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Charitable Foundation



# WEST WALES 2026 FESTIVAL APPEAL



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## Message from the PGM



**RW Bro James Ross**  
Provincial Grand Master  
for West Wales



It is a great honour to be the Provincial Grand Master for West Wales and I am delighted to launch the 2026 West Wales Festival in support of the Masonic Charitable Foundation (MCF). The MCF is one of the largest grant-making charities in the country and it is funded entirely through the generosity of Freemasons and their families.

"Over the next 72 months we can have a major impact on the future success of the MCF by working together to raise in excess of £1 million for our flagship masonic charity.

"Let's be clear from the outset that we will have to work very hard to reach our individual and combined targets. It will require teamwork, regular Gift Aided

donations, special events and blue sky thinking from us all. Over the next six years, we will all have a great opportunity to make new friends and enjoy the new and innovative events that are being planned. I hope that everyone will contribute personally at a level entitling them to wear the West Wales Festival jewel which will feature the new West Wales Coat of Arms, designed and registered by the College of Arms in London.

"Although our wonderful Province covers a large geographical area, we are relatively small in numbers and form a very tight knit community. I know that I can rely on your continued support as we work together to achieve our 2026 Festival aims. I look forward to attending events across the Province and I especially look forward to your company at domestic meetings, installations and the special events for the 2026 West Wales Festival in favour of the Masonic Charitable Foundation.

"I thank you all in advance for your hard work and commitment to the Festival."

**You can follow updates on the West Wales 2026 Festival Appeal on social media, using the hashtag #WestWales2026Festival**

## Why should I support the West Wales 2026 Festival Appeal?

### The MCF is **your** charity

Freemasonry has a long and proud history of charitable giving, which continues today through the work of the Masonic Charitable Foundation (MCF).

The MCF builds better lives by encouraging opportunity, promoting independence and improving wellbeing for freemasons, their families and the wider community.

The MCF relies on freemasons and their families to identify those in need and to provide the generous donations that fund their entire work.

#### **Every year the MCF supports**

**5,000** members of the masonic community at a cost of over **£15 million...**

...and hundreds of charities with grants totalling **£5.5 million**



#### **By donating to the MCF you could...**

- Help families make ends meet when times get tough
- Support people with disabilities to feel more independent
- Give young people the opportunity to succeed in their education
- Provide high-quality care for older, disabled or seriously-ill people
- Fund life-saving and life-changing medical treatment
- Tackle social isolation and loneliness
- Advance ground-breaking medical research



Jessica and Christopher were supported by the MCF through their education.

# A message from your Provincial Grand Almoner

Brethren, throughout this festival launch booklet you will see details of how to contribute to our Festival. It is my pleasant duty to show you where and how your valuable contributions are used to the benefit of brethren, their dependants and charities within the Province of West Wales.

On this occasion the 2026 Festival will be supporting The Masonic Charitable Foundation (MCF). The MCF builds better lives by encouraging opportunity, promoting independence and improving wellbeing for Freemasons, their families and the wider community. The Masonic Charitable Foundation provides life-changing support through a combination of advice, practical assistance and financial grants.

The MCF also awards millions of pounds each year to local and national charities and other vital services that are making a significant difference to those in the wider community.

Funded entirely through the generosity of Freemasons and their families, the MCF is one of the largest grant-making charities in the country, helping thousands of people every year.

IN 2018/19, THE MCF IN THIS PROVINCE SUPPORTED

 **30** FAMILIES, TO THE EXTENT OF  
**£96,916** THAT COVERED

**DAILY LIVING EXPENSES, HEALTH GRANTS AND EDUCATION GRANTS.**

I CAN ASSURE YOU THAT ALL THE RECIPIENTS WERE EXTREMELY GRATEFUL FOR THE HELP, WHICH **YOUR GENEROSITY PROVIDED** IN THEIR TIME OF NEED.

**THE MCF ALSO MADE DONATIONS OF**

 **£83,908**

**TO LOCAL CHARITIES RECOMMENDED BY THE BRETHREN OF THIS PROVINCE.**

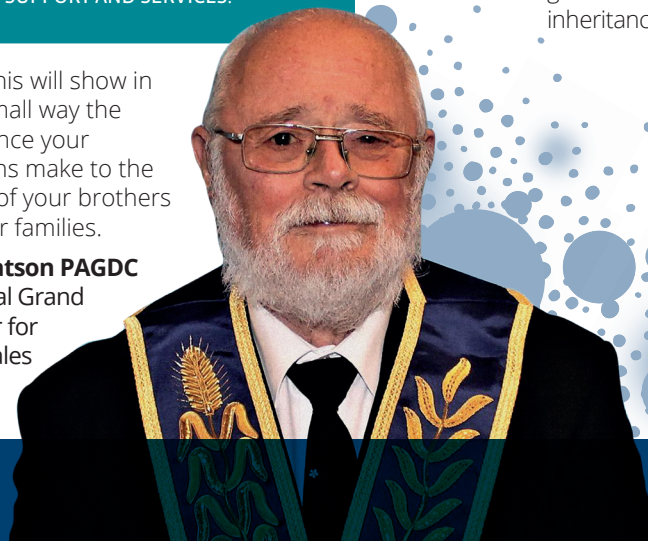
**IN TOTAL, WEST WALES RECEIVED**

**£180,824** FROM THE

**MCF IN SUPPORT AND SERVICES.**

I hope this will show in some small way the importance your donations make to the welfare of your brothers and their families.

**John Watson PAGDC**  
Provincial Grand Almoner for West Wales



# Leaving a gift in your will

If you are enjoying your Freemasonry, have you considered making a charitable gift in your will towards masonic charities?

Once your loved ones are taken care of, perhaps you could consider making a charitable gift to your local West Wales Grand Charity so that your legacy can be administered locally by the brethren of the Province of West Wales.

It has already been agreed that all legacies received during the duration of the 2026 Festival will be passed on to our current Festival campaign to the benefit of the Masonic Charitable Foundation.

If you wish to leave a gift in your will, please ensure that it is left to the **West Wales Grand Charity (Registered Charity nr 513942)**. Under current legislation, as a registered charity, any gifts so made will reduce any potential inheritance tax liability on your estate.

We would always recommend that you speak to a solicitor when making or amending your will. To make the process of making a will as easy as possible, the MCF now collaborates with The Goodwill Partnership to offer a **free will-writing service** – you can access this service by visiting:

 [www.thegoodwillpartnership.co.uk/mcf](http://www.thegoodwillpartnership.co.uk/mcf)

When you leave a legacy gift in your will it is not binding in any way and you can change your mind at any point. If you already have a written will but are considering making an amendment or addition, you may well be able to do so by writing a codicil rather than re-writing a new will.



# How can I get involved with the West Wales 2026 Festival Appeal?

By taking just one of these three easy steps, you can make a huge difference to the West Wales 2026 Festival Appeal and the people we support:

- 1 Donate**
- 2 Fundraise**
- 3 Spread the word**

## 1 Donate

There are lots of different ways you can donate to the West Wales 2026 Festival Appeal, whether it's a single donation or a long-term commitment.

### Donate online

Make a single donation or set up a regular donation:

 [mcf.org.uk/festival](https://mcf.org.uk/festival)

### Donate over the phone

Make a single donation or set up a regular donation:

 **020 3146 3352**

### Donate by text

Donate £5 by texting **WW2026** to:

 **70500**

### Use Gift Aid envelopes

The MCF can supply Gift Aid envelopes for alms collections, festive boards and other occasions; use of the envelopes will boost eligible donations by 25%.

Envelopes can be obtained from the provincial office:


 **020 3146 3352**

### Use paper forms

You can download donation forms from the MCF website:

 [mcf.org.uk/festival](https://mcf.org.uk/festival)

Completed forms and Gift Aid envelopes should be returned to:

 **Relief Chest Scheme  
Masonic Charitable Foundation,  
60 Great Queen Street,  
London WC2B 5AZ**

### Get in touch

For further guidance on how to donate, get in touch with West Wales' team:

 [festival@wwmason.com](mailto:festival@wwmason.com)

 **01994 230966**

 **West Wales Festival Team,  
Cartref, Bethlehem Road,  
St Clears, Carmarthen,  
SA33 4AN**

# RMBC: Caring for our Province

Every year, the MCF gives **£5 million** to the RMBC Care Co, ensuring the provision of high-quality support and care to one thousand people in later life.

RMBC Care Co.'s Albert Edward Prince of Wales Court, lies in the seaside town of Porthcawl along the south coast of Wales. The RMBC care home is nestled amongst seven acres of landscaped gardens and provides care for older Freemasons and their families, as well as people from the wider community.

The home provides residential care, nursing and dementia support for up to 76 residents.

Albert Edward Prince of Wales Court benefits from inner courtyard gardens, including a sensory garden to support residents with dementia, herb gardens and a fish pond – a calming outdoor space for residents to spend time and relax.

Adjacent to the home is a bowling green which is available to residents, and a recently added model railway track with three trains is also proving very popular! Available to the residents is the newly-opened Masonic Research Library, and, should residents require a little bit of pampering, a hair and beauty salon.

Importantly, all RMBC care homes provide a safe, warm and friendly environment for older people who are needing to transition into a new phase in their lives. West Wales Freemasons should be proud that, through their generosity, the MCF and RMBC Care Co. are able to continue providing a home from home for people both in their local community, and across the country.

### LAST YEAR\*

**40** RESIDENTS WERE FROM THE PROVINCE OF SOUTH WALES

AND OF THESE, **15** WERE FURTHER SUPPORTED BY THE MASONIC CHARITABLE FOUNDATION (MCF) WITH GRANTS TOTALLING

**£201,613**

IN TOTAL, **372** RMBC CARE CO.

RESIDENTS ACROSS ENGLAND AND WALES WERE FINANCIALLY SUPPORTED BY THE MCF.

\*1 April 2018 – 31 March 2019



## 2 Fundraise

Social or sponsored events will raise vital funds for the Festival and it is important that each lodge gives careful consideration to planning and holding one or more event each year.

### Make it fun

There are many ways of taking part to raise money. You could arrange a quiz night or special dinner, take part in a daring challenge or sign up for a sponsored event – whatever you do, make it fun!

### Make it easy

Setting up an online fundraising page takes just a few minutes and is an easy way for your friends and family to sponsor you. All the donations will go directly into the festival Relief Chest, saving you time and helping you focus on your fundraising.

Sharing your page through social media or email is a great way to build momentum and keep your friends up to date.

Visit the MCF website to create your own online fundraising page:

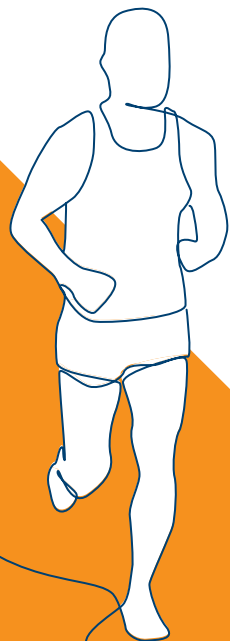
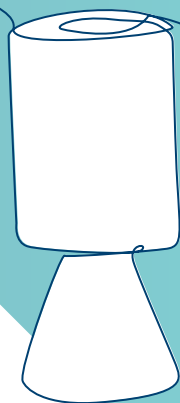
 [mcf.org.uk/festival](https://mcf.org.uk/festival)

The MCF's sponsorship and Gift Aid forms make it easy to collect donations both in person and online.

Visit the MCF website and download the donation forms you need to start fundraising:

 [mcf.org.uk/festival](https://mcf.org.uk/festival)

 01994 230966



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### Make it worth more

If you are a UK taxpayer, the MCF can reclaim an extra 25p for every £1 you give. It won't cost you any extra – all you have to do is make a Gift Aid declaration.

You can find out more about Gift Aid on the Relief Chest Scheme resources page:

 [mcf.org.uk/reliefchest/resources](https://mcf.org.uk/reliefchest/resources)

### Make it MCF

From running tops and water bottles, to keyrings and coasters, the MCF has a wide range of branded merchandise that will help you to get in the fundraising spirit and spread the word.

Contact us to get inspired:

 [communications@mcf.org.uk](mailto:communications@mcf.org.uk)



### 3 Spread the word!

Telling people about the MCF is one of the easiest ways you can make a difference to the 2026 Festival Appeal, and Freemasons and their families.

The 2026 Festival Appeal is not just a chance to raise vital funds for the MCF; it is also an opportunity to educate every member in West Wales about the support available and the work carried out in your area, so that if anyone ever finds themselves in need, they know that they can approach the MCF.

To find out more about the MCF's impact in your area visit:

 [impact.mcf.org.uk/2019/community](https://impact.mcf.org.uk/2019/community)

#### Get online

Keep up to date with all the latest MCF news by subscribing to their newsletter or following them on social media. By connecting with the MCF online, you can easily comment on stories and share them with friends and family, helping to spread the word.

#### Get out and about

The MCF has a wide range of resources, including leaflets, posters, banner stands, a presentation and branded merchandise to help you raise awareness among the Freemasons and within the wider community.

Visit the MCF's Publications and Resources page to find out more:

 [mcf.org.uk/resources](https://mcf.org.uk/resources)

 [mcf.org.uk/sign-up](https://mcf.org.uk/sign-up)

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 [/MasonicCharitableFoundation](https://www.youtube.com/MasonicCharitableFoundation)



#### The Direct Debit Guarantee

- This Guarantee is offered by all banks and building societies that accept instructions to pay Direct Debits.
- If there are any changes to the amount, date or frequency of your Direct Debit The Grand Charity of the United Grand Lodge of England will notify you ten working days in advance of your account being debited or as otherwise agreed. If you request The Grand Charity of the United Grand Lodge of England to collect a payment, confirmation of the amount and date will be given to you at the time of the request.
- If an error is made in the payment of your Direct Debit by The Grand Charity of the United Grand Lodge of England or your bank or building society, you are entitled to a full and immediate refund of the amount paid from your bank or building society. If you receive a refund you are not entitled to, you must pay it back when The Grand Charity of the United Grand Lodge of England asks you to.
- You can cancel a Direct Debit at any time by simply contacting your bank or building society. Written confirmation may be required. Please also notify us.



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# Support for Freemasons and their families

The MCF can provide a wide range of help and support for financial, health, family and care-related needs including:



## Financial

- Essential daily living expenses
- Help through a personal crisis
- Funeral bills
- Emergency home repairs



## Health

- Medical treatment
- Mobility aids
- Counselling
- Home adaptations



## Family

- Educational expenses for children
- University costs
- Support for exceptional talent in music, sport or the performing arts



## Care

- RMBI homes\*
- Respite care
- Guidance and support from professional advisers

\*Homes are operated by RMBI Care Co, part of the MCF. Services are available to people with either private or public funding. For more information, visit [rmbi.org.uk/funding-your-care](http://rmbi.org.uk/funding-your-care)

## Can the MCF help you?

For advice about the support available, eligibility and how to apply, speak to your lodge Almoner or contact the MCF enquiries team today:

0800 035 60 90

[help@mcf.org.uk](mailto:help@mcf.org.uk)

[mcf.org.uk](http://mcf.org.uk)



**Relief Chest Scheme** Masonic Charitable Foundation, 60 Great Queen Street  
London WC2B 5AZ  
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## Regular & Single Donation Form

# West Wales 2026 Festival



## Important Notes

1. This form contains a Single/Regular Donation, Gift Aid Declaration a Direct Debit Mandate and Guarantee. Please complete the relevant parts and pass it to your Relief Chest Representative.
2. All donations for the Relief Chest under a Regular Donation have to be made by Direct Debit from a Bank or Building Society account in the United Kingdom. Bank Standing orders, cash and cheques cannot be accepted for a Regular Donation. The charity is authorised to collect only the fixed amount specified on your form. The charity guarantees that it will make no other collections. Should it do so in error, a full and immediate refund will be made. To allow for both the charity and your Bank to process Direct Debits, this form must be received in the Relief Chest Scheme Office at least two months before the first payment is due.
3. You must complete a separate form for each Relief Chest if you wish to support more than one.
4. Please notify us if you change your name, address or Bank/Building Society details.
5. Tax cannot be reclaimed unless the relevant box(es) of the Gift Aid Declaration overleaf are ticked.
6. If you pay Income Tax at the higher or additional rate and want to receive the additional tax relief due to you, you must include all your Gift Aid donations on your Self-Assessment tax return or ask HM Revenue and Customs to adjust your tax code.  
For further information on Gift Aid, please visit [www.hmrc.gov.uk](http://www.hmrc.gov.uk)

## Why not increase your donation by letting us reclaim your tax?

If you Gift Aid your donation, we can reclaim 25p of tax on every £1 you give.

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## Oral Gift Aid Declaration

*For use by Relief Chest Representative only.*

If the donor has completed this form overleaf please leave this section blank. If you have been unable to obtain the donor's signature you can ask them if they are willing to make a Gift Aid Declaration and then tell us if they agree. We do not require the donor's signature. We will simply confirm the details to the donor in writing. Please fill in the donor's full name and address, post code and Lodge/Chest information on the other side of this form and sign the declaration below.

I confirm that the person named overleaf told me on \_\_\_\_\_ (date) that he/she wished all qualifying donations made to the Relief Chest Scheme (The Grand Charly Registered Charity Number 281942) in the last four years and all donations made in the future to be treated as Gift Aid until otherwise notified. If a valid Gift Aid Declaration from this donor is not already held, The Relief Chest office will confirm in writing to him/her.



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To find out more about how we handle, share and store your personal information and how to amend or request a copy of any personal information we hold about you, please visit [www.mcf/reliefchest/privacypolicy](http://www.mcf/reliefchest/privacypolicy)

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

**For Freemasons, for families, for everyone**

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**[mcf.org.uk](http://mcf.org.uk)**

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Keep up to date with all the latest  
West Wales 2026 Festival Appeal news:



 [wwwmason.com](http://wwwmason.com)

 [mcf.org.uk/festival](http://mcf.org.uk/festival)

 [@WestWalesMason](https://www.facebook.com/WestWalesMason)

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