

The One Hundred and Fifty-eighth Festival



Provincial Grand Lodge of Mark Master Masons of Hampshire & Isle of Wight

**Old Thorns Hotel and Restaurant
Liphook, Hampshire**

Saturday, 18 July 2026

FESTIVAL RESULTS

Foreword from the President

I am delighted to welcome so many of you here this evening to the 158th Mark Benevolent Fund Festival being hosted by the Provincial Grand Lodge of Hampshire and Isle of Wight. Their last festival was in 1990, when the sum raised was £357,143.

I know how much effort goes into the organisation and delivery of a successful Mark Benevolent Fund Festival such as this.

On behalf of the Board of Trustees I thank the Provincial Grand Master and Festival President, R.W.Bro. George Deacon, together with his Festival Committee for their fundraising efforts over several years. The funds you have raised will help the Mark Benevolent Fund to continue to support our Brethren and families in need during these financially challenging times, together with other worthy causes providing support in our communities.

Thank you.




R.W.Bro. Ian Nelson Clark, P.Prov.G.M. (Surrey)
President of the Mark Benevolent Fund



The Mark Benevolent Fund (M.B.F.) was founded in 1868 to provide immediate financial aid to eligible Mark Master Masons and their dependents who may be in distress. Significantly, it was to encourage all Brethren to practice the morals of donating freely and without hesitation. The founder of the Fund, Canon George Raymond Portal, Grand Master (1869–1872), considered this code of conduct would provide the Order with a clear and distinctive charitable motive – a noticeable purpose with which Mark Master Masons could readily identify.

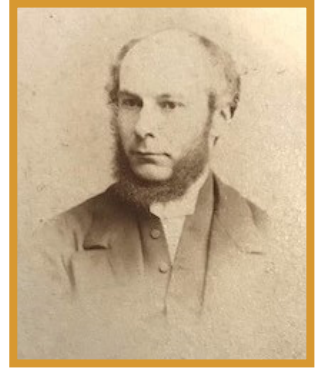
It was abhorrent to Canon Portal that there should be any delay in supplying aid to those in need, thus the Latin dictum, *bis dat qui cito dat* ('He gives twice who gives promptly' or 'A gift given without hesitation is as good as two gifts'), became the guiding principle of the Mark Benevolent Fund.

Throughout the last 158 years, Mark Brethren and their families have supported the work of the M.B.F. with ever increasing donations. Their continuing generosity is no more evident than through the M.B.F. Festivals hosted in turn by Mark Provinces in England and Wales. These Festivals, like the one we are celebrating today, mark the culmination of many years of fundraising and provide a valuable source of funding for the M.B.F., enabling it to continue supporting those in need as well as projects with a wider community benefit. From humble beginnings in 1868, the Fund has grown into a significant force for good, rooted in the traditions of Mark Masonry and still true to its motto.

Examples of grants in recent years: in 2018, to celebrate the 150th Anniversary of the Mark Benevolent Fund, we renewed our partnership with St John Ambulance with a grant of £3.4 million for new vehicles; in 2022, the Addenbrooke's Charitable Trust received a grant of £100,000 towards the purchase of a new surgical robot helping to transform complex surgeries and improve patient recovery times. Since 2024, as part of our current Major Grant Initiatives, £665,638 has been awarded to 30 Blood Bike groups in England and Wales and, to date, £827,727 awarded to 31 wheelchair rugby clubs under the umbrella of the Great Britain Wheelchair Rugby organisation.

So far in 2026, grants of over £340,000 have been made to 17 charities across England and Wales. Examples of these worthy causes grants are: £21,533 to Age UK Manchester in the Province of East Lancashire; £25,000 to Ashburton Swimming Pool in the Province of Devonshire; £9,702 to the Kathleen Davis Stage School in the Province of Durham; £3,591 to The Music Space Trust covering the Provinces of Somerset, Gloucestershire & Herefordshire & Bristol; £26,000 to the Castle Point Transport Museum Society in the Province of Essex; and £26,147 to Support Dogs in the Province of West Yorkshire. In addition, twelve of our individual petitioners have also benefitted from the fund with grants of over £55,000.

In every aspect of its work, the M.B.F. exudes a spirit of enthusiasm and is a clear demonstration of the great personal commitment from the many thousands of Brethren and their families who have helped make the M.B.F. what it is today. In recent years, a key theme of our charitable activity has been to ask what have you done to make yourself feel proud? Your support for the Mark Benevolent Fund and this year's Festival Province of Hampshire & Isle of Wight, in particular, is reason enough to make you feel proud.



REVEREND CANON
GEORGE R. PORTAL, MA

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of the Portal Family

From the Festival President

It has been a great honour and privilege for Hampshire and Isle of Wight to lead the 158th Mark Benevolent Fund Festival. We are delighted to welcome you today to Old Thorns Hotel and Resort, nestled in this beautiful part of the Hampshire countryside.

I hope you have been able to enjoy the tours, spa, pool, golf and entertainment arranged for you this weekend. This is a time to celebrate the hard work and dedication you have given over many years, including throughout the challenges of the COVID lockdowns.



Over the years, we have enjoyed a wide variety of fundraising and social events, creating lasting memories and close friendships for all involved. These have included a sponsored cycle ride across Spain; lottery draws; camping weekends; Wardens launching their wife from the Spinnaker Tower or swimming for miles; cream teas; ceremony draws; garden parties and many other memorable occasions.

I would like to thank the members of the Festival Committee, together with their wives, for all their hard work, and all the Lodges and Brethren of the Province for donating so readily to our Festival.

I would also like to thank all the Mark Provinces and Districts throughout the Constitution for their outstanding contributions, together with the Craft, Royal Arch and all the other Companion Orders who have given so generously. My thanks also go to all the Brethren from across the country who have become Stewards of the 158th M.B.F. Festival.

At the time of writing, the grand total remains unknown to me, although I am confident that our gathering will be rewarded with a figure befitting a Mark Festival.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank our ladies and partners, who have stood by us while we spent many hours at Lodge meetings, and who have joined in so wholeheartedly with the many fundraising events organised over the years.

Through the involvement of many Provinces and Companion Orders in our events, and through the generous donations made to us over the years, we have developed friendships far and wide. These friendships will help us all work together in support of Right Worshipful Brother Andrew Arbrister and his Province of Warwickshire next year, as they take up the baton and continue the fundraising for our Mark Benevolent Fund. We wish them every success!

R.W.Bro. George John Deacon
Provincial Grand Master
for Hampshire & Isle of Wight



Festival Results

The Mark Benevolent Fund Hampshire & Isle of Wight Festival Results Summary

	£
Hampshire & Isle of Wight Mark Lodges	964,792
Hampshire & Isle of Wight Royal Ark Mariner Lodges	179,224
Unattached Lodges	18,135
Mark Provincial and District Grand Lodges	386,894
Craft	50,025
Royal Arch	36,150
Knights Templar	2,625
Ancient and Accepted Rite (Rose Croix)	2,700
Red Cross of Constantine	7,224
Royal and Select Masters	12,750
Allied Masonic Degrees	12,404
Order of the Secret Monitor	5,010
Scarlet Cord	2,600
The Operatives	2,000
Knight Templar Priests	700
Knights Beneficent of the Holy City	4,070
Other Orders	2,900
Other Donations	71,621
In Memoriam	2,228
TOTAL	£ 1,764,052
Interest credited to the Festival from M.M.H.	134,723

Festival Total

£ 1,898,775

Results as at 3 July 2026



Honorary Secretary – Mark Benevolent Fund

Festival Results

PROVINCE OF HAMPSHIRE & ISLE OF WIGHT

Mark Lodges

(T.I.)	Albany	13,164
2	Phoenix	41,644
17	Portsmouth	12,331
37	Wyndham	36,196
54	Aldershot Military	21,054
62	Carnarvon	31,890
63	The Saint Andrews	12,998
125	Bournemouth	11,801
140	Medina	9,134
305	Gosport	16,170
320	William Hickman	14,470
349	Aldershot Army and Navy	21,075
381	Unity	7,651
611	New Forest	23,077
613	Clausentum	24,552
674	Loveland "Be Prepared"	22,926
694	Connaught	25,290
739	Portsdown	18,772
775	Thomas à Becket	10,383
777	Mercury	17,227
809	John Pounds	13,253
867	Vale of Avon	18,025
874	Stradbroke	28,620
875	Harmony	24,909
886	Oakley	40,099
910	Romsey	35,192
951	Sir Arthur Holbrook	12,703
969	Winchester	12,386
973	William of Orange	27,394
988	Shalden	10,824
1048	Thistle and Shamrock	31,770

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1049	Hindhead	3,983
1246	Needles	18,252
1258	Chandler's Ford	23,549
1279	The Norman	24,277
1296	Thomas Dunckerley	19,373
1382	Botley	30,719
1385	Clanfield	33,377
1395	Hector Young	23,112
1403	Woolmer Forest	20,900
1453	Christchurch	7,255
1491	The Mark of Education	4,600
1687	Hampshire and Isle of Wight Installed Mark Masters	9,831
1733	Brocas Hyrst	14,927
1773	Forty Steps	12,126
1785	Aldershot Meridian	6,348
1796	Hampshire and Isle of Wight Provincial Grand Stewards	46,389
1798	Meridies	15,916
2058	Vectis Lodge of Installed Mark Masters	2,878
Total		£964,792

Festival Results

PROVINCE OF HAMPSHIRE & ISLE OF WIGHT

Royal Ark Mariner Lodges

	Peace	5,400
2	Phoenix	5,566
17	Portsmouth	6,812
37	Wyndham	10,351
54	The Naval and Military	3,675
62	Carnarvon	10,848
63	Solent	10,360
125	Bournemouth	3,793
140	Medina	7,005
305	Gosport	7,140
320	Sandown Bay	7,369
613	Itchen	5,265
674	Loveland	7,333
739	Portsdown	5,920
775	Thomas A Becket	4,575
777	Mercury	4,410
875	Harmony	8,459
886	Oakley	5,645
969	Winchester	5,788
1049	Hindhead	3,475
1258	Chandlers Ford	6,945
1385	Clanfield	7,548
1453	Christchurch	4,350
1491	Mark of Education	3,503
1687	Hampshire & Isle of Wight Installed Commanders Lodge	10,562
1796	Hampshire & Isle of Wight Provincial Grand Stewards	14,341
1798	Meridies	2,786
Total		£179,224

Festival Results

MARK PROVINCIAL AND DISTRICT GRAND LODGES

Bahamas and Turks (Inspectorate)	3,050
Belgium	3,845
Berkshire	7,031
Brazil	5,715
Bristol	2,650
Buckinghamshire	1,928
Channel Islands	620
Cheshire	10,175
Cornwall	1,500
Cumberland & Westmorland	3,316
Cyprus	525
Derbyshire	4,160
Devonshire	22,951
Dorset	4,387
Durham	6,625
Dyfed	10,654
East Anglia	2,314
East Lancashire	32,292
Essex	7,610
Germany	500
Gibraltar	150
Gloucestershire & Herefordshire	3,975
Hertfordshire	4,828
Hong Kong	53,567
Isle of Man	6,452
Italy	8,125
Kent	3,344
Leicestershire & Rutland	4,056
Lincolnshire	18,502
London	45,272
Middlesex	10,320
Monmouthshire	1,562
New Zealand	1,930
North & East Yorkshire	3,085
North Wales	3,388
Northampton, Huntingdon and Bedford (from 2021)*	3,525
Northamptonshire and Huntingdonshire (prior to 2021)*	125

Festival Results

Mark Provincial and District Grand Lodges (cont'd)

Northumberland	625
Nottinghamshire	3,785
Oxfordshire	7,210
River Plate	100
Romania	2,480
Singapore	250
Somerset	4,820
South and East Caribbean	400
South Wales	1,600
Spain	125
Staffordshire & Shropshire	5,784
Surrey	14,328
Sussex	9,179
The Netherlands	4,130
Warwickshire	7,700
West Lancashire	8,845
West Yorkshire	2,788
Wiltshire	5,255
Worcestershire	3,436
Total	£386,894

**Provinces merged in November 2021*

UNATTACHED MARK AND ROYAL ARK MARINER LODGES

	Grand Master's – RAM	6,150
	Grand Master's – Mark	1,250
	Grand Stewards' – Mark	3,416
1892	The Lord Swansea	1,010
1863	Broadley	825
1903	New Quarries (Mark)	2,860
1903	New Shores (RAM)	2,474
2031	Freemasons Without Borders	150
	Total	£18,135

Festival Results

OTHER MASONIC ORDERS

Craft

	Provincial Grand Lodge of Hampshire & Isle of Wight	20,000
	Provincial Grand Court of Athelstan of Sussex	250
	Hampshire & Isle of Wight Provincial Grand Chapter	10,000
130	Royal Gloucester Craft Lodge - in memory of Roger Jenkins	100
1971	Connaught Craft Chapter	250
5151	Domus Dei Craft Chapter	200
6752	Georgian Craft Lodge	50
7413	Parmiterian Lodge	1,000
8074	Friendship & Justice Craft lodge	17,000
8474	Gateway Craft Lodge	550
9390	Lodge of Maturity Craft Lodge	625
Total		£50,025

Royal Arch

	Provincial Grand Chapter of Hampshire & Isle of Wight	32,000
130	Royal Gloucester Chapter	3,500
342	Royal Sussex Chapter	100
2272	Wilfred Attenborough Chapter	500
8802	Friendship & Care Chapter	50
Total		£36,150

Knights Templar

	Provincial Priory of Hampshire & Isle of Wight	700
	Abbey Chapter	150
13	Faith	100
27	Sepulchre Preceptory and Sandeman Priory	225
37	Melita	125
38	Bermuda	150
76A	William Stuart	175
357	Pilgrim	150
389	Aylesbury	150
432	St Michael and St Mary	250
626	The Preceptory of St John the Almoner	450
Total		£2,625

Festival Results—Other Masonic Orders

Ancient & Accepted Rite (Rose Croix)

	Districts for Hampshire & Isle of Wight, Solent & Wessex	1,000
	Dorset Rose Croix Chapter	250
41	Canute Chapter	300
536	St Michael's Chapter	500
881	St Mary Magdalene Chapter	250
958	Vigilate et Orate Chapter	150
1182	Alfred the Great Chapter	250
Total		£2,700

Red Cross of Constantine

	Division of Hampshire & Isle of Wight	1,500
	RCC Liverpool Church Service	340
236	Rose of Wessex	175
306	William De Warenne	300
319	Holy Rood	475
380	Magnaaura	175
405	Brabo	1,158
434	Saint Waudru	1,586
437	King Aethelwulf	200
464	Mystic Rose	665
476	Malaysia	300
515	The Milvian Bridge	175
530	Dennis Artemas Nottage	150
536	Beneficentia	25
Total		£7,224

Royal and Select Masters

	District Grand Council of East Anglia	500
	District Grand Council of Dorset, Hampshire & Isle of Wight	3,250
	District Grand Council of Essex	500
4	Euston	150
5	Carnarvon	1,535
71	King Alfred	1,705
119	Royal Victoria	150
129	Sword and Trowel	150
149	Cedrus	300

Festival Results—Other Masonic Orders

Royal and Select Masters (cont'd)

156	Far East	150
157	La Hougue Bie	150
175	Insula Vecta	1,225
177	Flanders	150
209	Branksome	200
226	Silchester	200
246	Harewood Forest	450
294	Nigel Buckingham	885
315	New Forest	600
325	William Cobbett	500
Total		£12,750

The Allied Masonic Degrees

	District Grand Council of Southern Counties	1,950
	District Grand Council of Surrey	1,000
	Metropolitan	175
	Escorial	1,050
13	Southern Cross	175
33	St Aubyn	150
84	Thames Valley	710
87	Royal Victoria	150
106	Bradley Haverstoe	150
120	Llanelli	150
149	Isle of Wight	1,010
151	Oriental	150
178	Mowbray	150
184	St Cuthberga	700
199	Anna Valley	1,235
207	Zionshill	585
219	Wey Valley	754
229	Valley	150
249	Silas Martin	175
264	Rufus Stone	1,635
267	Hadrain	150
269	Golden Gridiron Council of Installed Masters	50
Total		£12,404

Festival Results—Other Masonic Orders

Order of the Secret Monitor

	Provincial Grand Conclave of Hampshire & Isle of Wight	1,500
99	Perram	240
176	Remuera	410
258	Fareham	325
297	Boniface	250
336	Broadstone	150
359	Eastern Archipelago	150
402	Harold Manners	150
412	Peteresfeld	150
434	Clutha	150
444	Southampton	175
477	North and East Yorkshire Supreme Rulers	660
493	Virescamus	100
595	Artington	150
600	Eques	150
627	Damon and Phintias	150
636	Portuscale Fidelis	150
Total		£5,010

The Scarlet Cord

	Provincial Grand Senatus of Hampshire & Isle of Wight	1,000
51	Danebury	300
68	Provence	100
70	The Millennium	150
79	Barbados	150
104	Eling Quay	150
149	Invictus	150
156	La Voie Sacrée	300
163	Acropolis	300
Total		£2,600

The Operatives

	The Worshipful Society of Freemasons	2,000
Total		£2,000

Festival Results—Other Masonic Orders

Knight Templar Priests

Provincial Priory of Hampshire & Isle of Wight	250
District 6	450
Total	£700

Knights Beneficent of the Holy City

Brigantes Prefecture	1,830
Avalon Prefecture	1,790
3 Thamesis	150
5 The Marches	150
12 Wessex	150
Total	£4,070

Other Orders

Royal Order of Scotland – Dorset	250
Royal Order of Scotland – Hertfordshire	1,250
Ancient & Accepted Rite of Mowing in England and Wales	1,000
Masonic Order of Athelstan – Provincial Grand Court of King Alfred No. 79	150
Light of Heaven – St Thomas of Acon	250
Total	£2,900

IN MEMORIAM

PGL of Hampshire & Isle of Wight – in memory of Roger Jenkins	120
Murry and Sue – in memory of Peter Kenneth James	23
In memory of Burness George Alfred James	2,000
Mr F J Wells – in memory of Ernest Sharpling	20
Mr B A Howard – in memory of Ernest Sharpling	25
Mr & Mrs Walter – in memory of Ernest Sharpling	20
Mr R Gittens – in memory of Ernest Sharpling	10
A H Freemantle Ltd – in memory of Ernest Sharpling	10
Total	£2,228

Festival Results

FUNDRAISING AND OTHER DONATIONS

Provincial Grand Lodge of M.M.M. of Hampshire & Isle of Wight	33,622
Pro Grand Master's Mark LOI South	2,500
Pro Grand Master's Mark LOI East	6,045
Pro Grand Master's Mark LOI West	3,550
Pro Grand Master's RAM LOI East	4,300
Caribbean Shelter Boxes	1,000
Hampshire & Isle of Wight Grand Officers Mess	2,350
Winchester Group Acorn Club	250
Winchester Swimming Gala	2,000
MBF 2025/2026 Swindle	1,411
MBF 2025/2026 Axes	2,080
AAC-AFA Top Gun	1,600
Diamond Geezers Dining Club	500
Hampshire & Isle of Wight Ladies	9,093
Sundries	1,320
Total	£71,621

**With grateful thanks to the following wives, partners and daughters
who contributed to the Hampshire and Isle of Wight Ladies total:**

Mrs Haas Boonstra	Mrs Vivienne Kennett	Professor Dr Paula Perlea
Mrs Crompton	Mrs Patricia Lloyd	Mrs Kay Prizeman
Mrs Noreen Cove	Mrs Lucy MacGrain	Mrs Linda Read
Mrs Mandy Dunn	Mrs Marilyn Markham	Mrs Vanessa Ryan
Mrs Dianne Harvey	Mrs Mihutoiu	Mrs Penelope Wilkinson
Mrs Ireland	Mrs Jyoti Patel	

MARK BENEVOLENT FUND AWARD Hampshire & Isle of Wight

'As President of the M.B.F., I would like to personally thank the Provincial Grand Master, R.W.Bro. George Deacon, for the outstanding contributions he and his Brethren have made in ensuring the Provincial Grand Lodge of Mark Master Masons of Hampshire & Isle of Wight has qualified for the Grand Patron Gold Award. This is a wonderful achievement.'

R.W.Bro. Ian N. Clark, P.Prov.G.M. (Surrey)
President of the M.B.F.



Festival Results

THE GRAND MASTER'S KEYSTONE FUND

Contributions received from Brethren which have been reported in the Festival Results Summary under the following headings:

Hampshire & Isle of Wight Mark Lodges	20,575
Hampshire & Isle of Wight Royal Ark Mariner Lodges	11,315
Unattached Lodges	3,595
Mark Provincial and District Grand Lodges	63,230
Knights Templar	1,550
Red Cross of Constantine	4,301
Royal and Select Masters	4,620
Allied Masonic Degrees	8,435
Order of the Secret Monitor	2,720
Scarlet Cord	1,200
Knights Beneficent	2,280
Other Orders	12,835
Total	£136,656
Total Grants to Individual Bursaries since last year's festival	£37,855

THE GRAND MASTER'S KEYSTONE FUND AWARDS Hampshire & Isle of Wight

'The Grand Master's Keystone Fund was launched in June 2023 to celebrate over 40 years service to the Order by our Most Worshipful Grand Master, HRH Prince Michael of Kent, GCVO. The fund's purpose is to grant bursaries to individuals, offering them encouragement and financial support with their educational, vocational and sporting achievements.'

'I would like to send my heartfelt gratitude for the support the Provincial Grand Lodge of Hampshire and Isle of Wight has given to this fund. I congratulate the Province on achieving both milestones, for which the Brethren of Hampshire and Isle of Wight should be extremely proud.'

R.W.Bro. Ian N. Clark, P.Prov.G.M. (Surrey), President of the M.B.F.



Stewardships—Hampshire & Isle of Wight Mark Lodges

Contributions were received from the following Brethren:

Hampshire & Isle of Wight Mark Lodges

Stephen Mark Abraham	Robert Paul Bright	Richard Lawrence Cullen
Adam Abraham	Kevin Raymond Bristow	Eric William Cundliffe
Paul Adams	Colin James Brook	Richard Daish
James Matthew Adamson	Laurence Thomas Brookes	David Andrew Dalton
Peter John Alexander	Kevan Charles Brooks	Stephen Charles Davenport
John Derek Allen	Peter Brown	Barry Gwilym Davies
Stephen Michael Allum	Robert James Brown	Keith Albert Garvie Davis
Keith Paterson Annand	Paul Christopher Brown	Kevin Day
Laurence Peter Marius	Stephen Henry Brown	George John Deacon
Armitstead	Kevan James Brown	Alan Vernon Dean
Robert Charles Ashley	Malcolm Peter Ramsay Brown	Stuart Deas
David Ashton	Jason Brown	Stephen John Denness
Charles Jonathan Aspinell	Terence Sutherland Bruty	Andrew David Dennis
Sydney Herbert Aynsworth	Peter Buchanan	Rodney Keith Dennison
Brett Scott Bader	Kenneth David Buckley	Mark Ian Denton
David Charles Baggaley	Raymond Frederick Bulman	Anthony John Denton
Simon Ashley Bagshot	David Anthony Bunn	Colin Roger Des Moulins
Simon Matthew Baigent	John Burrell	William Gardiner Dick
Vernon Kenneth Baker	Matthew John Burrell	Archibald Dickie
Steve Michael Ball	Patrick Donald Burrridge	Geoffrey Dobson
Martin Harry Banfield	Derek Roy Burrridge	Charles William Doe
Alan Reginald Barker	Kenneth William Butcher	Maurice Frank Doe
Bryan Barnard	George Butler	Liberty Doe
Damon Russell Barrow	David John Butler	Robbie Andrew John Doe
Alan Roy Bartlett	Ian Martin Campbell	John Donoghue
Christopher Edward Bartlett	Robert John Castle	Michael John Matthew Doran
Antony Richard Hedley Barton	John Andrew Cavanagh	Timothy David Double
John Herbert Batting	John Robert Challis	Brian Daniel Dougherty
Ronald Godfrey Baxter	Nicholas John Chappell	John Thorowgood Drake
Michael John Baxter	Mark Anthony Charles	Richard Anthony Dunleavy
Philip Peter Beeny	Malcolm David Childs	Brian Peter Durrant
Mark Robert Beeny	John Roger Childs	Maurice Stanley John Dymott
John Bell	Stuart Ian Clarke	Gary Adrian Edmunds
Guy Vernon Bennett	Ian Ronald Clarke	Clive Barry Egerton
Ronald Ernest Sydney Bentley	Adrian Cleightonhills	Gary Eldridge
John Christopher Benton	John Brittain Clough	Gary Leigh Ellis
Philip Alan Berman	David Peter Clough	Derek Caldwell Elphee
Paul Stephen Berridge	Ian Michael Cobb	Michael Watkins Fahey
David Alan Betteridge	Alan Bernard Cobbold	Gino Anthony Fanti
Robert Thomas Bigland	John Godfrey Cole	Barry James Farrington
Robert Blackman	Malcolm James Collier	Steven Fasey
Brian Blackman	David Richard Colmer	Paul Thomas Fenwick
Adrian John Bolton	Maurice Edwin Cooke	Ronald Fidler
Nigel George Boorn	Keith Terrence Coomber	Michael John Fisher
David Booth	David Frederick Coombes	John Joseph Fleming
David Michael Farren Botell	Mark Ian Cooper	David William Kenneth Ford
Gordon Brakewell	Paul David Coppin	David James Forward
Harmeet Singh Brar	Matthew James Coumbe	Michael John Foster
Robin Breach	Ronald Leslie Cousins	Richard Maurice Francis
Paul Anthony Brennan	Richard Jeffery Cox	Christopher John Frith
Christopher Anthony Clive Brier	Brian William Cox	Michael Leslie Fuller
Nicholas Peter Brier	Christopher Paul Crossley-Turner	Stephen Alfred Fullwood

Stewardships—Hampshire & Isle of Wight Mark Lodges

Gerald Wilfrid Furniss
 Mark Eric Gannaway
 James Mann Garner
 Thomas Patrick Gaskin
 Michael Geddes
 David Geddes
 Nicholas Henry William George
 Vernon Charles Gibbs
 Roger Anthony Gilbert
 Edward Stephen Giles
 Peter Charles Gilham
 Frederick John Gillo
 Michael Godfrey
 Peter John Goodchild
 John Charles Gough
 Patrick Grayell
 Mark Stephen Green
 Anthony James Green
 David Andrew Green
 Donald Frank William Green
 Gareth Griffith
 Ronald John Griffiths
 David Francis Neil Grist
 Steven Groeger
 Trevor Charles Gulliver
 Bryan Ian Gurling
 Ian Thomas Haines
 David Stanley Hannan
 Nicholas Matthew Ray
 Hannigan
 David James Harfield
 Mervyn Peter Harkness
 Nigel Angrave Harris
 Gary Colin Harrison
 John William Arthur Harvey
 Derek James Hatt
 Michael James Hawker
 Graham Hawkes
 Arthur Hawthorne
 Anthony George Haynes
 David John Heather
 David Francis Henwood
 David Ronald Hessom
 Peter Richard Hewison
 Barrie Conrad John Hewitt
 Anthony David Hewitt
 Peter Higgins
 Douglas Allan Higginson
 Richard William Higginson
 Graham David Hill
 Colin Charles Hill
 Robin Paul Hill
 Paul Ramsay Hill
 Paul Hillyard
 Phillip Jeffrey Hobson

Ian Courtney Hockney
 Stephen John Holden
 Paul Stephen Hollebone
 Martin Andrew George Hollis
 Barrie John Holmes
 Peter Charles Holt
 Alexander Honeyman
 Roger Allen Hopgood
 Frank Albert Hoskins
 Kenneth George Howard
 Martin John Howe
 John Edward Hughes
 Stephen Wayne Humby
 Stephen Thomas Hurrell
 Kevin Terence Hutchins
 Nigel John Hutchins
 Stephen John Hutchins
 John Kenneth Hutton
 Nicholas Isaac
 Christopher Matthew Jackson
 Roger Hugh Jago
 Peter Kenneth James
 Richard Michael James
 Richard William Jenkins
 Donald Victor Jennings
 Robert Roy Jennings
 Adrian Richard Jessop
 David Ralph Johnson
 Arthur Thomas Jones
 John George Jones
 Mark John Jones
 Wayne Antony Jones
 Sean Michael Jordan
 James Alex Jury
 Patrick Francis Kearon
 Mario Dominic Kempton
 Neil King
 Dennis William Kinneresley
 Colin Leslie Kitcher
 James Joseph Kneller
 Matthew Ian Knight
 Michael Yosef Kopko
 Alan John Krzysica
 Karl Andrew Kurn
 John William Lamb
 Graham Ronald Lant
 Anthony William Latter
 Matthew Peter Lawes
 Darren William Lawrence
 Brian Michael Lawrence
 Jodi Che Le Breton
 Timothy Charles Leather
 Mark James Legg
 Michael Lewis

William Peter Lewis
 Brian Lintern
 Paul O'Neill Dickson Litster
 Richard Duncan Little
 Malcolm Reston Melbourne
 Lloyd
 Malcolm Timothy Long
 Alistair John Longworth
 Anthony Joseph David
 Lowdon
 Ross Martin Lucas-Young
 Brian Rex Lyde
 Ronald Keith Mabey
 Ian Peter MacGrain
 Danny Craig Mackay
 William Neville Mansfield
 Edward Jack Manton
 Timothy John Marshall
 Stephen Paul Marsh-Collis
 David Ernest Martin
 John David Martin
 Kenneth Henry Martin
 Wayne McCarty
 David Alexander McNee
 John William Meaden
 Richard Francis Micklefield
 Lee John Middlebrook
 Nicholas Henry James
 Milburn
 Ronald James Miles
 David Edward Miles
 Clive Reginald Milford
 Colin William Miller
 Graham Andrew Mills
 Ralph Francis Mitchell
 Julian Mitchell
 Michael John Moon
 David John Morey
 Adrian Charles Mori
 William Andrew Morris
 William Michael Gibson
 Morris
 Ovidiu-Andrei Movila
 Michael Paul Mulvaney
 Leslie John Munday
 Edward David Murphy
 Peter John Anthony Murray
 Colin Charles Victor Mussell
 Robin Louis Nash
 Ali Nazaripour
 Anthony William Neil
 Richard John Newman
 Anthony John Newnham
 Brian John Newson
 Stuart Patrick Niland

Stewardships—Hampshire & Isle of Wight Mark Lodges

William Edwin Nunn	Roger Francis Richardson	John William Switzer
Terence Raymond Nye	David George Richardson	Scott Arean Tallack
Terence Anthony O'Brien	Stanley Scott Rickeard	Mark Brian Taylor
Michael Olden	Brian Ridler	Norman Edwin Brian Taylor
Colin David Oliphant	Steven Ridley	James William Taylor
Martin Peter Oliver	Denys John Riley	Thomas Patrick John Terry
Geoffrey Charles Oliver	Derek John Roberts	Philip Julian Thorne
Robert Adam Oliver	David Alexander Robertson	Malcolm John Thornton
Keith John Ollerhead	Carl Patrick John Robins	Barry Stuart Thornton
John Glynn Ostacchini	John Alan Ross	Neil Douglas Tiffin
David Palmer	Steven Michael Ross-Girard	Frederick David Tilling
Alan John Parker	David Russell	Owen David Toms
Stephen Roy Parker-Phipps	David Leslie Ryan	Keith Leonard Toomey
Stephen John Parkes	Stuart Robert Sale	Robert David Towns
Ivan Edward Parkin	Michael John Sanderman	Michael John Turner
James Miles Benjamin Parkin	Simon Sandham	Anthony Tykocki
Paul John Parry	John Riohard Saulet	Ian Stuart Mackay Urquhart
Ernest James Parsonage	Stephen Brian Michael	Ian Peter Vincent
Kevin Parsons	Saunders	Martin Vines
Alwyn Robinson Parsons	Colin Victor Scott	Peter Gordon Vosser
Derek William Pearce	Marc Richard Scott	Jon Stuart Wallsgrove
John Kenneth Pereira	Martin Jeffrey Seville	Lez Ward
David George Perkis	Philip Gordon Seymour	Benjamin Nigel Waring
John Stewart Peterkin	Terence Patrick Seymour	Adrian Martin Warr
Roy Pether	Neil Stephen Sharkey	Phillip Brian Wedgbrow
John Allan Petrie	Ronald Maxwell Shipp	Dennis James Weeks
Ian Thomas Pett	Neil Jeremy Simpson	Kevin David Wheeler
Leslie Georges Phillips	Paul Bryon Skelton	Sean Gerrard Whelan
James Arthur Phillips	Stephen Harry Slade	Jonathan Charles Whitaker
Paul Michael Philp	Malcolm Ernest Slater	Michael Ascroft Whittaker
Robin Adrian Philp	Ian James Small	Les Anthony Whittington
Edward James Piggin	David Smith	Charles Richard Whybrow
Harry Nicholas Plowright	Kevin Christopher Smith	Trevor James Whyte
Howard John Pollard	Royston Smith	Colin Michael Wicks
Murry Christopher Port	Victor Gordon Smith	John Wildish
Trevor John Port	Anton Ashley Smith	Nigel Wilkinson
David John Poulton	Michael Alan Smith	Barry Wilkinson
Roger William Poynter	Scott Adrian Spafford	Gregory Jeffery Williams
Douglas Raymond Preston	Brian Ernest Spanswick	Robert Huw Williams
John Herbert Prizeman	Andrew John Spencer	Graham Williams
Robert John Frederick Prowting	James William Spencer	Leslie Edward Willmott
Michael Peter Puddicombe	Robert John Spilsbury	Brian Edward Wisbey
Brian Pulley	Paul St John Jacobs	Stephen James Whytey
Phillip Reginald Robert Purdy	Nigel Brian Staff	Keith John Wood
David Alan Purnell	Jonathan David Stainton-Ellis	David Robert Wood
Alistair John Race	Geoffrey David Standring	Colin George Woodnutt
Neil Ratcliffe	Jonathan Edward Staples	David William Workman
Colin Victor Rattley	Malcolm Ernest William Stevens	Terrence Colin Worrall
Derek Edward Reed	Terence Roy Stevens	Christopher George Hider
David John Rees	Peter Still	Wotton
Anthony Leonard Restorick-Banks	David George Stock	Mark Mortimer Wright
Geoffrey William Reynolds	David Robert Stockdale	Kenneth Charles Young
Gary Richards	Colin Ernest William Swain	Robert Foster Young

Total

£57,400

Stewardships

Hampshire & Isle of Wight Royal Ark Mariner Lodges

Daniel Jason O'Brien

Christopher Norman Wallis

Total	£250
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Mark Unattached Lodges

Raymond Stanley Henry Hussey

Peter John Sanders

Skubincan Jan

Antony John Smithson

Christoph-Philipp Pelanek

Total	£575
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Other Orders

KT Hertfordshire

Michael Andrew Stanforth

SC France

Dominique René Auguste Paquet

Total	£225
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Other Mark Provinces and Districts

Bahamas and Turks (Inspectorate)

Lamar Wilfred Pinder

Belgium

William Raymond Barr

Christophe Julien Albert Beruck

Francis Clarembaux

Didier Hannaert

Michael Patrick Kavanagh

Georgios Kritikos

Berkshire

Kevin Dodd

John Keith Palmer

Graham David Seeman

Brazil

Detlev Fenselau

Bristol

Stephen Rawlings

Buckinghamshire

Keith David Bristow

Peter Robert Cole

Channel Islands

Michael Bryan Le Conte

Derek Arthur Upton

Cheshire

Sebastian Jeremy Dunsandle Daly

Philip John Greenwood

John David Miller

Ian James Muirhead

Richard Anthony Slater

Derek Joseph Walsh

Cornwall

Jonathan Peter Bray

Kevin Andrew James Dower

Peter John Furness

Kevin John Hicks

Geoffrey Francis Warwick Isaac

Mark Sean Moyse

Ian Paul Phipps

Jeremy Mark Squibb

Cumberland & Westmorland

Martyn William Greene

Barry Kirkbride

Alan Mossop

Douglas Graham Sanderson

Derbyshire

Antony Allwright

Antony David George Harvey

Graeme Hutchinson

Stewardships—Other Mark Provinces and Districts

Devonshire

Nicholas John Clemens
Peter Hawken
David Charles Purdie

Cyprus

Raymond Hynes

Dorset

Trevor Melvern Barrett
Trevor Anthony Bond
Philip Robert George Bond
Christopher John Bugler
Matthew Redgwell Burt
Derek Bidkar Frank Burt
David Frederick Eaton
William Benjamin Harper
Duncan Gary McGhee
Colin Sam Osment
Robert Wilfred Parkes
Victor Harold Pomeroy
Frank Jeremy Shaw
Michael James Leslie Whelan

Durham

Stuart Joseph Major

East Anglia

David John Boswell
Edmund Tony Moore

Dyfed

Martin James Lowe
Richard Francis Phillips
Stephen Alfred Thurgood

East Lancashire

Garry John Errock
Simon Andrew Game
Andrew John Hickson
Paul Brian Lillington

Essex

Martin Terence Bullard
James Richard Drury
John Finlay
Daniel Mark Heath
Michael Brian Howarth
Geoffrey Declan Kavanagh
Laurence Richard Kavanagh
Nigel Robert Owen

Gloucestershire & Herefordshire

Brian Percival Gargett
David John Hedley
Michael Charles Parkin

Hertfordshire

Geoffrey George Cheshire
Joel Benjamin Forbes
James Dominic Harrison
David Patrick Horne
Graham Alan Kolthammer
Richard Michael O'Keefe

Isle of Man

Kenneth Martin Blackburn
Martyn John Killey
Charlton Lee John Krentz

Italy

Duncan Richard Heritage

Kent

Philip Charles Clare
David John Green
Thomas Quinn
David William Walter Stiff
Martyn Brian Summers
Archibald Iain Torrance
Ian Wilson Tough
Roland John Wade
Peter David Williams

Leicestershire & Rutland

Ian Richards Johnson
Phillip John Mann
Roger Andrew Edward Whale

Lincolnshire

Stephen Michael Hyland
Philip William Spicksley

London

Levon Haig Agulian
Peter David Alder
Ian Douglas Gavin Alexander
Robert Michael Anderson
Antonios Georgiou Antoniou
David Frederick Ashbolt
Jeremy Trevor Beech
Simon William Bennett
Davide Bernardini
Anthony Roy Bleakley
Dennis Bradley
Colin Stewart Brookman
Alan Robert Brumwell
Robert William Bull
Paul Roy Burgess
Mark Butcher
Neil Iain Campbell
Scott Andrew James Cargill
Gary Charles Carter

Stewardships—Other Mark Provinces and Districts

Michael Charles Alexander Caseman-Jones
 Clint William Childs
 Shane Aubrey Duff Clapham
 Christopher Ernest Clark
 Christopher John Clark
 Anthony Miles Clarkson
 Oliver James Coddington
 Bradley Adam Collings
 Ronald Alexander Cruickshank
 Carl David Cupper
 Stewart Martin Curtis
 Paul Brian Cutts
 Christopher John Damp
 Peter Davies
 Nicholas Andrew Davies
 Ian Malcolm Dent
 William Arthur Divall
 Simon Geoffrey Dodd
 Christopher Michael Johnstone Dodd
 Julian Charles Donnelly
 Pierre Doumit
 William Charles Henry Dowley
 Ian Charles Drury
 Scott James Dunn
 Mark Durrant
 John Henry William Ellis
 John Flain
 George Michael Forbes
 Liam Dominic Furr
 Jeremiah Daniel Gangadeen
 David Clive Gavin
 Michael George German
 Matthew Carl Gibbs
 Ronald Stephen Goddard
 Perry James Charles Godwin
 Mark William Goodwin
 Mark Greatorex
 Andrew Green
 Oktay Murat Gulbakan
 Martyn Ronald Hale
 Oswald Terence Hall
 Matthew Damian Hampson
 Eric Hampson
 Robert William Hancock
 Stacy Harman
 Christopher Michael Hayward
 John Simon Helfgott
 Kevin Peter Charles Hendle
 John Keith Hicks
 David Sean Hitchcock
 Wesley Val Hollands
 Erol Mark Houssein
 Robert James Ingham Clark

Stephen Mynott James
 Leslie Eric Winston Jardine
 Allen Niall Johnston
 Keith Bernard Jones
 Michael Kemsley
 Mahir Kilic
 Peter Paul Klein
 Polycarpus Kyriacou
 Peter John Lambert
 Wayne Christopher Larman
 Peter David Lawrence
 Ruel Lawrence
 Barry Fredrick Laws
 Oliver Richard Laws
 Jon Richard Leech
 Christos Andreas Liondaris
 David Arthur Lucas
 Timothy John Joseph MacAndrews
 Satyanarayana Madhav
 Garry Philip Mancini
 Lorenzo Mannelli
 Howard Saul Markham
 Stanley Joseph Marut
 Thomas Frederick Brian McCormack
 Peter Mearns
 Derek Mersh
 Cristian Mihutoiu
 Brian Miles
 Richard Charles Morgan
 Paul MacDonald Muir
 Mark Stephen Neale
 Charles Patrick Newman
 Mark Rodney Newton
 Torquil John Alexander Nicolson
 Philip Francis Norman
 David Nunn
 Razvan Sorin Ocos
 Gavin Thomas O'Sullivan
 Sotiris Papathomas
 Shrish Pranalal Patel
 Ravindra Vithalbhair Patel
 Hitesh Dhanji Patel
 Tony Robert Pattison
 Martin William Payne
 Andrew Pearce
 Dudley Charles Price
 Thomas Quinn
 Jeffrey Marc Reese
 Graham William Ringshall
 Nicholas Ridley Robinson
 David Stewart Rose
 Christopher John Rose
 Andrew David Rowley

Stewardships—Other Mark Provinces and Districts

Richard James Sams
 Stavros Andros Savvas
 Stephen Robert Schofield
 Michael Leslie Scotchmer
 Nigel Francis John Scott-Moncrieff
 Dhiraj Fulchand Shah
 Leonard Smith
 John David Smith
 Alan South
 Charles Anthony Southwell
 Daniel Michael Gerald Sproat-Clements
 Samuel Philip Steinbock
 Norman Strong
 Marios Phillip Stylianides
 Frederick David Thomson
 Constantine Spiridon Trizis
 Ronald Francis Venn
 Martin David Vidler
 Hemant Harshadray Vyas
 John Leonard Waggott
 Jonathan Peter Wallis
 Alan John White
 Thomas Bentley White
 Robert George Williams
 Mark Antony Winterflood
 Jason Martin Winton
 Gary Woods
 Mark Anthony Woolcott
 Ian Watson Wright

Middlesex

David Burton
 Peter Robert Dack
 Allan Nicol Dishington
 Andrew Paul Elliott
 Stephen Edward Heynes
 Michael Lally
 Johannes Marcus Padman
 Alun Thomas-Evans
 Steven Matthew Vanhinsbergh
 David Christopher White

Monmouthshire

Alan Martin Breward
 Benjamin William Dykes

New Zealand

Anthony Bruce Mansfield

Northampton, Huntingdon & Bedford

George Edward Bonham
 John David Sowerby

Northamptonshire & Huntingdonshire

William Edward Desmond Hinshelwood

North & East Yorkshire

David Robert Clancey
 John Stephen Priestley
 Ian Wolstencroft
 Ling Faang Yu

Northumberland

Jonathan Charles Conner

North Wales

Andrew Christian Chape
 Martin Wynne Jones
 Colin Anthony Lemin
 Alun Rowland Williams

Nottinghamshire

Christopher Colin Adkin
 Philip Graham Marshall
 Nigel James Parry
 Andrew Christopher Rainbow
 Oliver John Rainbow

Oxfordshire

Adrian Hedley Barlow
 David Andrew Cumming
 James Robert Guy Hilditch
 Grahame Frederick Lee
 Brian David Page
 Barry Alistair Prior
 Stephen Peter Quant
 Ian Watson Wright

River Plate

Ioannis Benetatos

Romania (Inspectorate)

Mihai Tudor Baltac
 Luigi Cozma
 Dan Dobrovolschi
 Ion Pop
 Sorin Nicolae Popa
 Mohammad Ghasem Rostamizadeh
 Andrei Stoian

Singapore

Rong Sheng Lim

Somerset

Richard John Francis Conneely
 Craig Stuart Philip Harding
 John Anthony Nicholson
 Robert O'Malley-White
 Thomas Bentley White
 Henri Ernest Christopher White

South Wales

Philip William Davies
 David Neil Morgan
 Andrew Thomas

Stewardships—Other Mark Provinces and Districts

Spain

William Dick

Staffordshire & Shropshire

Andrew John Delamere

Peter James Everall

Joseph Raymond Edward Forrest

David John Griffiths

Dennis John Hill

Harjinder Singh Sagoo

Kevin John Spencer

Christopher James Wanley

John Raymond Weaver

Surrey

James Agnew

Martin George Baker

Andrew Douglas Banks

Michael Frederick Barnes

Alan John Brockwell

Steven Christopher Cann

Ian Nelson Clark

David Thomas Clark

Na'el Abdulhakim Clarke

Brian Albert Clutterbuck

William Dyer

Michael John Fisher

John Vaughan Christopher French

Christopher Francis George

Richard John Knox

John Raymond Massey

Paul Michael Seldon

Richard John Wileman

Sussex

Ivor Michael Henry Bennett

Stephen Rae Campbell

Glen Coneley

Andrew Barrington Ford

Mark Vincent Hoare

Aleksandar Muncan

Paul Ewart James Norman

Roger Francis Richardson

Cullen David Sage

Philip Andrew Sturton

Warwickshire

Andrew Rowland Armbrister

Ian David Belsham

Robert Nigel Clemson

William Edward Davies

Richard Stephen Gale

Derek John Griffin

Roger Stuart Mac

Roger Millwater

Mark James Rea

Ravinder Ranvir Singh

West Lancashire

John Duncan Askew

Keith Alan Beardmore

Giles Frederick Berkley

Geoffrey Michael Bury

Kevin Thomas Chicken

Philip Paul Kavanagh

Ian Douglas Nairn

Terence Pearson

Michael Jeremy Pinckard

James Francis Rogers

Eric John Sarti

West Yorkshire

John Trevor Bolton

Richard Gordon Brown

Jason John Cunningham

Philip John Drury

Philip Oldfield

Richard Boswell Puttrell

James Bennett Truswell

John Edward Vause

David Robert Wight

James David Williams

Wiltshire

David Andrew William Bayne

Andrew Philip Beaumont

Frederick Peter Philip Beavers

Jonothan Peter Carver

Nigel Anthony Dalby

Ian David Gibson

Gerald Brandon Harman

Mervyn James Johns

Paul Vincent Lane

Stephen Lee

Bryan Desmond Little

Raymond Peter Pipe

Stephen Edward Richards

Worcestershire

David Charles Boorn

Stuart James Cameron

Derek Wyn Owen

Total

£50,070

Grants and Petitions—2025/2026

The following grants have been awarded since last year's festival:

Total Grants to Individual Petitioners	£112,952
Grants to Worthy Causes:	£
The Harlequins Foundation	41,689
Stoke Mandeville Wheelchair Rugby Club	35,360
Celtic Warriors Wheelchair Rugby Club	32,391
Association Priority for Humanity – District of Romania	31,300
Royal National College for the Blind Appeal	28,892
Support Dogs Ltd	26,147
The Garwood Foundation	25,000
SOFEA	25,000
ShelterBox – Pakistan Flood Relief	25,000
Scarborough Sea Cadet Corps	25,000
Evergreen PCTA	25,000
Northumberland National Park Mountain Rescue Team	25,000
ShelterBox – Hurricane Melissa (Jamaica)	25,000
Maggie's Cancer Centres	25,000
Ashburton Swimming Pool	25,000
5th Whitley Bay Scout Group	25,000
1032 (Yeovil) Squadron Royal Air Force Air Cadets	25,000
HorseHeard	24,730
Scarlets Wheelchair Rugby Club	23,775
Abbotts Bromley Sports Association	23,012
Yelverton Community Projects	22,961
DocBike – Dorset	22,798
Whiteknights Yorkshire Blood Bikes	21,758
Age UK Manchester	21,533
Essex Voluntary Blood Service	21,045
Leicester Tigers Wheelchair Rugby Club	21,044
York Minster Fund	20,000
60 (Leek) Squadron Royal Air Force Air Cadets	20,000
South Warwickshire Plato Trust	20,000
Rays of Sunshine	19,325
Cheriton Primary School PTFA	19,156
Dorset & Somerset Air Ambulance Charity	18,700
SERV Surrey & London	18,678

Grants and Petitions—2025/2026

Kent Neuro Therapy Centre	18,159
Hanningfield Sailability Project	17,500
Penrith Pumas Wheelchair Rugby Club	15,859
Cheltenham Tigers Wheelchair Rugby Club	14,553
Saracens Wheelchair Rugby Club	13,823
The League Of Mercy	13,000
Solent Sharks Wheelchair Rugby Club	11,879
Northampton Rugby Football Club Ltd	11,721
The Wargrave Bowling Club	11,471
The Bulls Wheelchair Rugby Club	11,384
Brighton Buccaneers Wheelchair Rugby Club	11,289
Katie's Lymphoedema Fund	10,599
The Cavalier Centre	10,000
Newport Community First Responders	10,000
Norfolk Knights Wheelchair Rugby Club	9,997
Berkshire Banshees Wheelchair Rugby Club	9,705
Kathleen Davis Stage School	9,702
The Veterans Hub Weymouth & Portland	8,944
London Wheelchair Rugby Club	8,196
Drama Expressions For Children	7,805
Irene Taylor Trust	7,522
Slow Food Kitchen – Barbados	7,500
Gwent Dragons Wheelchair Rugby Team	6,535
Coventry Stampede Wheelchair Rugby Club	5,150
Bright Horizons Foundation for Children	5,129
Glasgow Wheelchair Rugby Club	4,674
Hearts of Gold West Cumbria	3,796
Masonic Fishing Charity – Somerset Branch	3,645
The Music Space Trust	3,591
Stoke Mandeville Maulers	1,960
Brighter Opportunities For Special People	1,160
Wales 5's Wheelchair Rugby Union Club	1,140
Ospreys Wheelchair Rugby Club	869
West Country Hawks Wheelchair Rugby Club	610
Total Grants to Worthy Causes	£1,098,161

1868 The Grand Lodge of Mark Master Masons Fund of Benevolence is established by Revd George Raymond Portal.

1869 The first festival is held at the Mitre Hotel on Hampton Court Road, and raises the sum of £97.

1869 The first grant of £5 is made in November to Brother George Morris, a Ship's Steward of Whitechapel in East London, having lost virtually all his possessions in a shipwreck earlier that year.



1879 The first festival sponsored by a Province is hosted by **Sussex** and raises £537.

1888 13 boys and 13 girls are beneficiaries of the **Education Fund**. The **Annuitant Fund** is supporting four people.

1918 The first time a five figure sum is raised at a festival: £10,000 in the Province of East Anglia.

1927 The first use of the term '**Mark Benevolent Fund**'.

1968 Centenary

By May 1967 a total of £745,736 has been disbursed.

To mark the centenary of the Fund, £500,000 is pledged to **Lord Harris Court**, a residential care home run by the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution Care Company.

1971 £500,000 donated to the **Royal Masonic Hospital** Modernisation Fund.

1994 £1.5 million is donated to the **Hospice Movement**.

2009 £1.6 million is donated to the **RNLI** in Wales for a new Tamar-class lifeboat named *The Mark Mason*.



2017 Teams from the Provinces took part in the M.B.F. Charity Walk raising £437,934 for **Blood Bike** groups across England and Wales. The official handover took place in August 2018 at the National Motorcycle Museum in Birmingham.



2017 St John Ambulance receive a grant of £3.4 million for the provision of 53 new vehicles.

Since the establishment of the Fund to

Grants to Individual Petitioners:
Grants to Worthy Causes:

Benevolent Fund—1868 to 2026

2018 Sesquicentenary

Since 1868 the M.B.F. has disbursed over £7 million in grants to individual petitioners.

Donations to charities and worthy causes total over £25 million.

The Trustees of the Mark Benevolent Fund donate £2,080,000 to the **Hope for Tomorrow** charity for the purchase of eight mobile chemotherapy units for the use of the NHS in rural locations throughout the UK.

2024 Wheelchair Rugby Clubs

£1.7m is available for grants during this four-year initiative to support the work of Great Britain Wheelchair Rugby in improving access to the sport and preparing athletes for the 2028 Paralympics. Funding can be used for capital expenditure such as facility improvements, wheelchairs, kit, and vehicles.



2025 Kent Neuro Therapy Centre

offers first class facilities to support people affected by MS, Parkinson's and stroke, alongside their families, friends and those who care for them. A grant of £18,159 paid for urgent repairs to tiles in their hydrotherapy pool.



2021 £1.3m disbursed to **Hospices** throughout England, Wales, the Channel Islands and the Isle of Man, in tribute to the tireless work and contribution of His Late Royal Highness Prince Philip, Duke of Edinburgh.

2024 Blood Bike Groups in England and Wales shared a grant of £665,638 in this initiative reflecting the M.B.F.'s continued partnership and commitment to support the volunteers in their vital lifesaving work. Grants were used for motorbikes, other vehicles, equipment and facility improvements.

2025 Scarborough & Rydale Mountain Rescue Team were awarded £63,550 to replace an aging vehicle with a new fully adapted 4x4 Toyota Hilux pick-up for use in the North Yorkshire Moors.



2026 The Veterans Hub – Weymouth and Portland C.I.C.

provides veterans, serving personnel, and their families, with assistance for the transition to civilian life, support for mental and physical health, employment, housing and financial affairs. Funds of £8,944 will buy a computerised data recording system to store service users' details, actions and activities taken to assist them, referrals to other agencies and the outcomes of interactions.



The following grants have been distributed:

£7,487,217
£35,097,792

TOTAL: £42,585,009

Festival Committee

Festival President

R.W.Bro. George John Deacon
Provincial Grand Master for Hampshire & Isle of Wight

Committee

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W.Bro. Ian MacGrain, PGJD	Festival Weekend Manager
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Mrs Thelma Small.....	Consultant

The One Hundred and Fifty-ninth Festival

will be held on

Saturday, 3 July 2027

at the Eastside Rooms, Woodcock Street,
Birmingham, B7 4BL



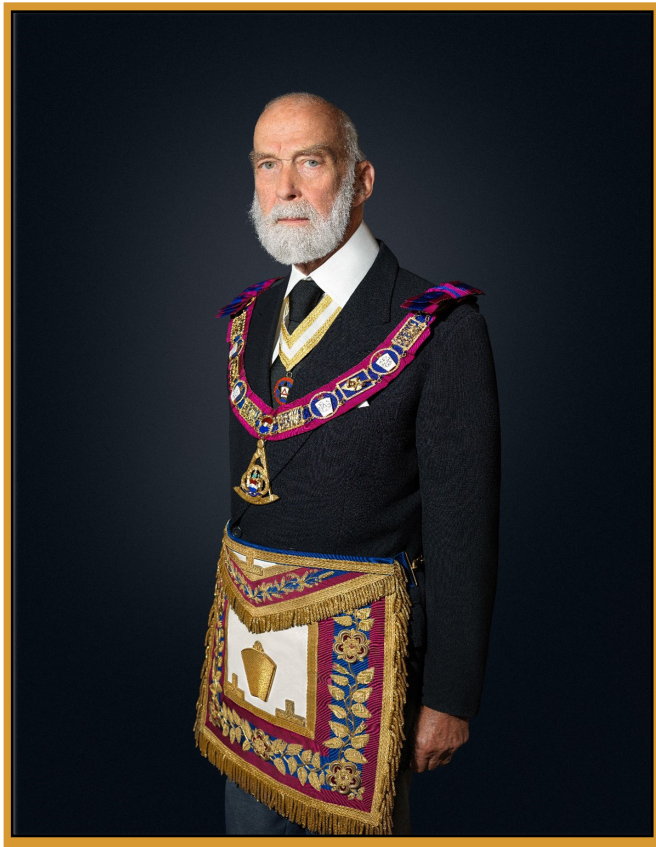
Under the Presidency of
R.W.Bro. Andrew Rowland Armbrister
Provincial Grand Master for Warwickshire

FORTHCOMING FESTIVALS

2028	Somerset	North and East Yorkshire	2033
2029	Durham	Dorset	2034
2030	Essex	Derbyshire	2035
2031	Northumberland	Monmouthshire	2036
2032	Wiltshire	Hertfordshire	2037

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86 St James's Street, London, SW1A 1PL
www.markmasonshall.org/charities/mbf



H.R.H. Prince Michael of Kent, GCVO

Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Mark Master Masons
and Grand President of the Mark Benevolent Fund

Portrait by Rory Lewis (2022)

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