

**PROVINCIAL GRAND MARK LODGE OF SURREY BENEVOLENT FUND**

**REGISTERED CHARITY NUMBER 282659**

**ANNUAL REPORT**

**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2025**

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## **TRUSTEES' ANNUAL REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2025**

### **Legal and Administrative**

The Provincial Grand Mark Lodge of Surrey Benevolent Fund was Registered with the Charity Commission on 21 July 1981.

Registered Charity No. 282659

Trustees at 31 August 2024 John Vaughan Christopher French (Chairman) – served for whole year  
William Raymond Barr – served for whole year  
William Agnew Caughie – served for whole year

On 16 September 2024 John Raymond Massey was appointed as a Trustee and served for the remainder of the year.

Principal address Buckleigh House, Portsmouth Road, Milford, Godalming, GU8 5DP

Bankers Lloyds Bank plc, 147 High Street, Guildford, GU1 3AG, and  
Masonic Charitable Foundation, 60 Great Queen Street, London, WC2B 5AZ

Independent Examiner Andrew G Sales, FCCA,  
Gifford, Church Road, Great Bookham, Leatherhead, KT23 3JT

### **Structure, governance and management**

The Governing document of the Charity is its Trust Deed dated 1 April 1981. The Trustees are the Provincial Grand Master, the Deputy Provincial Grand Master and the two Assistant Provincial Grand Masters.

### **Objectives and activities, achievements and performance**

#### **Objectives**

The objects of the Provincial Grand Mark Lodge of Surrey Benevolent Fund are for the relief of poor and distressed brother masons or their poor and distressed widows and children, or for the benefit of such other Masonic Charities or other Charitable Institutions and objects, whether within or without the Masonic Mark Province of Surrey.

Individual petitions for relief are considered and approved by the Provincial Benevolent Committee, which comprises the Trustees and such other members as are co-opted by the Provincial Grand Master. Other charitable causes are supported with his approval, and he also has discretion to deal with urgent cases out of a special fund maintained for that purpose.

#### **Activities**

The Mark Province of Surrey runs several fund-raising events during a typical year, such as a golf event, Charity dinner dance, cricket match etc, on an *ad hoc* basis, principally attended by Mark Masons, their relatives and friends. In the year the Province held a sponsored Swimathon, a Charity Dinner Dance, a Golf Day, a Burns' Night Supper and Lodges sponsored a member completing the four day Nijmegen walk. The activities helped consolidate the Fund's resources, to enable sufficient funds to be readily available to support future Mark Benevolent Fund Festivals as well as supporting requests from local charities.

## **Achievements and Performance**

During the year, net receipts, after costs of running the events totalled £29,734 (2024, £25,950).

Donations in the year totalled £26,939 (2024 £5,250). Donations to the Prostate Project ManVan appeal totalled £20,000. A donation of £2,873 was made to Girl Guiding Cheam to complete their Village Hall Project, as well as £2,000 to the MBF Oxford Festival, and the net proceeds of the Burns Night event to the Royal Order of Scotland, in the sum of £1,566.

Grants were made to two beneficiaries totalling £8,930.

## **Section 4, The Charities Act 2006**

The Trustees confirm that they have complied with the duty set out in Section 4, The Charities Act 2006, to have due regard to public benefit guidance published by the Charity Commission.

## **General Data Protection Regulations**

The Charity's procedures in respect of Data Protection continue to be reviewed in line with advice given by Mark Grand Lodge.

## **Financial review**

The Benevolent Fund has had no expense charges in the year. The Trustees and fund raisers make no charges to the Charity. The costs of fund-raising events are met out of the proceeds of those events. Other costs are met from the General Fund of the Provincial Grand Mark Lodge of Surrey, which is itself funded by subscriptions received from Surrey Mark Masons.

Funds held by the Fund are held in its account with Lloyds Bank plc, and under Relief Chest Accounts at The Masonic Charitable Foundation.

## **Approval**

The Trustees' report and accounts were approved at a meeting of the Trustees held on 6 November 2025.

## **Signed on behalf of the Trustees**

J V C French, Provincial Grand Master and Trustee

W R Barr, Deputy Provincial Grand Master and Trustee

Dated 6/11/2025

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**STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES FOR THE YEAR TO 31 AUGUST 2025**

|                                                | This year                  |                          |               | Last year                  |                          |               |
|------------------------------------------------|----------------------------|--------------------------|---------------|----------------------------|--------------------------|---------------|
|                                                | Unrest-<br>ricted<br>Funds | Rest-<br>ricted<br>Funds | Total         | Unrest-<br>ricted<br>Funds | Rest-<br>ricted<br>Funds | Total         |
|                                                | £                          | £                        | £             | £                          | £                        | £             |
| <b>Incoming resources</b>                      |                            |                          |               |                            |                          |               |
| Donations:                                     |                            |                          |               |                            |                          |               |
| General                                        | 7,955                      |                          | 7,955         | 2,112                      | 1,191                    | 3,303         |
| Gift aided donations                           | 1,020                      |                          | 1,020         | 921                        |                          | 921           |
| Income tax recoverable                         | 540                        |                          | 540           | 225                        | 476                      | 701           |
| Cricket                                        | 965                        |                          | 965           |                            |                          |               |
| Golf day                                       | 2,010                      |                          | 2,010         | 4,789                      |                          | 4,789         |
| Swimathon event                                | 1,761                      |                          | 1,761         | 0                          | 4,819                    | 4,819         |
| Merchandise & regalia                          | 3,417                      |                          | 3,417         | 836                        | 3,000                    | 3,836         |
| Donation re Sutton Foodbank                    |                            |                          |               |                            | 500                      | 500           |
| Nijmegen Walk                                  |                            |                          |               |                            | 1,115                    | 1,115         |
| Charity dinner dance                           | 1,700                      |                          | 1,700         | 0                          | 2,015                    | 2,015         |
| Prostate Project ManVan appeal                 |                            | 1,338                    | 1,338         |                            | 5,400                    | 5,400         |
| Other events and activities                    |                            | 4,700                    | 4,700         |                            | 1,704                    | 1,704         |
| Interest received                              | 1,165                      |                          | 1,165         | 650                        |                          | 650           |
| <b>Grant income</b>                            |                            |                          |               |                            |                          |               |
| MBF re petitioners                             | 8,730                      |                          | 8,730         |                            |                          |               |
| <b>Total Incoming Resources</b>                | <b>29,263</b>              | <b>6,038</b>             | <b>35,301</b> | <b>9,534</b>               | <b>20,220</b>            | <b>29,754</b> |
| Fundraising costs :                            |                            |                          |               |                            |                          |               |
| Golf day costs                                 | 1,153                      |                          | 1,153         | 2,096                      |                          | 2,096         |
| Burns Night costs                              |                            | 3,134                    | 3,134         |                            |                          |               |
| Merchandise costs                              | 1,280                      |                          | 1,280         | 1,708                      |                          | 1,708         |
| Grants to support institutions and their aims: |                            |                          |               |                            |                          |               |
| Prostate Project                               |                            | 20,000                   | 20,000        |                            |                          |               |
| Sutton Food Bank                               |                            | 500                      | 500           |                            |                          |               |
| MBF Oxford Festival                            | 2,000                      |                          | 2,000         |                            |                          |               |
| Girl Guiding Cheam Village Hall                | 2,873                      |                          | 2,873         |                            |                          |               |
| Royal Order of Scotland                        |                            | 1,566                    | 1,566         |                            |                          |               |
| MBF Cheshire Festival                          |                            |                          |               | 2,000                      |                          | 2,000         |
| MBF Hampshire Festival                         |                            |                          |               | 3,000                      |                          | 3,000         |
| Woking Strokeability                           |                            |                          |               | 250                        |                          | 250           |
| Grants to petitioners                          | 8,930                      |                          | 8,930         |                            |                          |               |
| <b>Total outgoing resources</b>                | <b>16,236</b>              | <b>25,200</b>            | <b>41,436</b> | <b>9,054</b>               | <b>0</b>                 | <b>9,054</b>  |
| <b>Net incoming (outgoing) resources</b>       | <b>13,027</b>              | <b>-19,162</b>           | <b>-6,135</b> | <b>480</b>                 | <b>20,220</b>            | <b>20,700</b> |
| <b>Total funds brought forward</b>             | <b>14,405</b>              | <b>20,220</b>            | <b>34,625</b> | <b>13,925</b>              | <b>0</b>                 | <b>13,925</b> |
| <b>Total funds carried forward</b>             | <b>27,432</b>              | <b>1,058</b>             | <b>28,490</b> | <b>14,405</b>              | <b>20,220</b>            | <b>34,625</b> |

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**STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES FOR THE YEAR TO 31 AUGUST 2025**

| <b>Balance Sheet</b>                | <b>This Year</b> | <b>Last Year</b> |
|-------------------------------------|------------------|------------------|
|                                     | £                | £                |
| <b>Current Assets</b>               |                  |                  |
| Sundry debtors and deposits         | 655              | 902              |
| Short-term deposits - Grand Charity | 16,949           | 19,466           |
| Cash at bank                        | 11,526           | 15,432           |
|                                     | <u>29,130</u>    | <u>35,800</u>    |
| Less: Sundry creditors              | 640              | 1,175            |
| <b>Net Assets</b>                   | <u>28,490</u>    | <u>34,625</u>    |
| Financed by :-                      |                  |                  |
| <b>Unrestricted Income Funds</b>    |                  |                  |
| Provincial Fund of Benevolence      | 22,311           | 9,947            |
| Provincial Grand Master's Fund      | 5,121            | 4,458            |
|                                     | <u>27,432</u>    | <u>14,405</u>    |
| <b>Restricted Funds</b>             |                  |                  |
| Prostate Project Man Van appeal     | 1,058            | 19,720           |
| Sutton Food Bank                    | 0                | 500              |
| <b>Total Funds of the Charity</b>   | <u>28,490</u>    | <u>34,625</u>    |

*For and on behalf of the trustees*

***R M S Seeley FCA***

*Provincial Grand Treasurer*

20 November 2025

**NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS**

**1 Basis of Preparation**

These accounts have been prepared on the basis of historic cost and in accordance with applicable accounting standards, the Statement of Recommended Practice on Accounting and Reporting by Charities and with the Charities Act 2011. There have been no changes in Accounting Policies since last year and no changes have been made to previous accounts.

**2 Accounting Policies**

Incoming resources are recognised in the Statement of Financial Activities when the Charity becomes unconditionally entitled to them or their receipt is certain. Where they have related expenditure, they are reported gross, and where tax is recoverable in relation to a gift, this is recognised at the same time as the gift. Liabilities are recognised in the period to which they relate and as soon as there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the Charity to pay out the resources.

**3 Trustees' and Examiner's Remuneration and Expenses**

No remuneration was paid or expenses reimbursed during the year, either directly or indirectly, to any of the Trustees or the Examiner.

**4 Provincial Grand Master's Fund**

The Fund is set up in accordance with Provincial By-laws.

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## **INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES**

I report on the accounts of the Charity for the year ended 31 August 2025

### **Respective responsibilities of trustees and the examiner**

The Charity's Trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The Charity's Trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under Section 144(2) of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under Section 145 of the 2011 Act
- to follow the procedures laid down in the General Directions given by the Charity Commission under Section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act
- to state whether particular matters have come to my attention

### **Basis of Independent Examiner's report**

My examination was carried out in accordance with the General Directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the Charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts and seeking explanations from you as Trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the present a 'true and fair view' and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

### **Independent Examiner's statement**

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention

(1) which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements

- to keep accounting records in accordance with Section 130 of the 2011 Act; and
- to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the 2011 Act

have not been met; or

(2) to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.



Andrew G Sales

Relevant professional qualification or body:

Fellow of the Association of Chartered Certified Accountants

Gifford, Church Road, Great Bookham, Leatherhead, KT23 3JT

Dated 20/11/25.