



Mark Benevolent Fund

Quarter 3 Review
July – September 2025



Fund Activity Summary

- £10,599 - Cancer Care
- £82,691 - Disability Support Services
- £45,800 - Humanitarian Aid
- £53,150 - Local Community Focus
- £38,871 - Our Own Brethren
- £55,843 - Secondary Emergency Services
- £98,121 - Youth Sector

34%

of funds went to applications directly initiated by our Provinces

66%

of funds went to direct applications from charities



£38,871
to help nine
petitioners

The Mark Benevolent Fund has assisted our Brethren and their families in need with assistance for new white goods, blinds and replacement of dangerous flooring. A new boiler was paid for as well as part repayment of a debt that help put more money back into the household. The M.B.F. can help in many ways. Contact your local Provincial Grand Almoner for further information and details of how to make an application – don't leave it too late!

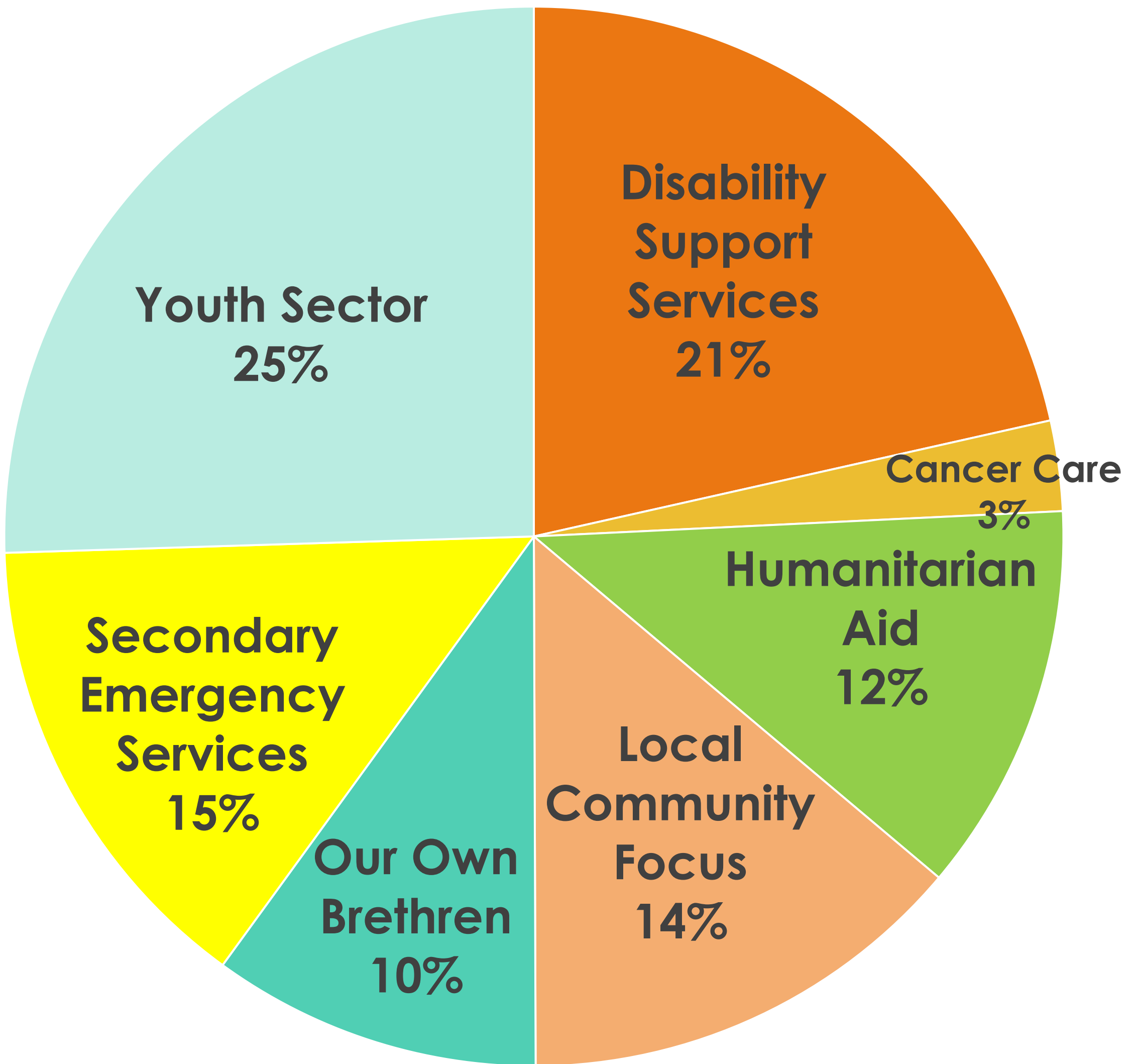
If you need assistance with medical costs and home adaptations, your first port of call must be to the Masonic Charitable Foundation to check if they will be able to help you. Contact your Craft Lodge Almoner for further help or contact the MCF direct either online or by phone.

<https://mcf.org.uk/about-us/contact-us/>





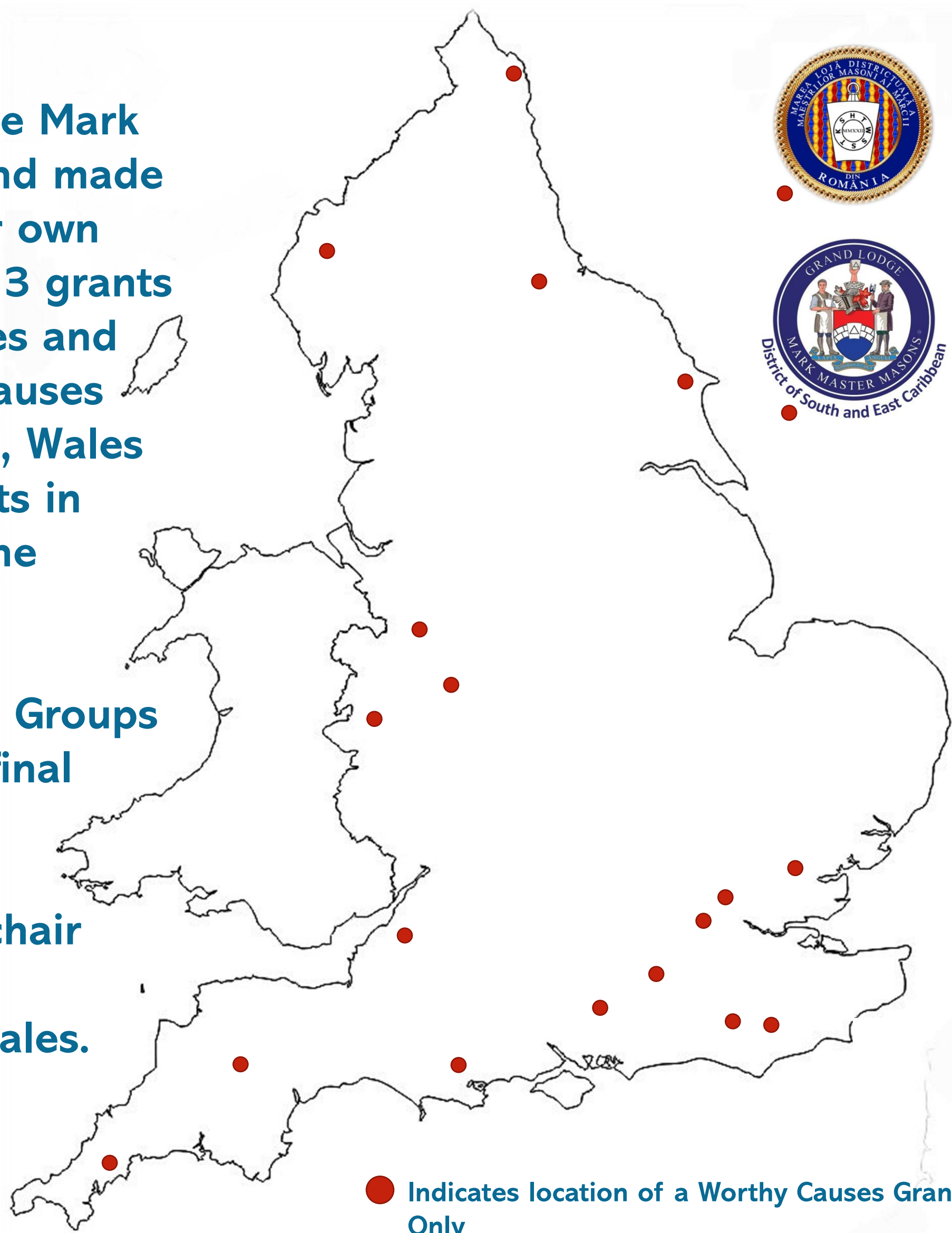
At a Glance...





£1,469,819

In Quarter 3 the Mark Benevolent Fund made 9 grants to our own Brethren and 23 grants to local charities and other worthy causes across England, Wales and our Districts in Romania and the South & East Caribbean. The Blood Bike Groups received their final grant and two further grants went to Wheelchair Rugby Clubs in England and Wales.





Cavalier Centre
Where horses make the difference



The Cavalier Centre - £25,000

The charity needed help with funding for a weight carrying horse. Their current stock only allows for those who weigh up to 12 stone which stops those riders who weigh more from taking part in the activities.



£25,000 – Sea Cadets Scarborough

This Sea Cadets needed a new rigid inflatable boat. This boat will enable them to train other sea cadet units and combine cadet units within the area including visiting units from further afield.



Essex VBBS - £23,045

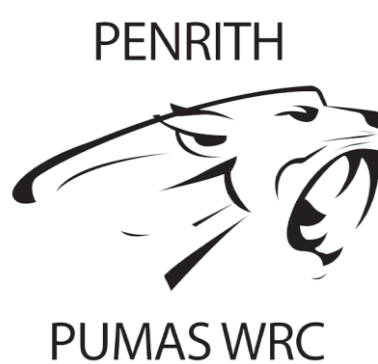
Funding for a brand-new bike to expand the fleet.

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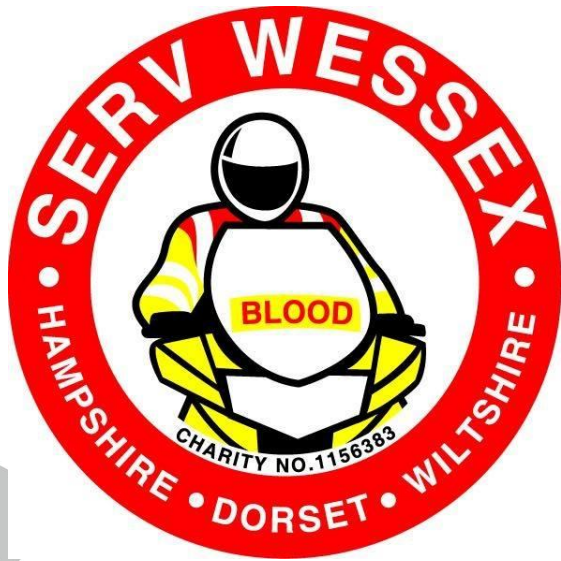
Wheelchair Rugby Major Grant Initiative

£573,208

To Date



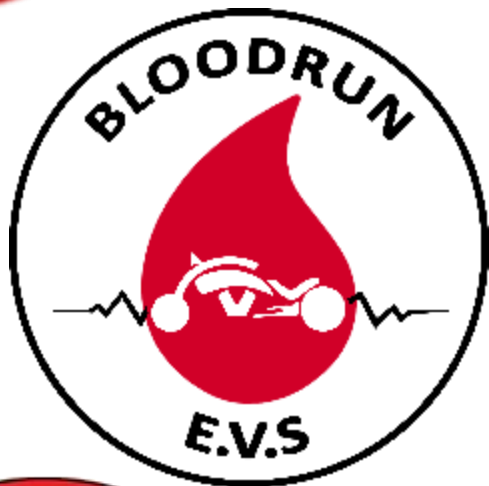
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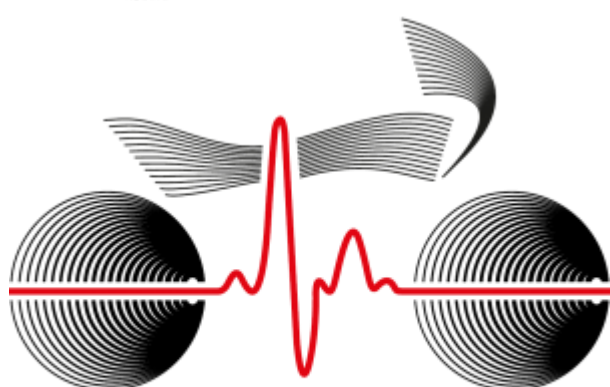
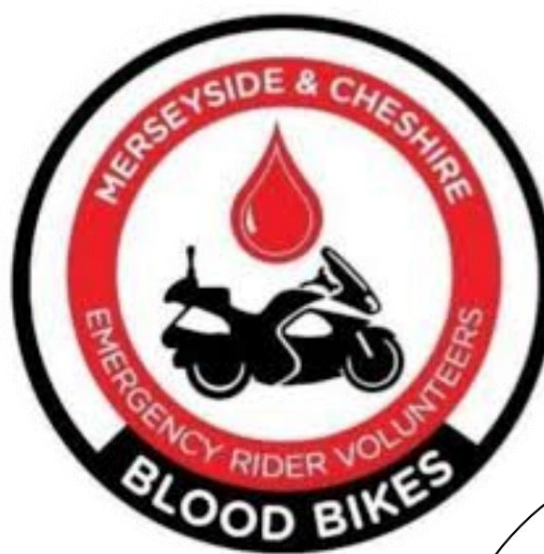
SUFFOLK & CAMBRIDGESHIRE



Blood Bikes Grant Initiative £665,638



CORNWALL
BLOOD BIKES
RIDING FOR LIFE



LEICESTERSHIRE & RUTLAND
BLOOD BIKES





The Garwood Foundation - £25,000

They provide services for local people with disabilities, their families and carers, by the provision of a school, a registered residential home and a day center. Funding will help to purchase a new, adapted minibus.

£7,522



Irene Taylor Trust

The funding will buy some specialist musical instruments and replacement IT equipment that is causing them delays and frustration.



Yelverton Community Projects

£22,961

Funds will allow the purchase of a wheelchair friendly roundabout for their existing play park.



Wargrave Bowling Club - £11,471

This small bowling club supports many members who have suffered illness, disability or mental health challenges. Funds have purchased some new lawn care machinery.



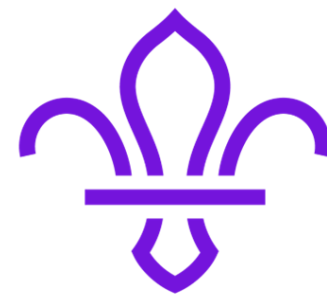
ShelterBox

ShelterBox - £25,000

Sending aid for Pakistan flood relief.

£25,000

Scouts



5th Whitley Bay

Whitley Bay Scouts

This Scout group sought funding towards an extension to their headquarters in Cullercoats, Tyne & Wear.



£20,800



The M.B.F. continues to support Ukrainian refugees through our District in Romania. It is thanks to the enduring generosity of Mark Master Masons and their families that we are able to continue making these donations.

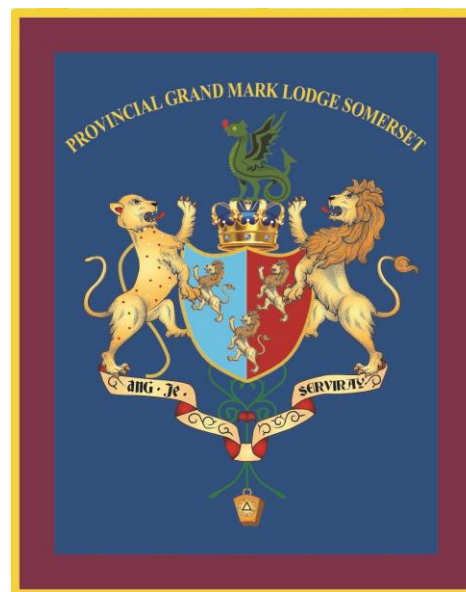


Abbotts Bromley Sports Association

£23,012

They provide year-round sporting facilities for the local community and need some financial support for the installation of winter lighting.

£3,645



Masonic Fishing Charity – Somerset Branch

The Masonic Fishing Charity

To purchase a trailer to act as a storage and transport facility.



£25,000 – Evergreen PCTA



Funding goes towards the renovation of two of the playground areas including the cost of groundworks, installation and purchasing specific equipment which is suitable for the children's needs.



Rays of Sunshine

Granting Magical Wishes Every Day



Rays of Sunshine - £19,325

The charity exists to brighten the lives of seriously and terminally ill children by granting magical wishes and providing ongoing support in hospitals and within the community. Providing 450 sensory packs to 50 children's hospitals.

£10,000 – Newport Community First Responders



Funds go towards a Fast response Vehicle. They attend all kinds of medical and traumatic emergencies, as well as providing First Aid and defibrillator training sessions in the local community.



HorseHeard

Leading Positive Change

£24,730 - HorseHeard

HorseHeard delivers experiential workshops with horses, to children, young people and adults in need, promoting positive emotional health and well-being, and developing key emotional and social intelligence skills such as increased self-belief and confidence. Funds will provide equine facilitated learning sessions to 71 children and their families.



£7,500

Slow Food Kitchen, Barbados

Slow Food Barbados seeks to create dramatic and lasting change in our national food system in Barbados by facilitating the development of food sovereignty, food security and food access initiatives on the island. Funding a new kitchen at the charity facilities at Haymans Market, Barbados.

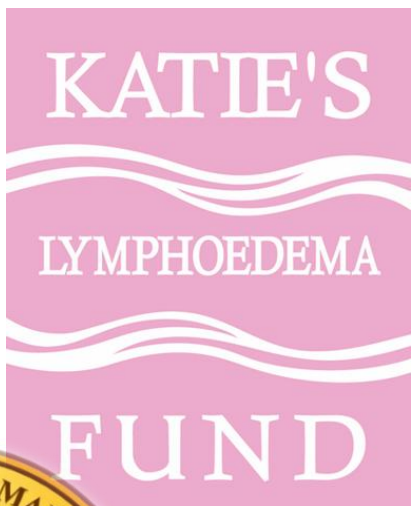


Slow Food[®]
Barbados

£3,796

Hearts of Gold West Cumbria

Maggie has CDKL5 Deficiency Disorder, a rare genetic mutation that disrupts brain development. Funds are for specialist equipment, furniture, soft furnishings and sensory stimulus devices.



Katie's Lymphoedema Fund

£10,599

Funding for equipment to assist in the delivery of treatment for those suffering with the disease which is not provided by the NHS.



£22,798 – DocBike - Dorset

Funding towards a new response motorcycle, fully equipped with medical equipment, radios, protective equipment and training for two paramedic riders. The Province of Dorset have raised £20,000 for this.





158th M.B.F. Festival Banquet
will be held at the
Old Thorns Hotel and Resort,
Longmoor Road,
Liphook, GU30 7PE
Saturday, 18 July 2026

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