Kent Mark Benevolent Fund

Annual Report
2025.26 Financial Year

Background

Now into our 5th decade,
The Kent Mark Benevolent Fund (KMBF), [officially The Provincial Grand Mark Lodge of Kent Charity Fund - Registered Charity Number 294182], was established in 1985 following the 117th MBF Festival hosted by Kent.

The KMBF was introduced to fulfil two major objectives – benevolence and charity. The former is focused internally within the order, whilst the latter is external facing.

The function of charity within the Province of Kent is to give support to distressed masons and their families, local charities and other charitable causes.

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Income for the year amounted to £52,481 against which there was expenditure of £42,520 leaving a surplus of £9,961 . The accounts in detail can be found here.

Key donations received were as follows:

Individuals £9,518
Lodges £14,265
Gift Aid Reclaimed £738
Relief Chest Scheme Interest £455
Regalia Exchange Scheme £2,950

Total Distribution of funds amounted to £34,102 which included a final donation of £7,500 to the Masonic Province of West Kent 2026 Festival.

Your Trustees are always willing to assist and promote the welfare of Brethren in distressed circumstances and this represents an important aspect of our work. Any such application will be considered with an open heart, as speedily as circumstances permit.

In addition, a total of £17,955 was awarded to charitable causes, (examples and locations of which can be found in the following pages), and £15,918* to members' welfare, (in conjunction with the MBF).

Grant Locations



Grant Recipients

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Ellenor Hospice



Children's Hospital Pyjamas



Folkestone & Hythe Salvation Army

Grant Recipients

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East Kent Radiotherapy Appeal



Singing For The Brain



Odyssey Challenging Cancer

Grant Recipients

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Young Lives Foundation



Bexley Snap



Kent Search & Rescue

Fundraising Activities

We continue to work with the Provincial Charity Steward, W.Bro. Pete Richards, in the sponsorship of events for the enjoyment of the Brethren and the generation of income in support of the important work of the KMBF.

Both the Sunday Family Luncheon and Trafalgar Night Dinner were, again, successful and well supported and have already been included in next year's calendar. The Trustees are looking into other participation events for our members, their families and friends to partake in.

Hopefully, you will have seen our postcards in use around the Province and at larger events promoting regular giving.



Patronage Scheme

Lodges

13 Lodges have now achieved Vice Patron status.

13 Patron status.

7 Grand Patron status.

7 Grand Patron Gold status.

Individuals

29 donors have now achieved Vice Patron status.

19 Patron status.

20 Grand Patron status.

12 Grand Patron Gold status.



More details of the KMBF patronage scheme can be found in the Kent Masonic Yearbook and on the Mark Province of Kent website.

Thank you

Thank you to everyone for your support in making this year another successful one.

We could not have achieved this success without our members' Lodge and individual donations and their commitment to the Patronage Scheme, as well as the behind-the-scenes work of our Trustees past and present.

We enjoyed taking part in the Prov.G.M.'s Charity Challenge and look forward to working together with you to further our benevolent and charitable activities in our 5th decade and beyond.

W.Bro. Dr John Shervington, A.Prov.G.M.
P.A.G.D.C., R.A.M.G.R..

Lead Trustee Kent Mark Benevolent Fund

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