



Giving regularly

If you are a UK bank account holder and would like to make a regular donation to the West Lancashire Freemasons' Charity simply complete the banker's order form below and send it to us.

Banker's Order Form

To (name of your bank):

Bank Address:

Postcode:

Please pay from my account to:

West Lancashire Freemasons' Charity
22 Hope Street. Liverpool, Merseyside L1 9BY

Sort Code: **40 - 29 - 28**

Account Number: **9 1 0 0 7 5 7 2**

Account Name: **West Lancashire Freemasons' Charity**

The sum of
(in figures)

£

(in words)

each month each quarter each year

Until further notice quoting Ref: (completed by the charity)

Account holder:

Sort code:

Account no:

Starting date:

(please allow one clear month)

(you can cancel your banker's order at any time)

Signature:

Date:

Gift Aid Declaration

If you are a UK tax payer and tax has been levied on your income at the time you earned it (this includes a pension) then we can reclaim the tax you paid at the basic rate against your gift at no extra cost to yourself.

To make a Gift Aid donation either as a single or regular gift simply complete the Gift Aid Declaration form below.

Gift Aid Declaration Form Lodge No:

Forename(s):

Surname:

Address:

Postcode:

Tel No:

I am a UK taxpayer paying at the basic rate or higher rate of tax. I would like the West Lancashire Freemasons' Charity to treat as Gift Aid donations I have made during the previous six years and any donations I make from the date of this declaration until further notice.

Signature:

Date:

One off payment

I enclose a cheque made payable to West Lancashire Freemasons' Charity

OR I wish to pay by:

Mastercard Switch/Maestro Visa Debit

Card No:

Card start date:

Card expiry date:

Issue number if present (Switch/Maestro only)

Signature:

Date:

About Your Charity



An introduction to the West Lancashire Freemasons' Charity what it does how it can help and how you can support it

Here to help

Our charity helps freemasons of the Province of West Lancashire and their dependants in financial difficulty. We can also provide support for non-Freemasons in certain cases and for a variety of charitable purposes. Unfortunately we can't help in all cases but every application whether from an individual or a group of people wanting financial help will always be carefully considered.

The charity was formed from seven charities serving the Province of West Lancashire, in some cases their histories stretching back over 150 years. During that time millions of pounds have been provided to help those in need. Those millions were raised mostly from small donations made by individual Freemasons at their lodge meetings but those small gifts have improved the lives of thousands of people. The charity is now the largest Freemasons' charity outside the main London based Masonic charities. We expect to be paying out around £750,000 each year.

Assistance is available to help with living costs, emergency payments, essential home maintenance, education related activities for residents in the province whose parents and grandparents were not freemasons, and community projects and in some cases we can provide help for other charitable causes.

If you are or have been a Freemason or are a widow, child or dependant of a Freemason and are in need of financial assistance, or know of such a person in need, our charity may be able to help. You can start the process either by contacting the almoner of the lodge, someone you know who is a Freemason or by contacting the charity direct.

We believe that Masonry has a valuable role to play in the community and we are pleased to provide funding to help a wide variety of projects. We don't top up bank balances but we are willing to consider grants for specific projects. Contact can either be through local Masonic groups or direct to the charity.

Helping us to help you

Inevitably in order to help so many people and organisations in need we have to raise funds. All our funds come from Freemasons either through their lodges and groups or directly from freemasons in the form of individual donations or legacies.

Most Freemasons would be amazed at what their charity is doing.

If you would like to be particularly amazing yourself you can help by making a regular payment to the charity through your bank or building society. If you pay tax on your income or investments which exceed the value of the contribution you would like to make, we can reclaim tax paid at the basic rate on every pound you donate through the Gift Aid scheme and if you pay tax at the higher rate you can claim further tax relief on your self assessment form.

If you would like to help in this way please complete the form overleaf and send it to us, we will then make the necessary arrangements with your bank and contact you to confirm what we have done. If at some future date you would wish to cancel the arrangement this can easily be arranged.

If you prefer we can also accept individual donations by cheque, credit and debit cards. (see overleaf)

Making every penny count

The West Lancashire Freemasons' Charity is run by volunteers helping to ensure that maximum benefit is achieved from every pound donated.

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Making a Legacy

Individuals may wish to leave money or assets to the charity in their wills thus helping those in less fortunate circumstances to benefit after their death. This is a very effective means for the charity to increase its funds and the money would be donated free of inheritance tax.

We recommend that you obtain professional advice when writing your will or adding a codicil if you have already written a will. If you wish to leave a legacy to the West Lancashire Freemasons' Charity it may be helpful to know that it is possible to choose from different types of legacy.

The **Pecuniary Legacy** or monetary legacy enables you to donate a specific amount of money. You may wish to make allowances for inflation. In this case the wording "I bequeath to the West Lancashire Freemasons' Charity the sum of" would be included.

The **Residuary Legacy** is where you leave all or part of the residue of your estate to a person or organisation once all the pecuniary legacies, debts and other liabilities have been met.

The **Reversionary Legacy** enables you to provide for say your family first and benefit the charity afterwards, this involves leaving your assets to trustees who will enable beneficiaries to receive proceeds during their lifetime with all or part reverting to the charity on their death.

The **Specific or Non-pecuniary Legacy** allows you to leave a specific personal possession to the charity for example property, stocks and shares, works of art or other valuables.

The Conditional Legacy This provides for the eventuality that if none of your named dependants survive you, your estate will be left to other named beneficiaries and charities including the West Lancashire Freemasons' Charity.

Using your will to leave part of your estate to the charity is a very effective way of helping others less fortunate than yourself and has proved to be a greatly valued source of income for us. We will, of course, ensure that any gift you provide is used to the best possible effect.

If you would like more information on this subject the charity can provide further guidance.