

# THE PORTSMOUTH LODGE NO 487

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## Charity Steward Report – August 2025

Welcome back after the summer break, I presented cheques on behalf of The Portsmouth 487 Lodge to Key to Joy and the Moving on Project in July, with the assistance of W. Bro Andy Brown

They were very well received and much appreciated by the charities.

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The MCF Provide support for those Brethren who may require it. Please find link below to receiving the support.

### Getting Support :-

The MCF, support Freemasons and people with a strong family connection to a Freemason.

Freemasons must be, or have been, a member of a lodge regulated by the United Grand Lodge of England. The Freemason does not need to be a currently subscribing member, but he must have joined before the need arose.

### **To Apply for support**

Speak to your lodge Almoner, or contact the MCF Enquiries team : 0800 035 60 90  
or [help@mcf.org.uk](mailto:help@mcf.org.uk)

### Hampshire & IOW Province

No further updates are available at this time.

For More information see: [-https://hantsiowfreemasons.org/members-area/welfare/](https://hantsiowfreemasons.org/members-area/welfare/)

### The Portsmouth Lodge as of 06/09/2025 has:-

a) Pledged **£22,296** - to the Hampshire and I.O.W 2027 Festival which is **95%** towards our Silver Honorific of **£23,500**

b) a Charity Account balance of - **£4,223.13**

For Worshipful Master Charity - £ 323.46

For IPM Worshipful Master Charities - £2,800.00

For Charity Steward disbursement - £1,099.67

c) a Relief Chest balance of - **£ 1,205.06**

Year to Date Receipts - £ 1,192.10

Year to Date Donations - £ 1,100.00

The IPM Worshipful Masters charities will be distributed in September.  
 Our Treasurer has sent a BACS payment of £1400.00 to The Miscarriage Association and sent an e-mail as requested by them, so that they can acknowledge our donation.  
 A further cheque for £1,400.00 has been issued for the Portsmouth Down Syndrome Association.  
 I will be liaising with W Bro Gareth to arrange a meeting and the handover of our donation.

At The September meeting the following Notice of Motion will be given for :  
 A sum not exceeding £200.00 be allocated for the Solent Diabetes association based in Fareham and Gosport. It was founded in August 2007, with the purchase of a charity shop in Fareham. A further shop was leased in Gosport in 2012. The shops are staffed by part-time paid staff and volunteers.

**The objects of the charity are:**

- Providing relief and welfare for those with diabetes ( and their families), and its related complications.
- Promoting research into the nature, causes, prevention and treatment of diabetes, including self-management.
- Promoting education and increasing public awareness of diabetes. The area of benefit is Portsmouth and South East Hampshire.

The SDA works closely with the Paediatric Diabetes Team at Queen Alexandra Hospital in Portsmouth, and also with the Diabetes Specialist Team, who provide education courses for newly diagnosed diabetics.

This year's Worshipful Master Charity is the Elizabeth Foundation, they are the UK's largest single provider of education services for babies and preschool children with all degrees of deafness. They provide Ofsted 'Outstanding' nursery services at the Family Centre in Cosham. They also offer home learning and support through their innovative Let's Listen and Talk online programme.

Brethren, if you have any ideas how we could raise further funds or you would like to help out or be involved in any way then please contact the Charity Steward.

**Charities Donated to in 2025**

**From The Lodge Charity Account: -**

Date	Charity	Charity Number	Donation
Apr 25	Prostate Cancer Research	1156027	£250
Apr 25	Friends of Zetland Court		£100
Total			£350

**From The Lodge Relief Chest: -**

Date	Charity	Charity Number	Donation
Jan 25	Cancer Research UK	1089464	£250
Jan 25	Prostate Cancer UK	1005541	£50
Jan 25	Hearing for Dogs	293358	£50
Jan 25	Key to Joy	1201453	£250
Mar 25	MCF 2030 Festival - Surrey (Crime and Craft Talk)		£250
May 25	Moving on Project	1147632	£250
Total			£1,100

Scan the QR code at the top right-hand corner to **donate** to the MCF Festival or our Lodge Relief Chest.

**Bro Mike Crick**  
**Charity Steward**