



**Mark**

**Benevolent**

**Fund**

**2021**

**Annual**

**Review**



## A Message from the President of the MBF

‘As 2021 drew to its close I am sure that you, like me, were already noting diary entries for 2022 and wondering what the New Year would bring. Of course, we cannot know what is in the future but it is certain that there will be many more applications from our Brethren and their families and other charities from outside Freemasonry for help of one sort or another.

2021 was a particularly traumatic year at times for many people. We can only hope that with the help of our clinicians and those tasked with finding a cure, that they will succeed and we can return to some form of normality again.

You will soon realise, looking through the figures illustrated in this publication, just how many cases are considered by The Trustees through the course of a year helping to distribute the monies so generously donated by yourselves. I thank you all, not only for your generosity, but the effort so many of you put into helping our own Brethren and their families in times of difficulty.

I would like to urge you to attend the MBF presentations in your Provinces, if it is appropriate, and experience the joy and sometimes relief your generosity brings when the recipients receive our help, in whatever form it takes. You must remember that it is the donations, made by yourselves, that give the Mark Benevolent Fund the ability to help so many others.

Lastly, I would like, on your behalf, to take this opportunity to thank all of The Trustees and all of the Support Staff at Mark Masons’ Hall for all their hard work in making sure that things run smoothly.

I wish you all a happy and healthy New Year.’

*V.W.Bro. John Bell, P.G.M.O.  
President of the Mark Benevolent Fund*



The Mark Benevolent Fund was founded in 1868 by the Reverend George Raymond Portal, *MA* Grand Master 1869-1873, (in 1881 Canon Portal). It is the official charity of the Grand Lodge of Mark Master Masons, the third largest branch of Freemasonry.

The Fund comprises of twelve Trustees who in turn form the two committees who review applications:

- The Petitions Committee who assess applications from individual Mark Master Masons or their dependants who may be in distress.
- The Worthy Causes Committee which looks at applications from registered charities and other worth while organisations.



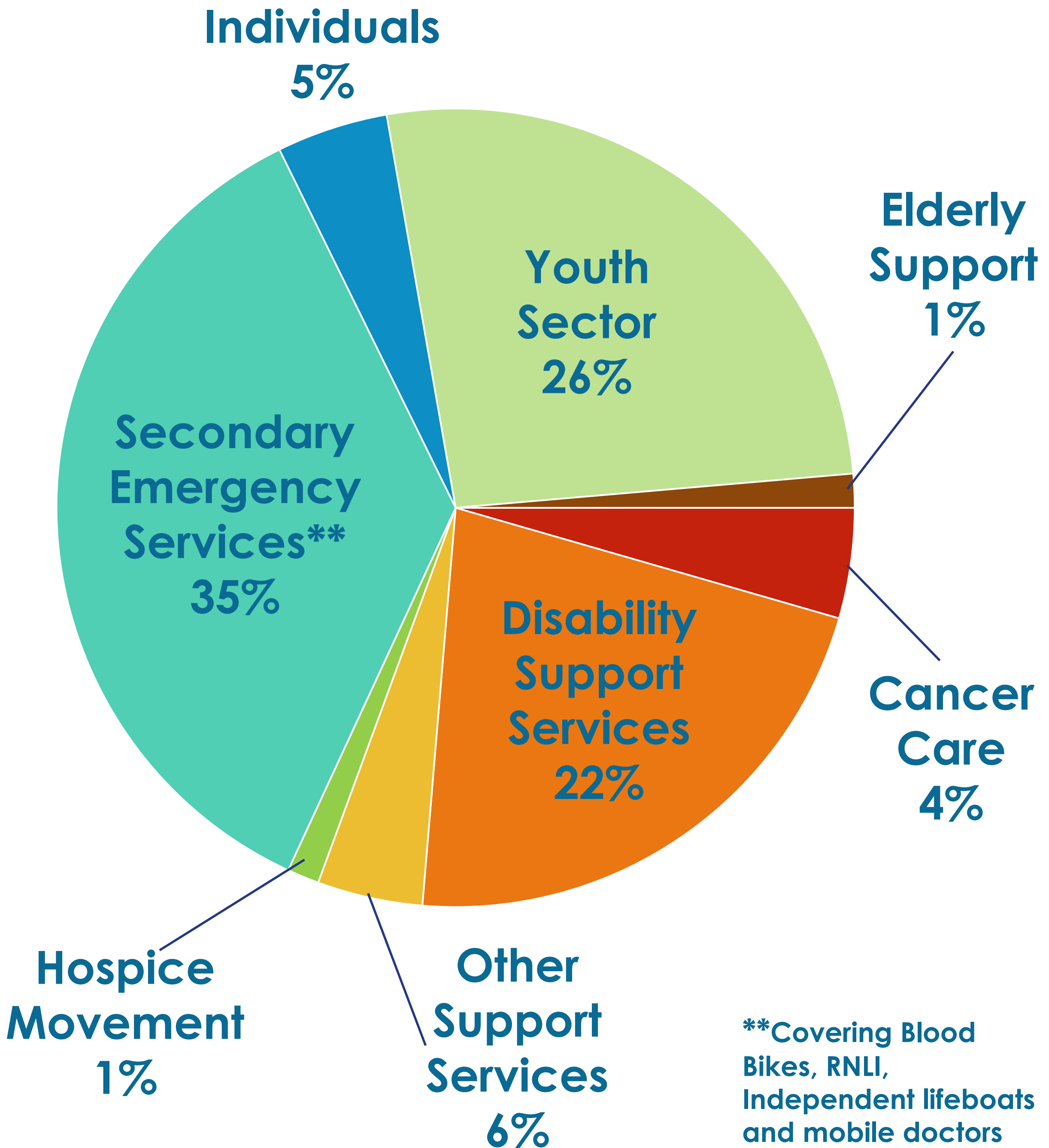
# Fund Activity Summary 2021

- £34,509 - Cancer Care
- £168,898 - Disability Support Services
- £10,000 - Hospice Movement
- £276,784 - Secondary Emergency Services
- £10,558 - Elderly Support
- £203,952 - Youth Sector
- £42,927 - Other Support Sectors
- £34,845 - Individuals





# At a Glance...





# Worthy Causes

## **The Chairman of the MBF Worthy Causes Committee writes:**

It has been yet another busy year for the MBF Worthy Causes Committee with 59 petitions covering a nationwide spread of applications. After lengthy deliberation on all of the petitions the Committee agreed to support 37 of them and in all cases those decisions were unanimous. I am very lucky to be Chairman of a Committee having members who not only respond in good time but carry out due diligence to the highest degree and for this I thank them whole heartily.

Please remember Brethren that we can only support these petitions because of your generosity and you should all be proud of our Mark Benevolent Fund as well of yourselves. If you know of a suitable organisation that is in need of help and you think it should be supported, talk to your Provincial Grand Charity Steward with a view to putting together an application in conjunction with the charity. Our hard-working Charities Manager Darren Coleman-Heald will, I am sure, also be delighted to help and guide you through the process.

I do hope that you have all had a wonderful Festive Season and like me are hopeful that in the near future we can return to some sort of normality and continue our Mark Masonry.

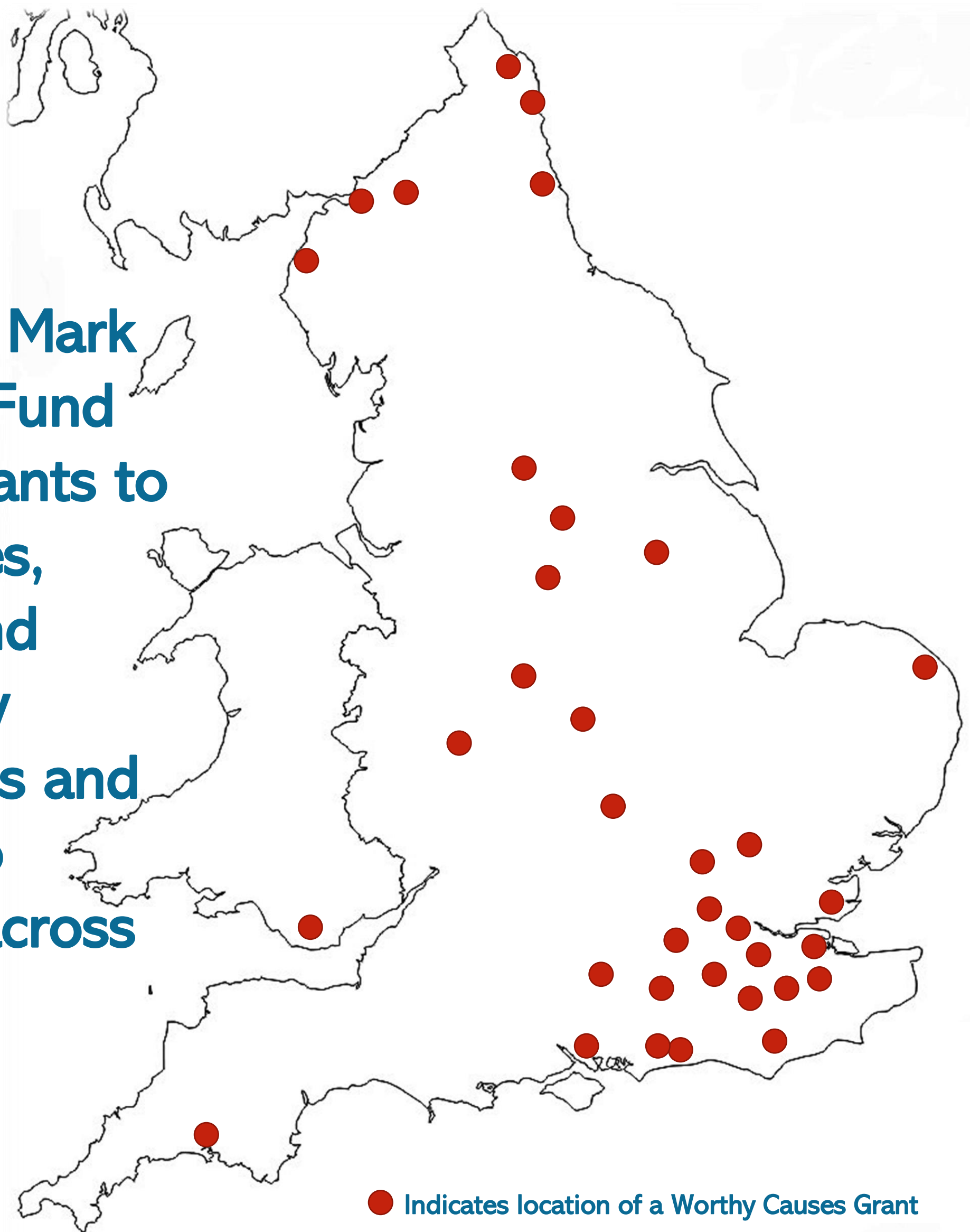
Keep Safe

*R.W.Bro. David Ashbolt, P.Prov.G.M. (London)  
Deputy President of the Mark Benevolent Fund*



# £782,473

In 2021 the Mark Benevolent Fund made 37 Grants to local charities, Provinces and other worthy organisations and 19 grants to individuals across England and Wales



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**£168,898**

**to support  
those with  
disabilities**

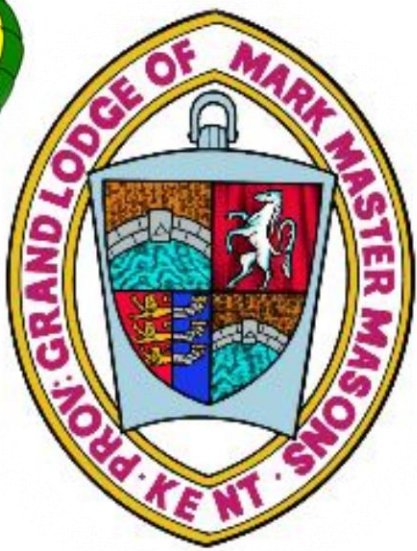




**£29,600**

For 74 arts, crafts and sensory trolleys in the wards of 43 hospitals across England and Wales.

**FREEDOM CENTRE**



**£54,762**

The Freedom Centre in Sheerness needed a specially adapted minibus fitted with the latest safety features for transporting the physically disabled in safety and comfort.

**Horsley,  
Bookham &  
Leatherhead**

**RDA**



Riding for the Disabled Association  
Incorporating Carriage Driving

**£18,506**

Towards the completion of the structure at their new premises in Effingham.



**£5,000**



Blooming Blossoms supports learning for disabled children attending mainstream school. Disabilities include autism, social communication disorders, ADHD, dyspraxia and dyslexia. funding for the final part of the 'Feeling, Talking Walking Garden' project in Hackney.



**£27,590**



## **DISABLED SAILORS ASSOCIATION**

REAL sailing for ALL ages and ALL disabilities in wheelchair accessible boats

This charity assists disabled people of all backgrounds and ages to partake in sailing activities. The funds are for a new safety boat to assist the dinghies in case anything goes wrong.



**£25,000 from the MBF +  
£7,000 Provincial Contribution**

Enabling the charity to build a new disabled friendly boat replacing an older canal boat that is not cost efficient

**£8,440**



**Celebrating 100 years**

Purchasing demonstration equipment for use within a new state of the art Mobile Sight Centre for the Kent Association for the Blind. This will allow those who are visually impaired to assess cutting edge equipment within the clinically safe environment of the Mobile Sight Centre before buying for use at home.





**forget me not  
children's hospice**

**+ £7,500 Provincial Contribution  
Funding towards the boiler replacement  
at the hospice in West Yorkshire**





**to support our  
secondary  
emergency  
services**



**£5,000**

For the running costs of the 'Mark Mason' bike for 12 months during the pandemic.

**£62,890**

Maryport Inshore Rescue in Cumbria is an independent lifeboat not affiliated to the R.N.L.I. but does work closely with them and other emergency services. During recent renovations they lost a mezzanine floor that they wish to rebuild. This will provide additional storage space as well as extra space for training, meetings and briefings.



**£56,394**

For the construction of a brand new lifeboat in Sea Palling, Norfolk. The application was initiated by the Scarlet Cord Provincial Grand Senatus of East Anglia.





**£83,500**

Funding 10 mini portable scanners to assist in the diagnosis of collapsed lungs giving real time feedback to accident and emergency trauma centres via wi-fi.



Providing Emergency Medical Care



**£24,000**

Urgent roof repairs were carried out enabling the centre in Southwick, near Brighton, to continue as a major community hub on the south coast allowing many varied organisations to use the facilities.

**St John  
Ambulance**



**£45,000**

**Lifeboats**

To assist six local lifeboat stations, based along the Northumberland and Tyne & Wear coastline, with the repairing and replacing of the volunteer lifeboat crew's kit. The Lifeboat Stations are based at Berwick-upon-Tweed, Seahouses, Craster, Amble, Newbiggin-by-the-Sea and Blyth.





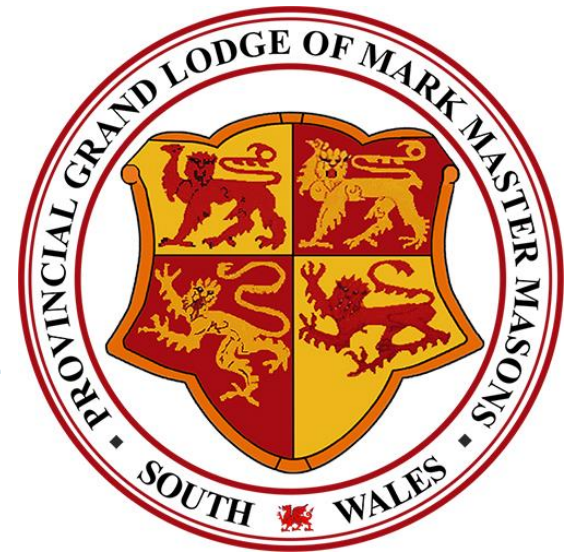
**£203,952**

**to support  
the Youth  
Sector**



# Miskin Mill Scout Village

**£20,000 from the MBF +  
£1,000 Provincial Contribution**  
for the rewiring of the premises based on the  
River Ely at Miskin Mill, Pontyclun, South Wales.



## £13,375

Based in Sheffield, Abbey Lane Football Club is a community project for boys and girls of all ages who are interested in football. The Club is self-financing and run by the parents of these children via a Committee. There are works that need doing to the new premises and funding will bring it up to date.



## £2,500

Supporting two Organ Study students with an award of £250 each year to assist in the purchase of sheet music and specialist shoes for organ playing. The 'Prince Michael of Kent Prize' will run for 5 years.







# Scouts

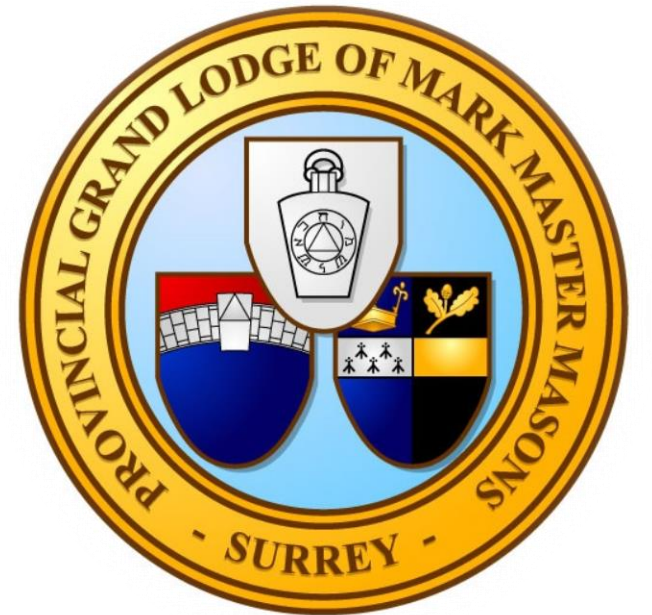


**£13,860** Maidstone East

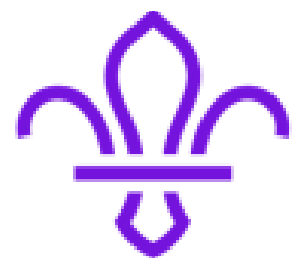
Funds to provide much needed refurbishment to showers and toilets at the Hamlet Wood Campsite near Maidstone in Kent.

**£31,000**

The Sunbury & Walton Sea Cadets are building a bright, modern training centre for use by sea cadets from Surrey and London together with the local community. Funding for the roof was awarded to enable the project to proceed.



# Scouts



**£5,192** 1st Burstow Scouts

for replacement of boundary fences at the Scout Hall in Burstow, giving much needed security to the hall and its contents.





**£6,880**

**1<sup>st</sup> Warlingham Scout Group - providing disabled access and landscaping for their Scout Hall.**



**£20,000**

**Whirlow Hall Farm Trust**  
Registered Charity No. 508910

The residential hall provides accommodation for school visits to the farm from all over Sheffield and the surrounding areas, particularly from disadvantaged communities. Funding goes towards the cost of the refurbishment of the two children's dormitories which is greatly needed and will make the children's overnight experience so much more enjoyable, cosy and comfortable.



**£25,000 from the MBF +  
£5,000 Provincial Contribution**

**Providing 125 laptops to be use by young carers and in the primary education sector in the Province.**



**£17,345**

**Funding to make much needed security upgrade at their centre in Borehamwood.**

**Scouts**  
Hertfordshire



**£18,500**

2021 marked the 80<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the foundation of both 350 (Carshalton & Wallington) Squadron, Air Training Corps and 350 Squadron RAF, which transferred to Belgium Air Force at the end of World War II. This visit to camp in Belgium will allow cadets learn about their strengths in a team and how to become self-sufficient adults whilst making friendships that last a lifetime.

**£18,000**



Colney Heath Scout Group – providing a much needed lifeline to save the Scout Hall and Group in Hertfordshire.



**£12,300**



The aim of the group is to encourage young people to be the best that they can be where possible will support individuals who would benefit from music, dance or drama. The new studio building is large but to accommodate the public we need to make a few changes, decorate/update our meeting rooms.

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**£10,558**

**to support  
projects for  
the Elderly**



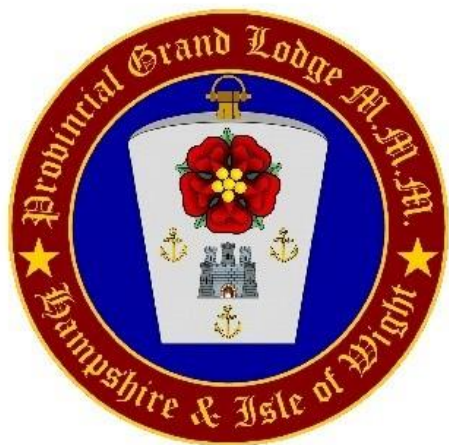
# Age Concern

Merstham • Redhill • Reigate



## £1,850

To replace older power tools with cordless models providing a much safer working environment as part of the charities 'Men's Shed Project'. They are based in Merstham, Surrey and target those men who are socially isolated or vulnerable.



# Cardiac Rehab

Basingstoke & Alton *Cardiac Rehabilitation Charity Ltd*

## £6,100

Cardiac Rehab is a Charity dedicated to helping improve Heart Health, Fitness and Wellbeing of individuals with, or at risk of developing, Heart Disease. Funding is to replace the chairs in their purpose-built Rehab Centre in Alton and a gazebo for outside events.



Serenity Garden

**NHS**  
George Eliot Hospital  
NHS Trust



## £2,608

creating a purpose-built Stroke rehabilitation and Dementia Therapy garden for their inpatients in Nuneaton.



**£34,509**

**to support a  
Cancer Care  
project**

Imperial College Healthcare NHS Trust is home to one of the largest Breast Services Units in the UK. Based in Charing Cross Hospital, it is recognised for its excellent clinical outcomes, renowned world-class specialists, and cutting-edge research and innovation. They are making vast improvements to the experience of staff and patients by redeveloping their reception area and multi-purpose room.





**£42,927**

**to support  
projects  
in  
other sectors**



# SCT

## £9,970



Spitalfields Crypt Trust's aim is to enable people with complex needs to achieve lasting recovery and a more fulfilling life and to provide the best practical and therapeutic support for the poorest and most excluded in society. The charity purchased tablets for students to use during their sessions with SCT.



## £25,000

Supporting the District of Cyprus in their efforts to help those affected by the devastating fires on the island in early 2021.



## £2,527

Awarded to purchase an advanced wireless paediatric Guamard five-year-old child multipurpose patient simulator which offers the best value in simulation-based resuscitation learning.

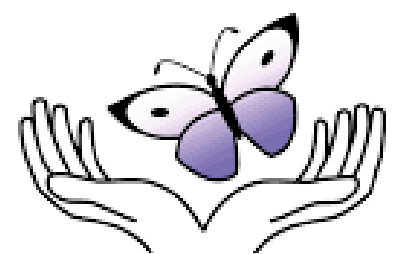


## £5,530

Providing two bespoke commercial washing machines for their refuge based in East Surrey.

REIGATE AND BANSTEAD WOMEN'S AID

Freedom from abuse







# MBF Major Grant

## £1,286,000

In April 2021, the Trustees of the Mark Benevolent Fund announced a Major Capital Grant to hospices to commemorate the significant contribution made to the Crown and the nation by H.R.H., The Prince Philip, Duke of Edinburgh.

The Grant of £1,286,000 was distributed through Mark Lodges in England & Wales who each nominated a local hospice to receive a £1,000 donation wholly funded by the M.B.F.

Of our 1,286 lodges of Mark Master Masons, 230 different charities were chosen which in turn manage the running of 273 hospices throughout England, Wales, The Channel Islands and the Isle of Man.

The full list of Provinces and hospices is listed on the following pages.



### BERKSHIRE

Thames Hospice  
Sue Ryder - Nettlebed  
Sue Ryder - Duchess of Kent  
Florence Nightingale Hospice  
Sobell House Hospice, Oxford  
Sue Ryder - Palliative Care Hub  
Alexander Devine Children's Hospice  
Rainbow Rooms - West Berkshire Hospital, Newbury  
Naomi House & Jacks Place, Wessex Children's Hospice Trust

### BRISTOL

St Peter's Hospice

### BUCKINGHAMSHIRE

Willen Hospice  
Thames Hospice  
South Bucks Hospice  
Rennie Grove Hospice Care  
Florence Nightingale Hospice

### CHANNEL ISLANDS

Jersey Hospice Care  
Les Bourgs Hospice, Guernsey

### CHESHIRE

St Ann's Hospice  
East Cheshire Hospice  
St John Hospice, Wirral  
Beechwood Cancer Care  
St. Luke's Cheshire Hospice  
St Francis Children's Hospice  
Hospice of the Good Shepherd  
Claire House Children's Hospice  
Willow Wood, Ashton-under-Lyne

### CORNWALL

St Julia's Hospice  
Mount Edgcumbe Hospice  
Little Harbour Children's Hospice

### CUMBERLAND AND WESTMORLAND

St John's Hospice  
St Mary's Hospice  
Eden Valley Hospice  
Hospice at Home, West Cumbria  
Jigsaw, Cumbria's Children's Hospice  
Hospice at Home, Carlisle and North Lakeland

### DERBYSHIRE

Rainbows  
St Giles Hospice  
Treetops Hospice  
Ashgate Hospicecare  
Willow Wood Hospice  
Blythe House Hospice  
Sue Ryder - Manorlands Hospice  
Nightingale Macmillan Unit - Derby Royal Hospital

### DEVONSHIRE

Rowcroft Hospice  
St Luke's Hospice  
Hospiscare - Exeter  
North Devon Hospice  
Hospiscare - Exmouth and Lypstone  
Children's Hospice South West - Plymouth  
Budleigh Salterton and District Hospiscare  
Children's Hospice South West, Little Bridge House, Barnstaple

### DORSET

Weldmar Hospice Care Trust  
Forest Holme Hospice Charity  
Julia's House Children's Hospice  
Macmillan Unit - Christchurch Hospital

### DURHAM

Willow Burn Hospice  
Gateshead Hospice at Home  
St Cuthbert's Hospice, Durham  
St Teresa's Hospice, Darlington  
Alice House Hospice, Hartlepool  
St Benedict's Hospice, Sunderland  
Butterwick Hospice, Bishop Auckland  
Butterwick Hospice, Stockton-on-Tees

### DYFED

Marie Curie (Wales)  
HAHAV, Aberystwyth  
Tŷ Bryngwyn, Llanelli  
Tŷ Cwmorth, Carmarthen  
Shalom House, St Davids  
Paul Sartori, Pembrokeshire  
Skanda Vale Hospice, Lampeter  
Tŷ Hafan (Wales Children's Hospice)

### EAST ANGLIA

Arthur Rank Hospice  
St Elizabeth Hospice, Ipswich  
Sue Ryder - Thorpe Hall Hospice  
The Norfolk Hospices, Kings Lynn  
Priscilla Bacon Norfolk Hospice Care  
St Nicholas Hospice, Bury St Edmunds  
East Anglia's Children's Hospices - Milton  
East Anglia's Children's Hospices - The Nook  
Swaffham and Litcham Home Hospice Support  
East Anglia's Children's Hospices - The Treehouse

### EAST LANCASHIRE

Willow Wood  
Bolton Hospice  
St Ann's Hospice  
The Bury Hospice  
Springhill Hospice  
Pendleside Hospice  
Rossendale Hospice  
Dr Kershaw's Hospice  
East Lancashire Hospice  
Francis House Family Trust Children's Hospice



### ESSEX

St Luke's Hospice  
Little Havens, Benfleet  
Havens Hospice, Southend  
St Francis Hospice, Havering  
Farleigh Hospice, Chelmsford  
St Helena Hospice, Colchester  
St Clare West Essex Hospice Care Trust  
Haven House Children's Hospice, Woodford

### GLOUCESTERSHIRE & HEREFORDSHIRE

St Michael's Hospice  
Shipston Home Nursing  
St Peter's Hospice, Bristol  
Great Oaks Hospice, Coleford  
Children's Hospice South West  
Acorn's for the Three Counties  
Longfields Hospice, Minchinhampton  
Sue Ryder - Leckhampton Court Hospice

### HAMPSHIRE & ISLE OF WIGHT

Julia's House  
Rowans Hospice  
Winchester Hospice  
St Wilfred's Hospice  
St Michael's Hospice  
Mountbatten, Isle of Wight  
Helen Rollason Cancer Charity  
Oakhaven Hospice, Lymington  
Countess Mountbatten Hospice  
Phyllis Tuckwell Memorial Hospice  
Macmillan Unit - Christchurch Hospital  
Countess of Brecknock Hospice, Andover  
Naomi House & Jacks Place, Wessex Children's Hospice Trust

### HERTFORDSHIRE

Peace Hospice  
Isabel Hospice  
St Lukes, Harrow  
Keech Hospice Care  
Pepper Hospice Care  
Garden House Hospice Care  
Hospice of St Francis, Berkhamsted  
Noah's Ark - The Children's Hospice

### ISLE OF MAN

Hospice IOM

### KENT

ellenor  
Wisdom Hospice  
Hospice in the Weald  
Heart of Kent Hospice  
St Christopher's Hospice  
Pilgrims Hospice, Thanet  
Pilgrims Hospice, Ashford  
Pilgrims Hospice, Canterbury  
Demelza Hospice Care for Children  
Greenwich & Bexley Community Hospice

### LEICESTERSHIRE & RUTLAND

#### LOROS

Dove Cottage Day Hospice  
Rainbows Children's Hospice

#### LINCOLNSHIRE

The Butterfly Hospice  
Lindsey Lodge Hospice  
Louth & District Hospice  
Dove Cottage Day Hospice  
St Andrew's Children's Hospice  
St Barnabas Hospice, Mablethorpe  
St Barnabas Hospice, Gainsborough

#### LONDON

Isabel Hospice  
St John's Hospice  
St Francis Hospice  
Winchester Hospice  
St Joseph's Hospice  
St Raphael's Hospice  
Royal Trinity Hospice  
Haven House Hospice  
North London Hospice  
St Christopher's Hospice  
St. Luke's Hospice, Harrow  
Noah's Ark Children's Hospice  
Marie Curie Hospice, Hampstead  
Richard House Children's Hospice  
Demelza House Children's Hospice  
Greenwich & Bexley Community Hospice  
Michael Sobell Hospice, Mount Vernon Hospital

#### MIDDLESEX

Harlington Hospice  
St Joseph's Hospice  
Meadow House Hospice  
St Luke's Hospice, Harrow  
North London Hospice, Finchley  
Marie Curie Hospice, Hampstead  
Shooting Star Children's Hospice  
Richard House Children's Hospice  
Michael Sobell Hospice, Mount Vernon Hospital

#### MONMOUTHSHIRE

Great Oaks Hospice  
Hospice of the Valleys  
Tŷ Hafan Children's Hospice  
St David's Hospice Care, Newport  
St David's Hospice Care, Pontypool

#### NORTH & EAST YORKSHIRE

Martin House  
Teesside Hospice  
Dove House Hospice  
St Catherine's Hospice  
Herriot Hospice Homecare  
St Leonard's Hospice, York  
Zoë's Place Baby Hospice, Middlesbrough



### NORTH WALES

St Kentigern Hospice  
Nightingale House Hospice  
St David's Hospice, Anglesey  
St David's Hospice, Llandudno  
St David's Hospice, Havan Menai  
Hope House Children's Hospices - Tŷ Gobaith

### NORTHAMPTON, HUNTINGDON & BEDFORD

Keech Hospice Care  
Cransley Hospice Trust  
Cynthia Spencer Hospice  
Bedford Daycare Hospice  
Lakelands Hospice, Corby  
Sue Ryder - St Johns Hospice  
East Anglia's Children's Hospices  
Sue Ryder - St John's, Moggerhanger  
Sue Ryder - Thorpe Hall, Peterborough

### NORTHUMBERLAND

St Oswald's Hospice  
Tynedale Hospice at Home  
Hospice Care North Northumberland  
Marie Curie Hospice - Newcastle upon Tyne  
Friends of Haltwhistle War Memorial Hospital

### NOTTINGHAMSHIRE

Treetops  
Nottinghamshire Hospice  
John Eastwood Hospice Trust  
Bluebell Wood Children's Hospice  
Beaumont House Community Hospice  
Bassetlaw Hospice of the Good Shepherd  
Nottingham Hospitals Charity, Hayward House  
Rainbows Hospice for Children and Young People

### OXFORDSHIRE

Helen and Douglas House  
Sobell House Hospice, Oxford  
Katharine House Hospice Trust  
Sue Ryder - Palliative Care Hub South Oxfordshire

### SOMERSET

St Peter's Hospice  
Weston Hospicecare  
Dorothy House Hospice Care  
St Margaret's Hospice Care, Yeovil  
St Margaret's Hospice Care, Taunton  
Childrens Hospice South West - Charlton Farm, Wraxall

### SOUTH WALES

Tŷ Hafan  
City Hospice  
The Bracken Trust  
Marie Curie - Penarth  
Tŷ Olwen Hospice, Morryston Hospital  
Cwm Taf Specialist Palliative Care Services  
St David's Hospice Care - Usk House, Brecon  
St David's Hospice Care - Ystrad Mynach Hospital  
Macmillan - Y Bwthyn Hospice, Royal Glamorgan Hospital, Pontyclun  
Macmillan - Y Bwthyn Newydd, Princess of Wales Hospital, Bridgend

### STAFFORDSHIRE & SHROPSHIRE

St Giles Hospice  
John Taylor Hospice  
Severn Hospice, Telford  
Katharine House Hospice  
Douglas Macmillan Hospice  
Compton Care, Wolverhampton  
Hope House Children's Hospice  
Acorns Children's Hospice, Walsall  
The Donna Louise Children's Hospice  
Severn Hospice, Bicton Heath Shrewsbury

### SURREY

Sam Beare  
St Raphael's  
St Catherine's  
Woking Hospice  
Princess Alice Hospice  
Shooting Star Children's Hospice  
Phyllis Tuckwell Memorial Hospice

### SUSSEX

St Michael's  
St Catherine's  
Chestnut Tree  
Martlets Hospice  
St Peter & St James  
The Snowdrop Trust  
St Barnabas Hospice  
St Wilfrid's, Chichester  
St Wilfrid's, Eastbourne  
Leo House Children's Hospice  
Demelza Hospice Care for Children  
Hospice in the Weald - The Cottage  
Hospice in the Weald - Tunbridge Wells

### UNATTACHED LODGES

LOROS  
Royal Trinity Hospice  
North London Hospice  
St Luke's Hospice, Plymouth



#### WARWICKSHIRE

St Giles, Whittington  
Rugby Myton Hospice  
Myton Hospice, Rugby  
Myton Hospice, Warwick  
Mary Ann Evans Hospice  
The Shakespeare Hospice  
Acorn's Children's Hospice  
Birmingham St Mary's Hospice  
Zoë's Place Baby Hospice, Coventry  
Marie Curie - West Midlands Hospice

#### WEST LANCASHIRE

St Mary's Hospice  
St. Ann's Hospice  
St Rocco's Hospice  
Woodlands Hospice  
Willowbrook Hospice  
Queenscourt Hospice  
Halton Haven Hospice  
St Catherine's Hospice  
Claire House Liverpool  
Wigan & Leigh Hospice  
St John's Hospice, Lancaster  
Marie Curie Hospice, Liverpool  
Rainbow House Children's Hub  
Brian House Children's Hospice  
St Joseph's Hospice Association  
Derian House Children's Hospice  
Francis House Children's Hospice  
Zoë's Place Baby Hospice, Liverpool  
Trinity Hospice & Palliative Care Services

#### WEST YORKSHIRE

Wakefield Hospice  
Rotherham Hospice  
Prince of Wales Hospice  
Overgate Hospice, Elland  
Barnsley Hospice, Gawber  
St Luke's Hospice, Sheffield  
Marie Curie Centre, Bradford  
St John's Hospice, Doncaster  
St Michaels Hospice, Harrogate  
Kirkwood Hospice, Huddersfield  
Martins House Children's Hospice  
Bluebell Wood Children's Hospice  
St Gemma's Hospice, Moortown, Leeds  
Sue Ryder - Wheatfields Hospice, Leeds  
Sue Ryder - Manorlands Hospice, Keighley  
Forget me not Children's Hospice, Huddersfield

#### WILTSHIRE

Prospect Hospice  
Salisbury Hospice  
St Richard's Hospice  
Dorothy House Hospice  
Julia's House Children's Hospice

#### WORCESTERSHIRE

Kemp Hospice  
Primrose Hospice  
St Richard's Hospice  
Mary Stevens Hospice  
Acorns Children's Hospice, Worcester  
Acorns Children's Hospice, Birmingham

# £1,286,000



# 19

## Grants made to Individuals

**The Chairman of the MBF Petitions Committee writes:**

‘During 2021, I am pleased to be able to report that we made 19 individual grants to a total of £34,845, to provide financial support to members, their families and dependents who had fallen upon difficult times.

Regrettably, continuing implications from the Covid19 pandemic, together with the reported suggestion that everyday living costs will most probably increase as we progress into 2022, is likely to cause further financial hardship to some of our members. May I, therefore, again remind all lodge Almoners and Provincial Almoners that the MBF is here to consider support to any with a Mark connection that might need our assistance.

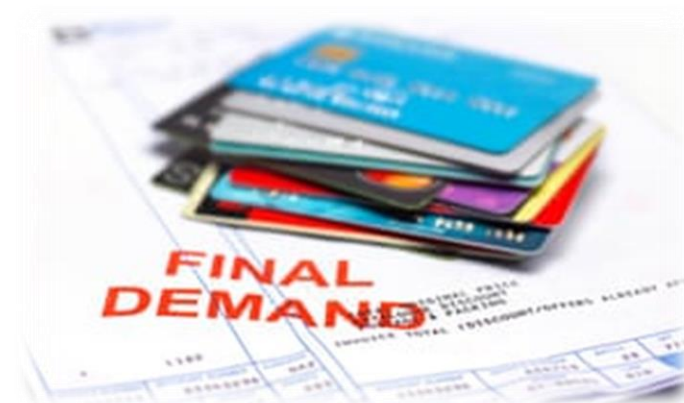
To those Provinces that have not previously submitted an application please consider doing so. We are here to assist you with any suitable application needing support.’

*R.W.Bro. H. Keith Emmerson, Past Deputy Grand Master  
MBF Trustee and Chairman of the Petitions Committee*



These grants were made to those who needed help with day to day living expenses, new kitchen equipment, heating appliances and home furnishings.

In some cases debt repayment was preferable to release much need capital back into the household.



The figure includes £6,000 made in emergency grants. These grants provide immediate assistance whilst the Petitions Committee waits for further information to assist in making fully informed decisions.

Many Mark Master Masons, their dependants, other family members and friends have ultimately benefitted from much needed relief and peace of mind that these grants have provided.



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