



Provincial Charity Committee

Newsletter September 2019

Firstly my congratulations to all the successful PGM's Fund applicants listed below.

We can and do make a difference to all of these organisations and I would urge you all to make every effort to find suitable recipients in your area that can benefit from a grant from the PGM's Fund.

PGM's Fund Minor Grants September 2019

Our Ref	Area No.	Lodge / Chapter No.	Chapter Name	Beneficiary	Cause	Town	Grant £
18/19-69	1	6001	Lodge of Felicity	Clifton Rangers Youth Football Club	Towards cost of replacing goalposts	Brighouse	1000
18/19-73	1	4515	Spen Vale	1st Heckmondwike Scout Group	To improve the security of an outbuilding by fitting a security door.	Heckmondwike	1000
18/19-74	1	408	Three Graces	Pass on Preloved Items (POPI) - registered charity relieving poverty of vulnerable families who have children aged under 5 years of age.	To buy cot mattresses, cot beds, Moses baskets and safety gates.	Keighley	1770
18/19-82	1	827	St John's	Sensory Place - community group visiting local events and deprived areas with a sensory play gazebo for use by children with autism.	To buy an inflatable dome £1500	Liversedge	1500
18/19-83	1	827	St John's	Standbridge Community Centre already covers many aspects of community work including youth clubs, sessions for sufferers from Alzheimer's and Parkinson's disease.	Now wishing to expand facilities in the boxing and youth clubs to attract youngsters to help reduce knife crime. Grant for sports equipment	Wakefield	1000
18/19-89	1	439	Scientific	Health Action Local Engagement (HALE) registered charity working in Bradford area helping people to make lifestyle changes to improve health.	Purchase of 2 laptops to assist in the management and co-ordination of the service.	Shipley	1000
Total Area 1							7270

Our Ref	Area No.	Lodge / Chapter No.	Chapter Name	Beneficiary	Cause	Town	Grant £
Total Area 2							0

Our Ref	Area No.	Lodge / Chapter No.	Chapter Name	Beneficiary	Cause		Grant £
18/19-70	3	1522	Olicana	White Laith Primary School Fund	To improve ecological learning with outdoor gardening, relaxation and sensory zones.	Leeds	2000
18/19-71	3	1522	Olicana	Burley in Wharfedale Scout and Guide Group	To fit out the new scout HQ with racking & loft Ladder and storage cupboards	Burley in Wharfedale	2500
18/19-72	3	1001	Harrogate & Claro	Pannal Ash Junior FC	To replace old and worn out kit and football equipment.	Harrogate	1000
18/19-79	3	4404	Harlow	Down's Syndrome North Yorkshire	Annual trip to Flamingo Land - financing cost of coaches	Harrogate	1000
18/19-80	3	4404	Harlow	Craft Aid International - Supports people with disabilities to meet their potential through therapeutic craft activities.	Large list of items used for traditional crafts	Harrogate	2000
18/19-86	3	4644	Mawsis	The Samaritans of Pendle, Burnley, Craven & Rossendale	Redecorate and furnish visitor room to provide a more tranquil area for use by distressed visitors	Nelson	1000
18/19-88	3	8263	Old Giggleswickian	Settle Area Swimming Pool	To buy a specialist wet-area wheelchair for use by disabled users of the pool	Settle	750
Total Area 3							10250

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Total area 4							0

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18/19-75	5	4971	Loyalty	Leeds Women's Aid - registered charity providing help to women and children affected by domestic violence and abuse.	To provide a new complete play area for children with a slide.	Leeds	3162
18/19-76	5	4971	Loyalty	Lineham Farm Children's Centre - registered charity providing 'residential experiences' for the most disadvantaged and deserving/disabled children	Towards buying Scott Roxter 24" Mountain Bikes	Leeds	2000
18/19-78	5	380	Integrity	Killinghall Nomads Junior Football Club	Towards purchase of football kit and goals	Harrogate	1000
18/19-85	5	6001	Lodge of Felicity	Bradford Disability Football Club	Towards buying new football kit.	Keighley	1000
Total Area 5							7162

SUMMARY		£
Area 1		7270
Area 2		0
Area 3		10250
Area 4		0
Area 5		7162
Total		24682

Following on from their successful event at Hoyle Court in March Area 1 are to hold another presentation evening on the 11th October at Mirfield Masonic Hall when successful PGM's Fund applicants will host their recipients to an evening of good food and friendship.

These events are an excellent way to showcase just what a grant from the PGM's fund can do and get media involvement and maximum coverage.

I would recommend all areas to follow this example.

Charity briefings

Next year's Charity Briefings have now been arranged and I would recommend that you put these dates in your diaries now.

Area Briefings are an ideal opportunity to meet with fellow Charity Stewards, your PCAs and your Area Chairmen.

In addition the speakers will provide essential information about topics that concern you and there will be an opportunity to ask questions of the team.

The dates are as follows:-

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| Area 1 | Tuesday 17 th March 2020 Hoyle Court. |
| Area 2 | Monday 24 th February 2020 Greenhead |
| Area 3 | Saturday 14 th March 2020 Westbourne House |
| Area 4 | Saturday 14 th March 2020 Tapton Hall & Saturday 25 th April 2020 Doncaster |
| Area 5 | Thursday 5 th March 2020 Morley Masonic Hall |

Area 3 Charity Team

I am very sad to report that after a very long and distinguished career both at Lodge and Provincial level, W Bro Doug Mills has decided it is time to retire from his role as Area 3 Charity Committee Chairman.

Doug has always been prolific in finding good causes to support both in the Harrogate area and in the wider regions of the Province and we will miss his doggedness and determination in seeing a project through to a successful conclusion.

We wish Doug and his wife Gill the very best for the future.

As a consequence, I am very pleased to announce the appointment of W Bro John Birkenshaw of Harrogate and Claro Lodge No 1001 to the position of Area 3 Charity Committee Chairman.

John steps up from the role of PCA within Area 3 and brings with him a wealth of experience that I am sure he will put to very good use.

John in turn has wasted no time in appointing his successor as PCA and we welcome W Bro Mike Wrigglesworth of Knaresborough Priory Lodge NO 4171 to the Charity team.

We wish both John and Mike every success in their future Provincial Charity careers.

Stats Forms

If not already, you will soon be receiving the annual stats forms that we would ask you to complete and return to your PCA for onward transmission to W Bro Colin Symes who will collate the information.

These forms provide us with a picture of what is happening across the Province with regard to charitable activity and enable us to more accurately determine our future requirements with regard to Charitable giving.

The form may be completed manually and posted or filled in on screen and emailed back.

It should take no more than a few minutes to complete and we would ask that you return it as soon as possible but at the latest by the end of November.

We very nearly achieved 100% completion last year so thank you for that and lets go all out to make a full set this time.

Charity statement of Accounts

The end of September sees the year end for many Lodges and this applies equally to Charity activity.

If you are new to the role and this is your first time there is an example of how to present the information, in the Charity Steward Manual, and you will need to have the records examined by your Lodge nominated examiners or by members of the audit committee.

It is important that your examiners are aware that information used in preparing the Charity Statement is highly confidential and must remain so.

The statement should be presented to your Lodge not more than 3 meetings after your yearend but need not be copied to the Provincial office.

Connaught Court

Our last Provincial Charity Committee meeting was hosted by Connaught Court , our RMBI Nursing Home at York and organised by W Bro Neil Smith of the Friends of Connaught and we are indebted to both Neil and Lisa who is part of the management team for a most enjoyable and informative visit.

The staff at Connaught Court do a fantastic job of caring for our Brethren and relatives who need to be looked after and the Friends of Connaught Court work tirelessly to raise funds to provide those little extras, and in some cases not so little, such as a minibus, that make life just that bit better.

W Bro Neil advises that attendance at their Summer Fair has fallen recently and this is their main fundraiser.

So next June please consider taking a stand of some description to the event or go along to support it.

You can find out more on their website <https://www.friendsofconnaughtcourt.org.uk/>

Thank you all once again for your continued support.



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Provincial Grand Charity Steward

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