



Kent Mark Benevolent Fund

Annual Report

2024.25 Financial Year

Background

Celebrating its 40th Anniversary this year, 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, local charities and other charitable causes.

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Trustees Report 2024 - 2025

Income for the year amounted to £51,338 against which there was expenditure of £68,233, leaving a deficit of £16,895 which was covered by balances.

Donations received were as follows:

Individuals £12,824

Lodges £11,386

Gift Aid Reclaimed £670 (Approximate)

Regalia Exchange £2,750

Total Distribution of funds amounted to £40,011 which included donations of £15,000 to the Masonic Province of East Kent 2025 Festival and a donation of £7,500 to the Masonic Province of West Kent 2026 Festival, (in respect of which a further donation of £7,500 is scheduled to be made in 2025-26.)

The 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 £5,637.50 was awarded to charitable causes, examples and locations of which can be found in the following pages.

Grant Locations



Grant Recipients

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14th Broadstairs Scouts



Prince George Duke of
Kent Court



Tonbridge Vulnerable
Victim Suite



Canterbury Samaritans

Grant Recipients

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Thanet Community
Lifesavers



Dover Fire Evacuees



Parkinson's Maidstone



Pickering Cancer
Drop-In Centre

Fundraising Activities

We continue to work with the Provincial Charity Steward in the sponsorship of events for the enjoyment of the Brethren and the generation of income in support of the work of the KMBF.

The Sunday Family Luncheon and inaugural Trafalgar Night Dinner were both successful and well supported and have 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 new postcards in use around the Province and at larger events promoting regular giving.



Patronage Scheme

Lodges

12 Lodges have now achieved Vice Patron status.

13 Patron status.

3 Grand Patron status.

5 Grand Patron Gold status.

Individuals

24 donors have now achieved Vice Patron status.

26 Patron status.

13 Grand Patron status.

9 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.





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Thank you

Thanks to everyone for your support in making our 40th Anniversary year such a 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 look forward to working together with you to further our benevolent and charitable activities as we enter our 5th decade.

V.W.Bro. Fred Brown P.Dep.Prov.G.M.,
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Chair Kent Mark Benevolent Fund