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West Yorkshire Freemasons Donate More Than £33,000 To 27 Regional Organisations

Hospitals, community sports groups, school and hospices throughout North, South and West Yorkshire are the latest good causes to benefit from the charitable efforts of Freemasons.

In total, 27 organisations will receive between them grants totalling £33,690 from the Freemasons Province of Yorkshire West Riding's Provincial Grand Master's Fund.

The money, all raised by members and lodges within the province, will be used by the recipients to purchase an array of specific items, including kitchen appliances, tents, sports kits and storage units.

Each year, the fund allocates £200,000 in major and minor grants, but, as this year marks the tercentenary of the first United Grand Lodge of England, and the Province of Yorkshire West Riding's bicentenary, this figure is being increased to £300,000.

Those to benefit from the latest round of grant giving include:

- Sheffield Hospitals Cystic Fibrosis Charity, which has been given £2,000 to buy three Z-beds, two small wheelchairs, three laptop computers and kitchen items.
- Take Heart, based in Leeds General Infirmary, has received £2,600 to purchase two storage cupboards.
- Bradford Park Avenue Community Football Club has been awarded £2,500 towards the cost of buying a fridge, a boiler and a cooker with a hob for a new kitchen.
- Ilkley Youth and Communities Centre received £2,000 to help purchase new IT equipment and work desks.
- Holmbridge Cricket and Football club received the largest donation of £3,000. This is to help towards a £99k electronic scoreboard.

David S Pratt, the Provincial Grand Master of the Province of Yorkshire West Riding, said: "Yet again this is a prime example of Freemasonry being at the very heart of the communities that we live and work in.

"These 27 recipients are all benefitting from the fundraising efforts of freemasons throughout the province.

“Charitable giving is one of the three main principles of Freemasonry, and, as we mark two major milestones this year, I’m delighted to say we will be significantly increasing the amount we give from £200,000 to £300,000.”

Further information about the Freemasons Province of Yorkshire West Riding is available from its website, <http://wrprovince.net/>

The full list of recipients is below:

Beneficiary	Cause	Grant	Lodge/Chapter	Area Number
Roberttown Rainbows, Brownies and Guides	Storage shelves and lockable cupboards for new meeting place.	£750	Zetland Chapter	1
Eldwick & Gilstead Horticultural Society	Install six new water taps along with central pathway of allotments used mainly by the elderly.	£250	Bingley Chapter	1
Bradford Disability Football Club	Renewing tracksuits of its 135 members at a cost of £25 each.	£750	Victoria Lodge	1
Bradford Park Avenue Community FC	Towards cost of buying cooker, hob, fridge and boiler for new kitchen.	£2500	Lodge of St Peter and Harmony Lodge	1
Lighthouse Futures Trust	List of garden maintenance tools.	£2000	Lodge of Peace	1

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Holmebridge Cricket & Football Club	Part of a £99k project to buy an electronic scoreboard. £3000 donated	£3000	Holme Valley Lodge	2
Berry Brow Infant and Nursery School	Towards cost of buying a climbing frame and equipment (already raised	£1000	Brooke Lodge	2

	£13k)			
Yetton Together	Fitting out kitchen £6000 & white goods £1000	£1000	Lodge of Peace	2`
Parkwood Scout Group	Buy 10 tents at £180 each, 10 stoves at £60 each	£1000	Colne Valley Lodge	2
30 th Holy Nativity Scout Group	Two Garmin GPS units for use on weekend training events	£600	Cambodunum Lodge	2
Woodley School and College, Huddersfield. School with 164 children with autism	Items to equip new room to reduce class sizes. List of seven items of sensory equipment.	£1000	Lodge of Harmony	2
Saddleworth Ranger Amateur Rugby League FC	Request to fit out new clubhouse with tables and chairs at a cost of £2600	£1000	Lodge of Candour	2
Hepworth Community Association	Provide defibrillator in village.	£2000	Holme Valley Lodge	2
Safe Anchors Trust LTD	Replace heavy steel hatch on narrow boat with lighter aluminium hatch	£850	Mexborough Lodge	2
7 th St George's Scout Group	Replace old worn tents 4 x £160	£640	Halez Fax Lodge	2

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Stepping stones 11 Project, Skipton	Towards buying a summer house to use as an office/shop	£1000	Mawsis Lodge	3
Killinghall Nomads Disability FC	To replace sweatshirts, training balls, carry bags, match balls and bibs	£750	The Spa Lodge	3
Harrogate Sea Cadets	To replace old band instruments and pass old to	£1000	The Spa Lodge	3

	new recruits			
Tees, Esk and Wear Valleys NHS Foundation Trust, Harrogate	Fit out safety suite for mental health patients. Bed £512, TV & Cabinet £774, Sound System £650	£1000	The Spa Lodge	3
Ilkley Youth and Communities Centre	Estimated costs of IT equipment and work desks at £3600.	£2000	Ben Rhydding Lodge	3
Otley Cricket Club	Project at £9300. Selected new mower at £1500	£1500	Chevin Lodge	3

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Cawthorne Victoria Jubilee Museum	Preserve 40 reels of old cine film by converting to digital format	£1000	Keresforth Lodge	4
Sheffield Hospitals Charity Cystic Fibrosis for in patient and visitors room	Three Z-beds at £890 each, two small wheelchairs at £200 each, three laptops at £500 each and other kitchen items.	£2000	Concordia Lodge	4
Hoyland Scout Group	List of items including tents, stoves, hammocks and tarpaulins	£1000	Rockley Abbey Lodge	4
Parents Association of Children with Tumours and Leukaemia (PACT) Sheffield Children's Hospital	Contribution towards fitting out new care centre. Items from wish list.	£1000	Cathedral Lodge	4

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Brigshaw Learning Partnership	Playtime packs and games packs	£500	Legiolium Lodge	5
Take Heart (Charity of Yorkshire Heart Centre)	Storage cupboards 2 x £2600	£2600	Defence Lodge	5