



Somerset Freemasonry



November 2024

The Somerset Masonic Charity and Masonic Charitable Foundation working in partnership with grants totalling £20,000 across Somerset.

The Masonic Charitable Foundation allocated £10,000 to the Province of Somerset to “match” £10,000 from The Somerset Masonic Charity for local grant giving. This partnership enables the Province to support our local communities with **£20,000 in total**.

The Matched Funding programme is designed to enable the Province to make a bigger impact with our grant giving to local charities, thereby raising the profile of Freemasonry.

In July of this year, Graham Puddy (Provincial Charity Steward) wrote to all 84 Lodges requesting charity nominations so that we could support **five charities with grants of £4,000 each**.

Following the 30 September deadline, fifteen out of the eighty-four Lodge’s responded nominating a variety of good causes for consideration by the Provincial Grand Master and his Cabinet.

The following five charities were successfully approved for Match Funded grants by the MCF:

- Long Ashton Youth Club
- Bath Area Play Project
- Duke of Edinburgh Award Scheme bursary
- The Hub – Yeovil Community Support Charity
- Home Start West Somerset

Visits will be made to the charities over the coming weeks by members of the Provincial Cabinet and nominating Lodge’s and will be reported via the Provincial website and newsletter.