

THE PORTSMOUTH LODGE NO 487

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Charity Steward Report – October 2025

Local Freemasons Fund Life Changing Opportunities:

A £20,000 grant by Hampshire and I.O.W. Freemasons has enabled the roll out of a life-changing coaching programme. The young 18-30 year old residents at YMCA centres in Basingstoke and Southampton are benefitting from the skills of Performance coach Steve Jones.

Many residents have had difficult and very troubled pasts. They struggle with all sorts of emotions, self doubt and anxiety. Negative preconceptions of any kind of future have become built in.

The programme at the YMCA is designed to give motivation and tools to go out and make a difference with their lives. The Initial programme is funded by Freemasons and delivered by the Performance Coach. They are confident there will be a very valuable in-house legacy to deliver an on-going rolling programme of coaching sessions.

John Pearson the Charity Lead for Hants and I.O.W Freemasons said the programme will give many of the young residents a future and he is delighted we play a part, by funding this valuable programme.

I have contacted the Solent Diabetes Association and will be handing over our donation of £200.00 on Thursday 13th November to their Chair of Trustees, so thank you Bretheren, for approving this donation for a very worthy cause as they work very hard to improve the lives of people with diabetes, especially the very young people who they support and help with first time injections using patch bears.

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 06/10/2025 has:-

a) Pledged **£22,349** - 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 - **£1,848.13**

For Worshipful Master Charity - £ 523.00

For IPM Worshipful Master Charities - £ 0.00

For Charity Steward disbursement - £1,325.13

c) a Relief Chest balance of - **£ 1,373.64**

Year to Date Receipts - £ 1,361.00

Year to Date Donations - £ 1,100.00

Just a reminder that W.Bro Andy Brown is walking 60 miles in November for Prostate Cancer research, if you wish to donate to this cause you will find it on the JustGiving page, <https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/Andy1761512811126>.

At the November Meeting a Proposition will be given for:

A sum not exceeding £150.00 be allocated for Oakhaven Trust.

Oakhaven Hospice provides specialist palliative and end-of-life care and support to patients with a medical referral, this has a special meaning for W.Bro Andy Dollery who's partner Sue had her mother reside at the hospice in her final days and they cared for her with dignity, love and compassion. The hospice has a team of nurses, doctors, counsellors and therapists who help ease physical symptoms and offer psychological, and social support. Oakhaven's care is tailored to suit the needs of each individual. They offer support for patients and their families when they need it most. They are currently carrying out refurbishment to the hospice and the donation will assist towards the ongoing care of patients.

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
Sept 25	Portsmouth Down Syndrome As	1147355	£1,400
Sept 25	Miscarriage Association	1076829	£1,400
October	Solent Diabetes Association	1141865	£ 200
Total			£3,350

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