

## **Twenty One Yorkshire Organisations Share £30,000 Easter Masonic Windfall**

Twenty-one community organisations across Yorkshire have shared a £30,370 Easter masonic windfall.

The Province of Yorkshire West Riding - which encompasses the geographical area of South and West Yorkshire, and parts of North and East Yorkshire - has given grants ranging from £500 to £3,520 to worthy causes including grassroots sports clubs, schools, hospitals and clubs for the young and old alike,

The grants have come from the Provincial Grand Master's (PGM) Fund, which are presented on a quarterly basis, with each recipient being nominated by individual Masonic Lodges across the region.

Each year, the PGM's Fund presents grants totalling £200,000 to assist organisations across the country.

Those to benefit this quarter include:

- Meltham & Meltham Mills Band received £3,520 to replace one of three tenor horns
- Bradford Cathedral, which has been awarded £1,230 to install an automated external defibrillator for use by those who use the cathedral or anybody nearby
- Huddersfield-based Global Diversity Positive Action – a charity set up to help people not in employment, education or training - has been gifted £1,000 to buy five laptop computers
- Harrogate & District NHS Foundation Trust Palliative Care and Charitable Fund was given £1,300 to buy 300 comfort bags for relatives to make their stay in hospital more comfortable
- Rotherham Hospice has received a grant of £830 to buy a set of garden chairs and table to be used by patients and visitors in the outdoor area

David S Pratt, The Provincial Grand Master of the Province of Yorkshire West Riding, said: “Assisting community led initiatives and projects is incredibly important to the Freemasons.

“This quarter, we have been able to give grants to 21 worthy causes, nominated by members of lodges within our Province.

“Charity is one of the three great principles that our order is founded on, and it is very much at the heart of what we do here throughout Yorkshire.”

**The full list of recipients is below:**

<b>Beneficiary</b>	<b>Cause</b>	<b>Grant</b>	<b>Lodge/Chapter</b>	<b>Area Number</b>
Oakworth Community Trust	Provide third defibrillator in the village	£1400	Three Graces	1
Bradford Cathedral	Buy and install defibrillator for use by those in cathedral and those nearby	£1230	Moorland	1
Global Diversity Positive Action, Huddersfield	Purchase five laptops	£1000	Peace	1
Friends of Greenhead Park, Huddersfield	Provide colourful play train for young children in the park	£1500	Connaught & Truth	2
Meltham and Meltham Mills Band	Replace one of three tenor horns	£3520	Peace	2
Southgate School, Huddersfield	Purchase outdoor tents to improve outdoor activities	£1000	Connaught & Truth	2
White Rose Rhythmic	Towards purchasing a	£1000	Holme Valley	2

Gymnastics Club, Huddersfield	specialist carpet			
Bradford City Community Foundation	Purchase football kit for youngsters	£500	Rokeby	2
Ripon Museum Trust	Towards recreating a late 19 <sup>th</sup> century workhouse master's garden	£1200	De Grey & Ripon	3
Jennyruth Workshops (supports adults with learning disabilities), Ripon	Towards the cost of a new laser cutter	£1300	De Grey & Ripon	3
Harrogate & District NHS Foundation Trust Palliative Care Charitable Fund	Buy 300 comfort bags for relatives to make their stay more comfortable	£1700	Harrogate & Claro	3
St George's Community Centre, Harrogate	Automated defibrillator	£840	Harrogate & Claro	3
Guiseley Brass Band	Replacing two tubas for two refurbished instruments	£3000	Fairfax	3
5 <sup>th</sup> Skipton Scout Group	Fit out kitchen with dishwasher and fridge/freezer	£2000	Craven	3
The Principle Trust Children's Charity, Skipton	Towards cost of replacing sensory toys	£1000	Craven	3
Friends of Aireville Park, Skipton	Develop park equipment for children with purchase of a seesaw	£1350	Craven	3
Tockwith Juniors Football	Buy a range of items to	£1000	Lascelles	3

Club	improve in-house educational programmes for players and coaches			
Roundabout Ltd, Sheffield	Buy essential electrical equipment to equip four housing units for four homeless people	£2000	Wentworth	4
Rotherham Hospice	To buy a set of chairs and tables for use by patients and visitors in the outdoor area	£830	Industry	4
Swallow Hill Community College, Leeds	Provide a range of personal hygiene products	£500	St Wilfrid	5
Senior Citizens Support Group, Horbury	Buy four laptops and four tablets	£2500	Unanimity	5