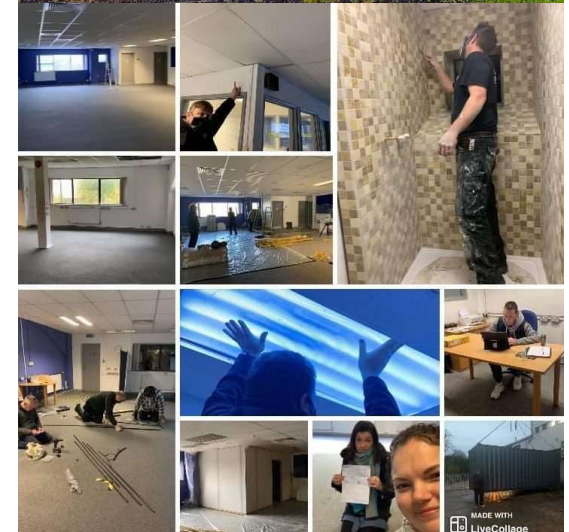
The Big Yellow Bus Project aims to support rough sleepers off our streets as well as the opportunity to get their lives back on track. The Yellow Bus project opened its doors on Christmas Eve 2018 and it has continued to support rough sleepers including through the lockdown from March 2020, working with the council to continue to support the homeless with emergency shelters. Their mission statement includes offering support & guidance, encouraging growth, confidence and stability in life's steps ahead within our community. They provide temporary accommodation for people who are rough sleeping and assist with advice and support for those individuals. They offer one-to-one therapy, support groups and other services, including drop-in sessions three days a week where you can seek support and advice. If we are unable to meet your needs we will work alongside you to find additional support.

Charity Number: 1186515

Total income: £78,429

Total expenditure: £68,501

Reserves: £65,302 (December 2022)





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Breastcare Unit Support Trust



Location: Southmead Hospital, Bristol

Area benefits: Bristol, South Gloucestershire, North Somerset

Number of users: 22,000 +

What do they do?

The charity are fundraising to pursue its main task to buy new technology not available on the NHS to improve patient care. BUST are currently saving for a new MRI scanner and other medical equipment for the unit. BUST will also continue to represent patients' interests at the Bristol Breast Care Centre particularly from the patient's perspective as well as contributing towards pioneering surgery.

Charity Number: 1117508

Total income: £51,046

Total expenditure: £1,207

Reserves: £900,591 (August 2022)





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Cheltenham Open Door



Location: Cheltenham

Area benefits: Cheltenham

Number of users: Unknown

What do they do?

Cheltenham Open Door provide a place to meet for those who are suffering hardship. Breakfast and a hot meal are provided on 3 weekdays and on Sundays. Facilities include showers and a free clothes store. Volunteers listen and help with problems, and liaise with other agencies on guests behalf. At Christmas Cheltenham Open Door provide a 4 day shelter for those on their own.

Charity Number: 1063434

Total income: £140,312

Total expenditure: £188,148

Reserves: £453,192 (May 2022)





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Forest Talk (Forest of Dean Talking Newspaper Association)



Location: Coleford

Area benefits: Forest of Dean

Forest Talk is a free, weekly, recorded 'newspaper' for reading-impaired people who live in, or are interested in, the Forest of Dean, helping them keep in touch with local news and events. It keeps listeners aware of the wider community with familiar and friendly voices in their home each week. Each Saturday, volunteers record a new edition containing 45 minutes of news items from local newspapers, together with 45 minutes of features. The newspaper is recorded on a Memory Stick, which plugs into a player which is provided for each listener on loan.

The talking newspaper memory sticks are posted each Monday in reply-paid pouches. Listeners are asked to put the stick back in the post, in its pouch, after they have finished listening to it.

Charity Number: 293762

Total income: £7,506

Total expenditure: £4,207 (March 2022)





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Jigsaw, Thornbury



Location: Thornbury

Area benefits: Thornbury & South Gloucestershire

What do they do?

JIGSAW stands for Joining In, Growing Support, Awareness, and Wellbeing. JIGSAW Thornbury supports families who have children and young people who are 0-25 years and have any additional needs or disability. This can be anything from learning needs such as dyslexia to complex disabilities or medical problems. They provide friendship, support, compassion and fun, along with innovative services that empower them to connect, fit in and thrive. Everything they do is driven by the passion of our staff and volunteers. They enhance inclusion by helping everyone understand the challenges that those with additional needs face and the unique strengths and qualities they bring. Their vision is that children and young people with additional needs or disabilities and their families are empowered to connect, fit in, and thrive as themselves.

Charity Number: 1172953

Total income: £148,433

Total expenditure: £142,543

Reserves: £73,472 (March 2022)





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Severn Ambulance & Medical Services



Location: Yate

Area benefits: Gloucestershire/Bristol/North Somerset
What do they do?

Provision of volunteer first responders, ambulance crews and healthcare professionals to support public and community events, undertake patient transfers, support the statutory services and deliver training courses to the public and emergency care professionals. They have been providing specialist training in emergency care skills to the general public and healthcare professionals since 1994. Their dedicated team of volunteers are committed to providing the highest standards of clinical care. Their mission is to improve the health of the communities within which they work. As a Charity, they will always endeavour to respond to any request for assistance.

Charity Number: 1150895

Total income: £18,380

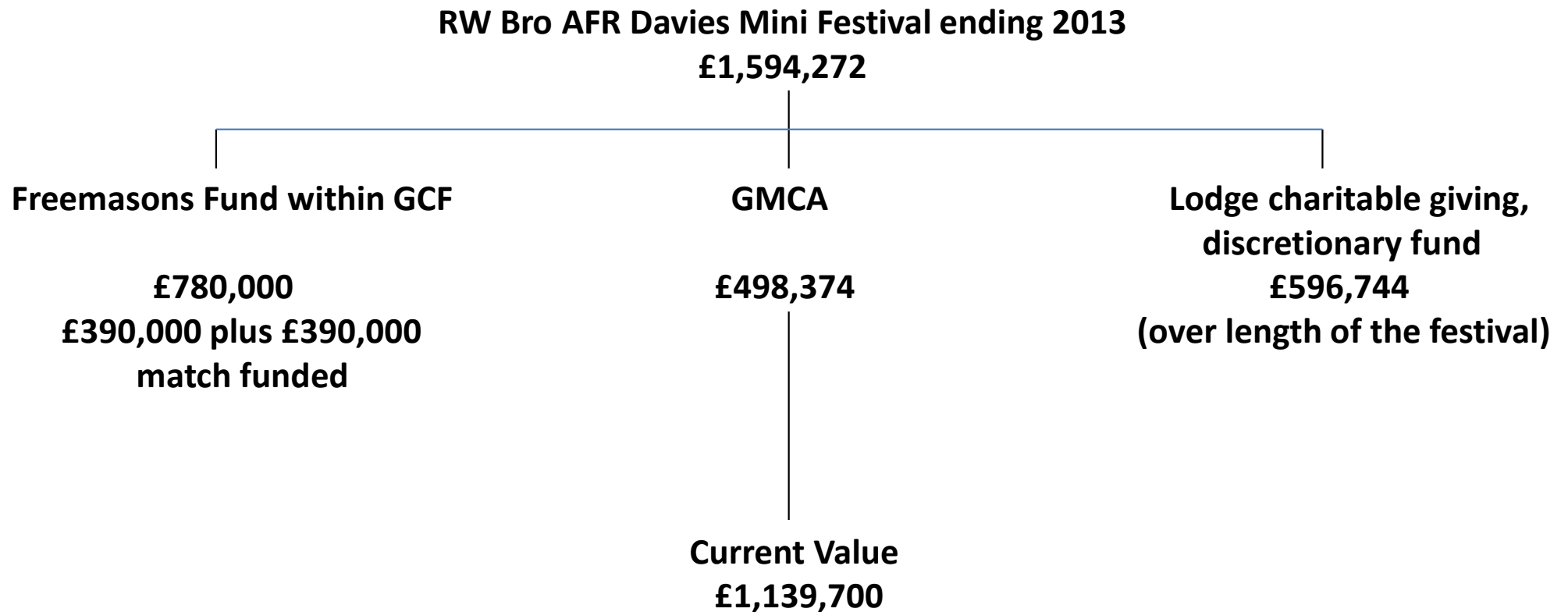
Total expenditure: £18,059 (December 2022)





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Where did the money come from?





GMCA Overview

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GRANT MAKING POLICY – General Guidelines

Whilst our constitution and governing documents enable us to make grants to any charitable activity, the Trustees' current policy is to support a number of core charitable activities recommended by our donors.

What we support:

- Older and vulnerable people;
- Vulnerable children and young people;
- Financial hardship for those in poverty or unemployment;
- Health and disability for people experiencing chronic or life-limiting conditions and disabilities;
- Social exclusion and disadvantage for those facing barriers to participating in society.

We do not normally fund:

- Individuals (exceptional circumstances considered);
- Overseas charities;
- Non-registered charities (unless a clear charitable benefit meeting our grant making policy can be demonstrated);
- Running costs;
- General appeals;

Who should apply?

- Due to the modest size and scope of our grants programme we give priority to charities with an annual income not exceeding £300,000;
- Only applications from UK registered charities and local community groups with a written constitution; a bank account with at least two signatories; a safeguarding policy that complies with the local authority procedures and operating within the Masonic Province of Gloucestershire are normally considered;
- Applications will be sympathetically considered from adjoining counties where it can be demonstrated that services/support are being delivered that are directly benefiting Gloucestershire residents;

How much can I apply for?

- We give around £30,000 -£40,000 a year to local charity organisations. £1,000 is the average grant size. Rarely do we give grants that exceed £2,000.

Our standard terms and conditions:

- A GMCA application form and all supporting documents required must be provided before an application will be considered;
- Grants from the Charity are restricted. They may only be used towards the project and costs outlined in the application submitted to the Charity, or as subsequently agreed in writing;
- A charity will acknowledge in writing using its headed paper receipt of the grant and confirm that the grant will only be spent for the approved purpose;
- Any surplus funds not required for the approved purpose are to be refunded to the Charity unless otherwise agreed with our Trustees;
- In accepting a grant from the Charity, a charity agrees to the GMCA using the name of the charity and the project on our website, social media and other materials setting out the activities of the GMCA.



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Investments & Income on Investments

CCLA	Investment Value Year End	% Increase in value	Dividends Received	% Return of Dividends
October 2013	£498,374			
October 2014	£533,611	7.07%	£23,987	4.50%
October 2015	£552,290	3.50%	£24,268	4.39%
October 2016	£636,898	15.32%	£24,355	3.82%
October 2017	£682,334	7.13%	£25,704	3.77%
October 2018	£697,899	2.28%	£26,465	3.79%
Transfer from a Reinvestment fund R to an accumulation fund 3T				
October 2019	£895,494	28.31%	£27,047	3.02%
October 2020	£923,400	3.12%	£29,842	3.23%
October 2021	£1,104,034	19.56%	£30,670	2.78%
October 2022	£1,120,171	1.46%	£33,077	2.96%
September 2023	£1,139,700	1.74%	£35,464	3.11%



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Housing Surplus Investment in Funds

CCLA	Amount Invested in Year	Value at Year End
October 2016	£30,000	£33,252
October 2017	£38,000	£75,369
October 2018	£40,000	£121,500
October 2019		£137,764
October 2020	£3,662	£144,111
October 2021		£172,500
October 2022	£104,154	£258,000
September 2023	£25,996	£287,055
Total	£241,812	
Return on Investment		£45,243
% return on Investment		18.71%
 Average Annual Surplus	 £30,227	



GMCA Financial Statement to 31st October 2023

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Income		Budget 22-23
Subscriptions received & expected for the year due June 2022		8,200
Donations received throughout the year to 31st October 2022		1,675
Collections Cathedral service 2023 inc Gift Aid		0
Collections (PGL - inc gift aid)		0
Investment income inc. interest from year 21/22 to distribute in 22/23		33,077
NSI in year 21/22 to distribute in year 22/23		32
Surplus from previous year (year end Oct 22)		18,910
Total Income for distribution in year 21/22		61,893
	Budget 22-23	%age of Funds
Budgeted Disbursements		
Running costs for administration and legal	2,500	
	2,500	0.28%
Budgeted commitments for year 2021 – 22		
Teddies for Loving Care	3,500	
MRGs (Masonic Relief Grants - Emergency Relief)	4,000	
	7,500	
Total Disbursements & expenses budgeted and or committed		10,000
Surplus / (Deficit) for year 2022/23 Income less total disbursements		51,893

Donations 1st November 2022 to 31st October 2023

Brendans Bridge	£500
North Cotswold Community Awareness	£1,250
Thornbury & District Stoke Support Group	£1,750
Forest Pulse	£1,500
Gloucestershire Nightstop	£2,000
Chamwell Centre	£2,000
Cyber Trust	£1,250
Warmley Lipreaders	£792
Heart Heroes	£2,000
Severn Freewheelers	£2,000
Bristol After Stroke	£1,790
Empowering Futures	£2,000
Staple Hill Community Hub	£2,000
Cirencester Housing for Young People	£2,000
Cadbury Heath Parish Hall	£500
Friends of Bristol Haematology & Oncology	£500
Charities Awarded this evening	£9,250
Total Donations From GMCA funds to 31st October 2022	£33,082

GMCA Grants Awarded 1st November 2022 – 31st October 2023



- Brendan's Bridge
- North Cotswold Community Awareness
- Thornbury & District
- Forest Pulse
- Gloucestershire Nightstop
- Chamwell Centre
- Cyber Trust
- Warmly Lipreaders
- Heart Heroes
- Severn Freewheelers
- Bristol After Stroke
- Empowering Futures
- Staple Hill Community Hub
- Friends of Bristol Haematology & Oncology
- Big Yellow Bus Project
- Breast Cancer Unit Support Trust
- Cheltenham Open Door
- Forest Talk
- Jigsaw, Thornbury
- Severn Ambulance & Medical Services



The Survey of the Brethren

W Bro Jonathan Jones

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2018/19	2019/21	2021/22	
£	£	£	
16280	37387	18547	Lodge Widows etc.
			Lodge widows
3983		3096	Lodge premises
1935	1970	1400	Masonic Widows Assocs
280	1934		Support for Lodge masons
22478	41291	23043	

Well Children's Activities

2018/19	2019/21	2021/22	
3582	730	2819	Scouts / Rangers
1100	2600	1100	Sea Cadets/scouts
500	500	50	Brownies / Guides
1375		1990	Scout bursaries
525	250	1000	Youth services
3650	5100	1570	Well Children's activities
3202	4698	8628	Schools/Colleges/ pre school
13934	13878	17157	

Nat/International Disasters

2018/19	2019/21	2021/22	
200	400	29071	Nat disasters - overseas
	3000		Nat disasters - Local
1700	650	550	Overseas assistance/ projects
1900	4050	29621	

Armed Forces /Related Charities

2018/19	2019/21	2021/22	
2670	1836	1250	Armed Forces Charities
100		1000	Blesma
555	2298	798	Royal British Legion
3325	4134	3048	

2018/19	2019/21	2021/22	
£	£	£	
6055	11308	1449	Medical Charities
4000		1000	Cancer/Cancer Research/Support
2475	3120	367	Ovarian/ Breast Cancer/support
100	720	1000	Prostate/ Testicular /uroscopy
5200	250	1050	McMillan
	700		CLIC Sargent
5272	728	250	Renal care
1250			Alzheimers
200	700	200	Cystic Fibrosis
5950	785	2325	Multiple Sclerosis
500			Mencap + Mental illness support
		3000	Diabetes
2725	300	2335	Meningitis
5200	500	400	Motor Neurone Disease
		1000	Brain Tumor/ injuries
100	560		Spinal Injuries
400	4000	200	BHF /Pulmany Cardiac disease
7116	11529	6620	Stroke Foundation/support
1825			Adult Hospice care
	1500		ROBOCAP
3660	300	1000	Cobalt Charity
1360	4550	750	Deaf / Visually impaired
9143	5020	2850	Other clinical conditions
4487	5245	1780	Disabled care
67018	51815	27576	Local Hospitals / Nursing Homes

2018/19	2019/21	2021/22	
£	£	£	
275	632	250	Local Branches of Nat Charities
	250	100	Blood Transfusion delivery/Support
	900	250	Age UK (Age Concern)
4955	4025	400	Guide dogs for the Blind
373	4100	3004	Air ambulance
	300	775	RNLI / Sara/ search and rescue
879	823	615	Salvation Army/Samaritans
		200	Children in need
6482	11030	5594	Red Cross

Child Illness Charities

2018/19	2019/21	2021/22	
1088	420		Bristol Children's Hospital
5450	11678	5850	Child Hospices
1360		2500	NSPCC / Barnado's
1520	23177	4950	Child illness Support
1671	294	2520	Still births/Neonatal care
2391	250	1325	Child / adult carers support
850		1750	learning difficulties
14330	35819	18895	

Vulnerable Adult Support

2018/19	2019/21	2021/22	
200	5400	860	Counselling support
250	100	644	Individual personal support
1310	4990	56	Individual support/care
2976	16272	10850	Homeless / poverty / vunerable adult support
4736	26762	12410	

Local Village/Church and Misc

2018/19	2019/21	2021/22	
9113	12620	4203	Local Village/Town charities
3704	1859	2040	Churches/Abbeys etc.
		5348	Food banks
850	3312	1668	Miscellaneous
13667	17791	13259	



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Housing Team

W Bro Mark Steventon-Smith

W Bro Ken Tilley

W Bro David Keel

Coordinator

Castlemead Court, Gloucester

Park View Court, Staple Hill





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Masonic Housing Scheme

- The Masonic Housing Scheme is designed to promote independent living for those over 60, to match the specific criteria for each home. However, the minimum age for Castlemead Court is 55.
- We have 15 retirement home 1 bed apartments with
 - 9 at Castlemead Court, Westgate Street, Gloucester, with easy access to shops, Cathedral and all facilities.
 - 6 at Park View Court with easy access to shops
- Rental values are under usual market rental values for properties of this nature and size.
 - Castlemead Court £650.00 per calendar month
 - Park View Court TBC but likely £650.00 to £700.00 per calendar month
 - These are reviewed annually.
- Tenants are only expected to pay their own electric bill, static telephone line should they wish to have one & Council Tax



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Masonic Housing Scheme

Eligibility

Tenants must meet the minimum area criteria & support independent lifestyle

As a guide the team & trustees when considering applications, use the following criteria:

1. The applicants should be elderly Freemasons and/or their dependants, of limited means, and in housing need.
2. They, or their spouse, shall have been members of a Lodge, Chapter, Preceptory etc that is a subscribing member of the Gloucestershire Masonic Charities Action.
3. They shall be capable of maintaining an independent and active lifestyle taking full advantage of the facilities available.
4. The applicants shall be of good character. The Committee reserves the right to request references.
5. They should not have made gifts of capital in the previous 3 years, the possession of which would otherwise disqualify them.
6. They shall not be in full time paid employment.
7. Applications will be dealt with in the order in which they are received. (so it is fair to all parties)

Expressions of Interest & Applications for tenancies are always invited.



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Any Other Business

Any Questions?



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Charity Vote

The Results

1 Cheltenham Open Door	£2,000
2= Breast Cancer Unit Support Trust	£1,750
2= The Big Yellow Bus Project	£1,750
3 Severn Ambulance & Medical Services	£1,500
4 Forest Talk	£1,250
5 Jigsaw, Thornbury	£1,000



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Any Other Business

Conclusion



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Thank you