



# East Lancashire Masonic Charity



Annual Report and Accounts  
For the Year ended 31<sup>st</sup> December 2010

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President of the East  
Lancashire Masonic Charity



**Freemasons' Hall**

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# The East Lancashire Masonic Charity

A company Limited by guarantee

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Registered Charity Number: 225151

## Directors Annual Report & Consolidated Financial Statement

For the Year ending 31<sup>st</sup> December 2010

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## INTRODUCTION

During 2010 we have seen several significant changes within the Charity:

In October, upon the retirement of Philip Crumbleholme as the Superintendent at Hewlett Court, Julie Ward, the Manager of ELMC was promoted to Operations Director to take an overview of both the Charity office and administrative activities at Hewlett Court. Since that time much of the day to day work of ELMC has been conducted from Hewlett Court. In November Brian Carter replaced Brian Horne as the Provincial Grand Almoner and in that capacity as a Director of the Charity.

In late December contracts were signed for the development of Freemasons Hall, subject to planning permission being obtained. This is a major development that will have a significant impact on the operation of Freemasonry in Manchester and substantial benefit to the Charity.

Details of these changes are included within the appropriate sections of this Annual Report. Throughout the year the committee structure has worked effectively to discharge the objects of the Charity. We are grateful to all who serve on these committees and who give their time so freely.

Due to the current economic climate and other considerations, the charities income from donations has greatly reduced. We are grateful for the continuing generosity of many Freemasons in the Province, who despite other pressures, have wherever possible, maintained their regular donations. There has been some reduction, as was anticipated, with a small number of commitments being withdrawn each month or reviewed on termination. Donations from Lodges and Chapters and other casual donations have unfortunately almost dried up; resulting in total donations received being considerably diminished. Our investments have however increased in value in the year, despite the volatile nature of the stock market and we are grateful for the care and attention applied by the Investment Committee.

We would wish to express our gratitude to those few Brethren who over the years have left bequests to ELMC in their will. Legacies are a fitting and lasting tribute to the work of our Charity from departed Brethren and assist in ensuring that we can continue to give relief to those who are most in need within both our Masonic and the wider society.

The demand for our support continues to grow, undoubtedly influenced by the financial climate. Cases of hardship, financial and otherwise, within our Masonic community are increasing. During the year the number of beneficiaries receiving our support has reached 618. This is particularly so with the number of widows of closed Lodges, some 349 of them, who are supported by the Charity. We are able to report with confidence that even during this testing time no deserving case brought to our attention has been turned away. The relief that we provide makes a huge difference to the quality of life experienced by many of our associates.

The support that we receive in this Province from our central Charities should also be acknowledged. It is listed towards the end of the report and amounts to £532,363 in the year. This is overall a significant increase and the grants received from the Masonic Samaritan fund and the Grand Charity are particularly worthy of note. Together these donations provide a huge amount, which over time, far outweighs the donations we give to these well deserving Charities by way of Festivals and demonstrates why we should give the EL 2015 Festival for the RMBI our full support.



## INTRODUCTION CONTINUED...

As we reported last year the ELMC Community Fund is now well established enabling us to reach out into our local communities by supporting non-Masonic charitable activities and other worthy projects. Here too it improves the quality of life of the communities it serves by giving additional financial support to good causes that are usually already being helped and promoted by local Freemasons and/or their Lodges. A list of Community Fund Grants made during the 2010 financial year is set out later in the report and the work of the committee is also reported upon. Members of the Charity are already aware that during the 2015 Festival period £150,000, £30,000 per year has been set aside so that this excellent work can continue. In the first full year this amount has proved to be adequate.

We are justifiably proud of our residential home, Hewlett Court. A visit to the home immediately conveys the caring and happy atmosphere delivered by the Management Committee and the staff. The 40 or so residents continue to be very well looked after. In addition the building is undergoing a continuous programme of refurbishment, maintaining and where possible improving the very high standards for the residents. A major development programme is being prepared for the consideration of the Board when funding allows.

The quality of service that the Charity is able to provide for its many beneficiaries is exceptional, which is most satisfying; that is due to the combined efforts of staff, Almoners, Charity Stewards, those who serve on the various sub-committees and also of course, all the Freemasons within the Province who make donations and give their time freely to those in need and who are less fortunate than themselves.

The Board of Directors thank you all for your contribution to the continued success of the Charity.



**Julie Ward (Operations Manager), Paul Rose (Chairman) and Jack Price (President)  
At Manchester Children's Hospital**



## REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS

The **East Lancashire Masonic Charity (ELMC)** is a Registered Charity (Registered Number: 225151) constituted as a company limited by guarantee (Company Number 79735). It is the principal charity for Freemasons in the Masonic Province of East Lancashire.

### BOARD OF DIRECTORS/TRUSTEES – \* Non-Executive

President:	Jack Price *	
Deputy President:	Harold Woodward *	
Chairman:	Paul M. A. Rose, MA (Oxon)	
Hon. Secretary	John R Farrington	
Hon Treasurer	Philip Hollinshead	
	Philip G Mountford	(Elected 14.09.2010)
	Mark W. Davis	
	Brian F Sigsworth	
	John N. Holt, JP, RIBA	(Retired 14.09.2010)
	Alan D P Smith	(Elected 14.09.2010)
	Brian Horne, JP	(Retired 18.11.2010)
	Brian J Carter	(Appointed 18.11.2010)
	Peter L. Rothwell, OBE *	(Retired 14.09.2010)
	Derek Thornhill *	(Elected 14.09.2010)
	William R Waite *	

The Board would wish to acknowledge the contributions made by Brian Horne during the period that he was the Provincial Grand Almoner and in that capacity a member of the ELMC Board. His hard work and care for the brethren and beneficiaries during that time has been greatly appreciated.

In addition thanks are due to John Holt for his many years of service as Chairman of the Hewlett Court Management Committee. Board Members would also want to record their appreciation for the efforts of Peter L Rothwell during his time as a Director. Peter will continue to support the Charity as a member of the Hewlett Court Management Committee and his considered input and experience will be of great benefit to that group.

REGISTERED OFFICE: Freemasons' Hall  
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INVESTMENT ADVISORS:	W H Ireland Ltd 11 St James's Square Manchester M2 6WH
SOLICITORS:	DWF Solicitors Scott Place, 2, Hardman Street, Manchester, M3 3AA
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Superintendent: Operations Director:	Philip Crumbleholme (retired 31.10.2010) Julie Ward (from 01.11.2010)
SUBSIDIARY COMPANY:	The East Lancashire Masonic Hall Company Limited (a wholly owned Subsidiary of the ELMC)
General Manager:	Hans Riedlsperger



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## STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

The ELMC was incorporated on the 13<sup>th</sup> January 1904. The Provincial Grand Master of the Masonic Province of East Lancashire is a non-Executive Director and the President. The Deputy Provincial Grand Master is also a non-Executive Director and the Deputy President. The business and affairs of the Charity are directed by the Board of Directors/Trustees in accordance with the Articles of Association, and managed on a day to day basis by the full-time Manager (Operations Director), Julie Ward, and a part-time Administrative Officer, Karen Hall.

Voting Members, known as Representative Members, are appointed by each Lodge and Chapter of the Masonic Province of East Lancashire. Any person may become an "Individual Member" of the ELMC at the discretion of the Board providing they make a contribution of at least £60 per annum. These Members are entitled to attend the Annual General Meeting and to receive a copy of the Annual Report but at the AGM are not entitled to cast a vote.

### THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS/TRUSTEES

The Board of the ELMC comprises:

- The President who shall act in a non-Executive capacity
- The Deputy President who shall act in a non-Executive capacity
- The Chairman of the Charity
- The Secretary of the Charity
- The Treasurer of the Charity
- The Chairman of the Benevolent Committee
- The Chairman of the Community Fund Committee
- The Chairman of the Hewlett Court Management Committee
- The Provincial Grand Almoner
- The Provincial Grand Charity Steward
- Two non-Executive Directors

The President, the Deputy President, The Provincial Grand Almoner and the Provincial Grand Charity Steward are all ex-officio Members of the Board, other Members are elected at each Annual General Meeting.

### Induction and Training of Members of the Board:

Upon appointment or election to the Board new Members receive the following:

- 1 Information explaining the extent of the involvement required
- 2 A copy of the Memorandum and Articles of Association of the Company
- 3 Copies of the most recent Annual Report and Accounts/Statement of Trustees' responsibilities
- 4 An explanation of membership of the Board
- 5 Copy of the Charity Commissioners Guide to the responsibilities of a Charity Trustee
- 6 Copies of the minutes of previous meetings of the Board



## STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

The Board appoints Sub-Committees, which are approved at the Annual General Meeting each year, to consider and make recommendations to it for the management of the Charity. The appointed Sub-Committees are:

**The Committee of Benevolence** consists of a representative of each of the Districts in the Masonic Province of East Lancashire together with other members nominated by the President or the Board. The role of the committee is to determine the provision of charitable assistance to needy Freemasons, their widows or other dependent relatives. The Committee of Benevolence operates two Sub-Committees' – the Comforts Fund Committee and Young People's Committee. Much of the work of the Benevolence Committee is coordinated with the Freemasons' Grand Charity in London to whom petitions are submitted for consideration.

**Hewlett Court Management Committee** whose responsibility is to manage and operate, on a day to day basis, the residential home at Holcombe Brook owned, operated and financed by the Charity. The work of the committee is directly supported by the Director of Operations and the Care Manager.

**Community Fund Committee** supports non-Masonic charities and other good causes that are proposed by Lodges and Districts within the Province of East Lancashire. It encourages the active involvement of Freemasons within their local communities.

**The Investment Sub-Committee** The investment policy is to maximise the long term return on the Charity's Investment funds, subject to the risks normally associated with a balanced approach to portfolio management. The Charity does not restrict itself to any particular category of investment. The performance of the funds is measured against appropriate benchmark indices and even in this challenging financial climate has exceeded those indices during the last financial year. The sub-committee monitors the Charity's investments at regular meetings with advice taken from W H Ireland Ltd, its Stockbroker.



**Julie Ward, Operations Manager, with President, Jack Price and Dorothy**



## OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

The Charity is the central vehicle for the delivery of Masonic charity and care on behalf of Freemasons in East Lancashire. It augments the charitable work of Freemasons in their Lodges and Districts by supporting those in need within the wider Masonic “family”, eligible projects which benefit local communities and other good causes.



**Teddies for Loving Care Presentation at Crumpsall Hospital**

### **The specific objectives for which the Charity is established are:**

- 1 The relief of poverty by the provision help and assistance to needy Freemasons, or their widows or any other of their dependent relatives, living predominantly but not exclusively in East Lancashire.
- 2 The education of children of needy or deceased Masons.
3. To make grants in cash or kind for the purpose of relieving the immediate and pressing needs of Freemasons or their families who live predominantly but not exclusively in East Lancashire.
4. To provide help and assistance to other charitable and good causes for the general benefit of the public or communities situated predominately but not exclusively in the East Lancashire area.

The Trustees confirm that they have complied with the duty in section 4 of the 2006 Charities Act to have due regard to guidance published by the Charity Commission on public benefit.



## ACTIVITIES OF THE YEAR

The core activity of this Charity, since its inception over one hundred years ago, has been to support and care for the less fortunate within our Masonic and the extended community. The number of beneficiaries supported by the Committee of Benevolence and the Welfare Office continues to grow and has reached 618 in this financial year. In addition to the time given freely by Almoners, Charity Stewards and many other committed Freemasons, the financial value of the grants and support to those beneficiaries in the year amounted to £598,937 of which £508,638 was received from the Freemasons Grand Charity, the Royal Masonic Trust for Girls and Boys and the Masonic Samaritan Fund.

The Community Fund is now well established. It has given financial support to projects in which Freemasons are actively involved, bringing benefits which improve the quality of life in local communities. Through its £30K per year allocation it continues to make grants to local charities and good causes where comparatively small contributions make a considerable difference. In the year, the Community Fund made grants amounting to £31,181 to 21 organisations.

In addition, The Freemasons Grand Charity has given grants to 9 hospices in the Province totalling £23,725.

Hewlett Court, the residential home owned and operated by the Charity, continues to provide a happy and caring environment for its residents. Refurbishment of the bedrooms is on-going, and a programme of upgrading central and communal areas has been completed. The occupancy rate during 2010 was 80%, (a reduction from 85% in 2009), of the accommodation which has a maximum of 43 residential places. This reduction can partially be explained by the room refurbishment programme that has been taking place but members of the Charity should be assured that every effort is being made to maximize residency and to enable those who wish to benefit from the facilities to do so.

In October, upon the retirement of Philip Crumbleholme as the Home Superintendent Julie Ward, previously the Manager of the ELMC was appointed as Operations Director at Hewlett Court. Julie is now based there and some of the day to day activity of the Charity is conducted from the home. The Registered Office remains Bridge Street and the ELMC will retain a strong presence in Manchester in the future with meetings held there as and when required.

The most valuable tangible asset belonging to the Charity is Freemasons' Hall in Bridge Street Manchester, which is held in great affection by Freemasons throughout the Province, and which is managed by the East Lancashire Masonic Hall Company Ltd, a wholly owned subsidiary of the Charity. However, as impressive as the building is, it has been recognised for some time that it is in need of modernisation if it is to continue to meet the needs of Freemasonry in the 21<sup>st</sup> century. As has been widely publicised in December, at the recommendation of the Hall Development Committee, the Charities Board approved plans from a development partner for the regeneration of the building. The new lease agreement satisfies both the needs of the Province and those of the brethren of Manchester. It ensures that the Charity retains the freehold of the building and that Freemasonry will be a key occupier of the Hall via a third floor refurbishment. Plans for this exciting development will be finalised across the next few months and internal work is likely to start in April 2012.

During the year the membership of the Board and its various committees has been considered and the governance of the constituent parts of the Charity has been kept under review. As reported in previous years we continue to monitor the governance of the Charity and risk management at all levels of the operation.

For an update on all ELMC activities, please visit our website. [www.elmc.co.uk](http://www.elmc.co.uk)



## THE COMMITTEE OF BENEVOLENCE

The Committee during the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> December 2010 comprised:

Mark Davis	Chairman	
Charles B Ward	Deputy Chairman	
John R Farrington	Hon. Secretary	
Brian Horne	Provincial Grand Almoner	(Resigned 18.11.10)
Brian J Carter	Provincial Grand Almoner	(Appointed 18.11.10)
Brian Sigsworth	Provincial Grand Charity Steward	
Julie Ward	ELMC Operations Director	

### DISTRICT REPRESENTATIVES

Peter D Whitnall	Bury	
Geoffrey Baillie	Salford	
Malcolm Lewis	Ashton	(Resigned 14.09.2010)
Brian W Powell	Ashton	(Appointed 14.09.2010)
J Brian Harrison	Bolton	
Brian J Carter	Accrington	(Resigned 18.11.10)
Dennis Heskett	Accrington	(Appointed 18.11.10)
Peter Christie	Burnley	
David C Stevens	Manchester Districts	
David Williamson	Audenshaw	
James T Gartside	Rochdale	
Roger Bower	Manchester Districts	
Steven Barton	Rossendale	
William B Livesey	Blackburn	
David J Halford	Oldham	(Appointed 14.09.2010)
J Denny Stevens	Manchester Districts	(Appointed 14.09.2010)



100 Years Birthday Celebration at Hewlett Court



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## REPORT OF THE BENEVOLENCE COMMITTEE

The Committee of Benevolence meets on a monthly basis throughout the year to consider petitions brought to them by Almoners on behalf of Freemasons, their Widows and Dependents who are in need. Relief is provided mostly by making financial grants, but in addition grants can also be given for repairs and decorations to the home, for household appliances or for specialist mobility equipment to help enhance the quality of life of our Beneficiaries.

Each petition for assistance is reviewed by the Committee and, where appropriate, submitted to The Freemasons' Grand Charity for their consideration. As a result of these reviews financial support was received from Grand Charity in the form of grants to our Beneficiaries amounting to £261,115 (increasing from £184,360 in 2009) this amount was further supplemented by £22,178 by the Charity.

This individual support is managed and monitored by the good offices of the case Almoner with direction and assistance from Julie Ward and Karen Hall within our own Welfare Office. The number of Beneficiaries receiving grants, to 31<sup>st</sup> December 2010, from the Charity comprises:

112 Widows, 23 Brethren 32 Married Couples, 5 Spinsters. In addition we are pleased to administer regular contact and consider the ongoing needs of 349 Widows of closed lodges and 65 Young People.

During the course of the year the Committee considered and reviewed a total of 140 applications and made 13 new Beneficiaries of the Charity. The aims and work of the Committee is to react as quickly as possible in times of need and to communicate the work of the Committee into the East Lancashire Districts and Lodges with the assistance of the Provincial Almoner and the Provincial Charity Steward and their respective teams.

Finally I would like to thank the members of the Committee who attend our meetings from all four corners of our Province for their support and to Julie and Karen in our Welfare Office who ensure that all enquiries are dealt with in an efficient and compassionate manner.



**Another 100 Year Celebration at Hewlett Court**



## COMFORTS FUND COMMITTEE

Charles B Ward	Chairman	(Appointed 14.09.2010)
Mark W Davis	Vice Chairman	
Les Clarkson		
J Brian Harrison		(Appointed 14.09.2010)
David Williamson		(Appointed 14.09.2010)
David Stevens		(Appointed 14.09.2010)
Ian MacNeill		(Appointed 14.09.2010)
Julie Ward	ELMC Operations Director	

### Comforts Fund Committee Report 2010

The Comforts Fund Committee organised a traditional programme of events throughout the year as follows:

#### Spring Party

Once again the Comforts Fund Committee commenced the year with the Spring Party which, as usual, was held at Freemasons' Hall, Bridge Street on Wednesday 14th April 2010. The event was supported by the President of the ELMC, Jack Price and his wife Dorothy along with the Deputy President and a number of the Assistant Provincial Grand Masters and their partners.

The Chairman, together with other committee members, officers of the ELMC and their partners, greeted some 90 guests. A number of residents from Hewlett Court were also in attendance.

The afternoon commenced with a tea and biscuits reception followed in the early evening by a most enjoyable formal three-course dinner. During this time relaxing background piano music was played by 'Louise'. After dinner we were superbly entertained by Martin Lambert from Leigh, comedian and beautiful singer. We listened to a medley of songs including Sweet Caroline, Crying and many others that the audience sang along to. During the evening the committee members and officers were able to circulate and chat with the guests. Each guest was presented with a gift by which they could remember the evening. The Beneficiaries are used to enjoying a pleasant and entertaining evening at their Spring Party and, once again, they were not disappointed.



ELMC Spring Party



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## COMFORT FUND'S REPORT CONTINUED...

### Summer Holiday

The Committee arranged for this year's Annual Holiday to take place at the Clifton Park Hotel, St Anne's on Sea. The Annual Holiday is one of the traditional programme of events that takes place during the year.

Seventy widows and brethren of the Province attended the holiday along with the Comforts Fund Chairman, WBro Charles Ward and the Director of Operations, Julie Ward. The group met at Audenshaw Masonic Hall, where a presentation was given by John Williams, the Development Director of the Masonic Samaritan Fund. The presentation was informative and very well received. A sandwich lunch was provided along with tea and coffee prior to the departure. Barry Leech, the Chairman of the Hall Company was present there to greet everyone on arrival.

During the week our guests were treated to a day's outing to Foulridge Canal Cruises, where lunch was provided on a barge. This was followed by a visit to Barton Grange Garden Centre. On Saturday 5 June we returned to Audenshaw Masonic Hall for a light lunch before saying our goodbyes until the next time we meet, which would be in September for the Autumn Outing.

The holiday was certainly the **'best yet'**. The weather was superb, the food, facilities and staff at the hotel were fantastic and the company was brilliant! All who attended the holiday expressed their gratitude for the care and compassion shown to them by the Charity. East Lancashire is the only Province that provides such events and the Brethren of the Province should justifiably be proud of the work we do.

### Autumn Day Out

The Committee continued their yearly programme with the Autumn Day Out which took place on Wednesday 29 September 2010. The day commenced at 9.30am where 38 guests, together with the Comforts Fund Committee Chairman and committee members, assembled at Middleton Masonic Hall for a tea and biscuits reception.

The coach departed for Staffordshire at around 10.30am. An excellent three course Roast Beef lunch, with wine, was provided at Slater's Country Hotel and Craft Village, followed by a visit to the National Memorial Arboretum close to Lichfield. The National Memorial Arboretum is set in 150 acres of grounds and is filled with interesting and unusual features including a Masonic Garden. Unfortunately the weather was very disappointing as it rained for most of the day.

Our guests were very satisfied that the Committee was continuing to provide a 'special' day out which is so much appreciated by our beneficiaries. Many just enjoy meeting up with old friends once again.

### Christmas 2010

The Comforts Fund Committee has, for the last few of years, taken advantage of an invitation to the Thwaites Empire Theatre, Blackburn to enjoy the annual pantomime. This is a joint event with the Comforts Fund Committee, Young People's Committee and residents from Hewlett Court. This year the pantomime was Mother Goose and refreshments were arranged at Bridge Street where both younger and older beneficiaries come together.

The production was excellent and enjoyed by all; it starred the usual characters along with our own Dr Nigel Bramley-Howarth and Derek Thornhill. Unfortunately on leaving the Theatre heavy snow had fallen and it took several hours to get back to Hewlett Court and Manchester and to deliver our charges safely home.



## THE YOUNG PEOPLE'S COMMITTEE

Paul Chadwick	Chairman
Peter Cole	
Nigel Pickering	
Mahtarr Samba	(Resigned 14.09.2010)
Edward Smethurst	
Julie Ward	ELMC Operations Director

2010 has been a most successful year for the Young People's Committee with six formal events organised, together with our funding of a family trip to the cinema where 3 beneficiaries were supervised by their parents. Whilst all activities have proved to be successful, enjoyable and educational for the children who attended, our visit to the House of Commons was undoubtedly, our most adventurous event ever!

On 7<sup>th</sup> April 2010, 9 beneficiaries visited the Chill Factor, Trafford Park and enjoyed an introduction to Snowboarding and the Luge (small sledge), all on real snow. It was particularly pleasing to see the varied age group mixing well together and finishing off with a traditional snowball fight! The party warmed up with a pleasant meal at Nando's before making their way home.

A party of 11 experienced 10 pin bowling on 2<sup>nd</sup> June 2010, at the Hollywood Bowl, Ashton and this proved to be another successful and flexible event with children and parents handling their own transport arrangements. On this occasion, the beneficiaries voted for refreshments at Frankie & Benny's to round off the day.

On 20<sup>th</sup> July 2010, a group of 10 Beneficiaries with some parent/guardian and Committee support set off for London by train. We were entertained by Jim Dobbin MP who personally gave us a 2 hour conducted tour of the House of Commons, including both the Lords and Commons Chambers. We also watched the Speaker's entrance procession to open the Chamber for Question Time, where we saw a debate between Ken Clarke and Jack Straw! Jim's commentary described the wealth of history surrounding the buildings and also included some amusing stories about his many years as an MP. Later, the party experienced a cruise on the Thames and a trip on the London Eye before grabbing a snack meal at Nando's Euston Station and the train home. This was an exhausting but most interesting and educational day out for all involved.

Alton Towers again proved popular for 9 Beneficiaries supported by one parent and 2 Committee Members. This trip took place on 25<sup>th</sup> August 2010, and although the venue was busy at this time, we purchased some "fast track" tickets to enable the party to take full advantage of the amusements. The return journey was broken with a meal at The Swan, Bucklow Hill and clearly, Alton Towers will continue to feature in our future calendar.

Once again on 17<sup>th</sup> December 2010, nearly 50 Beneficiaries young and old came together for a joint outing to the pantomime at Thwaites Empire Theatre, Blackburn where the cast had to suffer a cameo appearance from Dr Nigel Bramley-Howarth and Derek Thornhill! While the performance was most entertaining, a heavy snowfall on the day played havoc with the transport arrangements requiring great efforts from ELMC Staff and Committee Members to ensure the safety of all present. All were safely delivered home.



## THE COMMUNITY FUND COMMITTEE

Phil Mountford	Chairman	
Ed Cheadle	Deputy Chairman	(Appointed 14.09.10)
Derek Draper	Secretary	
Jack Price		
Harold Woodward		
Brian Horne		(Resigned 18.11.10)
Brian J Carter		(Appointed 18.11.10)
Brian Sigsworth		
John Farrington		

Since it was formed in 2006, the Community Fund has extended and boosted charitable activity within local communities. It receives requests from Lodges, Chapters and Districts for additional support for projects and good causes in which Brethren are actively involved and also for grants to assist local charities which fall within the agreed parameters.

One third of the general donations received by the Charity were allocated to the Community Fund until the launch of the EL 2015 Festival in November 2009. From that date, £30k per year is made available to the Community Fund for the duration of the Festival.

In 2010, grants totalling £31,181 were made to 21 organisations or good causes. To date, no grants have been refused on the grounds of lack of funds. Full details of grants made can be seen on the Charity website, [www.elmc.co.uk](http://www.elmc.co.uk) and are also printed on page 46.



**Masonic Families active in the Community  
The Coldwell Inn Project**



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## HEWLETT COURT MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

John Holt	Chairman	(Retired 14.09.10)
Alan D P Smith	Chairman	(Appointed 14.09.10)
Barry Birch	Deputy Chairman	(Retired 14 09.10)
Jack Huddart	Deputy Chairman	(Appointed 14 09.10)
Peter Moots	Secretary	(Retired 14.09.10)
Michael R Williams	Secretary	(Appointed 14.09.10)
Peter Banks	Treasurer	(Retired 14.09.10)
Judith Haughton	Treasurer	(Appointed 14.09.10)
Dr Michael Boden		(Appointed 14.09.10)
Alan Hilton		(Retired 14.09.10)
Derek Pilling		
Peter Rothwell		
Derek Worthington		
Julie Ward	ELMC Manager/Operations Director	

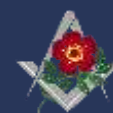
In 2010 the ELMC continued to provide financial support for the re-grading of Hewlett Court. Much of the work to the general areas is now completed; some additional rooms have also been modernised. Residency levels during the first part of the year were disappointing, running at approximately 80%. In September 7 rooms were vacant. This situation has been addressed and the rooms brought back in to service. By the end of the year full occupancy was being experienced and there was a waiting list with four names on file. The improved occupancy has had a very positive effect on meeting the day to day running costs and it is predicted that in future these will be fully met through the fees charged.

Staffing levels remained constant throughout the year although we were hampered by one long term sickness absence. Cover for this was at an extra cost. The staff have shown the same level of commitment and dedication as that demonstrated in previous years. We are grateful to them for their excellent contribution. At the AGM on 14 September 2010, significant changes were made to the Hewlett Court Management Committee. We would wish our thanks to be recorded to those who had given many years' service and who retired at that time. A meeting of the new Management Committee took place the following day. A priority for the committee was to review the overall position and to establish their priorities; those works that were considered to be practical and economical. It was agreed that those works that were in progress should be completed as soon as practicable. At the end of October Phillip Crumbleholme, the resident Superintendent retired after 32 years stalwart service. He will be sorely missed. His value to the residents and to Hewlett Court has been obvious. We wish him a long, healthy and happy retirement in his new home in Spain.

Following due consideration it was agreed that in order to respond to our future needs structural changes in staffing were needed. The staff that were appointed or promoted at that time are:

Director of Operations	Julie Ward
Care Manager	Margaret Beetson (with in-house residency)
Deputy Care Manager	Zena Smith
Assistant Manager	Martina Byrne

The new structure is working very effectively but will be kept under review.



## HEWLETT COURT MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

Other priorities established:

- Maintenance and Renewals: - a regular maintenance programme is being implemented.
- Professional inspections: reports have been sought on important major plant and equipment. The results will be incorporated into future planning and costed to ensure financing is practical and planned.
- Room alarm system: has been unreliable and fault finding has been difficult. A new modern wire-less system is in place in refurbished rooms and other rooms can readily be converted. The committee is delighted with sponsorship received from individual, Lodges and Chapters.
- The Residential Care Manager's accommodation was in need of refurbishment. This has been completed. Mrs Beetson and her family are comfortable in their new home.
- The Resident's Lounge - we hope to complete this work during the first part of 2011.
- The staff offices have received attention to provide suitable accommodation and to ensure a smooth transition.

Another resolution of the committee is to refurbish each room as it becomes vacant. All this work is being achieved for less than the price of a month's rental income.

We are also aware that increased expectation from potential residents will dictate that the living accommodation available within the home will need to be improved. As previously reported plans for such alterations have been drawn up and will be further considered by the Directors when funding is available. It is an exciting prospect and one that would preserve the future of Hewlett Court.

The Management Committee believes that good progress is being made and intends to speak with a representative group of residents to gauge opinion and to establish what might be done to improve their experience. We would also be pleased to see Brethren at the home. Everyone will be made welcome. We have circulated Masonic Fellowships and Districts. Please contact Julie Ward at Hewlett Court.



Hewlett Court



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## EAST LANCASHIRE MASONIC HALL COMPANY LTD

M S Caller	Chairman
W J Porter	Deputy Chairman
C Firth	Secretary
C A Hayman	Treasurer
J Price	
H Woodward	
D Basger	
H J Bentwood	
R I Frankl	
H A J Garnett	
L Hayes	
D B Howells	Who sadly passed away during the year
S Hughes	
P M A Rose	
G N H Young	
Hans Riedlsperger	General Manager

The Company is a wholly owned subsidiary of the Charity and has prime responsibility for the running of Freemasons Hall, Manchester. The Company has two main sources of income, those being Masonic business and non-Masonic business. The Masonic business comes from the hosting of Craft Lodges, Royal Arch Chapters and various side Degrees, as well as associated dinners, lunches and ancillary social functions. The non-Masonic business consists of hiring out parts of Freemasons' Hall with or without associated catering services to non-Masonic organisations and individuals. This would include such events as breakfast meetings, training sessions, conferences, weddings and various social functions. Freemasons Hall has also been used on numerous occasions by television production companies for the making of television programmes.

The Masonic and non-Masonic business fit well as the vast majority, but not all, of the Masonic business is weekdays in the evening and the vast majority of the non-Masonic business is weekdays during the day and at weekends, particularly for weddings, engagements and social functions. Although along with every other business in the events venue business, the company has experienced difficult trading conditions it is felt that the company more than held its own during the year and in fact in a difficult climate it is hard to see how it could have fared better. Going forward with the sale of Freemasons' Hall, the details of which have been communicated to all concerned, the future of the Hall Company is likely to be short lived as the Hall Company will cease trading when the purchasers take possession of the premises to begin their refurbishment plans, probably in April 2012.

At this stage it is envisaged that on the reopening of the building, in or around November 2012, when Freemasonry will be held exclusively on the third floor of the building, all dining and business activities currently run by the Hall Company will have been transferred to the new owners of the building and therefore, there will be no need for the Hall Company to exist. As to the organisation of Freemasonry on the third floor; it is likely that this will be carried out through a standalone, non-profit making organisation that will basically be owned and run by Manchester Freemasons and will not be a subsidiary of the Charity. The Hall Company is fortunate to be able to call on the services of an excellent and loyal group of employees, headed by Hans Riedlesperger the General Manager, who is ably assisted by all of his extremely hard working staff who are able to provide premises, services and catering to the highest of standards. In these difficult trading times they ensure that the Company obtains its fair share of what is at the moment a vastly reduced market.



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## INVESTMENT COMMITTEE

Brian Taylor, BA, FCA                      Chairman

Derek Calrow, MSI

David Seal, MA, FCI, TEP

John R Farrington

The Hon Treasurer, Philip Hollinshead also attends meetings of this committee.

The Investment Committee meets on a regular basis to review the portfolio of investments. It is advised by W H Ireland Ltd, Stockbrokers and aims to achieve a balance of capital appreciation and income return. In the financial year, the value of our investments experienced a significant improvement after allowing for capital withdrawals. However, income during the period fell marginally, partially as a result of those withdrawals and partially as a consequence of greater emphasis towards equities.

## FREEMASONS' HALL DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

Paul Rose                                      Chairman

Martin Caller

Grahame Elliott

Robert Frankl

Arthur Freeman

Alan Garnett

Ken Jones

Geoff Marks

Jack Price

Hans Riedlsperger

Derek Thornhill

Ashley Hayman



After many years of considering the future of Freemasons' Hall, Bridge Street, the headquarters of the Charity and Freemasonry in Manchester, agreements have been signed for the redevelopment of the building, subject to planning permission. The proposals will involve the refurbishment of the whole building both externally and internally and the reconfiguration of the third floor to provide new and refurbished lodge rooms and office facilities for the Province and the other orders that meet within the Province. The remainder of the building will be refurbished for office and leisure use and will contain bars and restaurants for the public with separate dining rooms dedicated for Masonic purposes which will be contained within redeveloped space in the basement. In addition Freemasonry will continue to have the use of the Derby Lodge room and dining room by prior appointment.

Separate agreements have been entered onto for the redevelopment of the car park site, also subject to planning permission, to create new office accommodation. The Charity will retain the freehold of the Building and car park site but have entered into agreements to grant long leases and to be granted a long lease back. The planning process will take some time particularly as approval for the scheme has to be obtained from English Heritage but it is hoped that work will commence at the beginning of April 2012, so as to avoid as much of the disruption as possible. The redevelopment will put Freemasonry in to the heart of the new Spinningfields development and will enable us to become better involved in the life of the City.



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# CHARITY STEWARDS COMMITTEE

Brian F Sigsworth

Provincial Grand Charity Steward

## District Charity Stewards

City Derby District

Shaun Higson

City Salford District

John Astbury

City Starkie District

Andrew Jenkins

City Sykes District

Peter Harding

Ashton

Brian Powell (Retired 18.11.2010)

Ashton

Brian Reynolds (Appointed 18.11.2010)

Audenshaw

Paul Waring

Oldham

David Dunn

Rochdale

David Greenhalgh (Retired 30/09/10)

Bolton

Ken Davies MBE (Appointed 1/11/10)

Terry Kakoulis (Retired 30/08/10)

Bury

Peter Jones (Appointed 1/09/10)

Accrington

Stuart Cass

Raymond Tattersall (Retired 30/11/10)

Blackburn

David McGurty (Appointed 1/12/10)

Burnley & Pendle

John Rimmer

Rossendale

Graham Smith

David Law

Since our last AGM, four Districts have changed Charity Stewards. We would wish to thank those retiring Brethren for all their hard work and their involvement in the charitable causes they have supported. We wish them well in their future endeavours. We offer a warm welcome to the new Brethren taking over these important duties and know that you will continue the good work of your predecessors.

Twelve months ago we spoke of changing, interesting and challenging times ahead. This has certainly proved to be the case. It remains a daunting prospect but not an impossible task to generate funds. We will all need to continue to work hard to maintain stability for our charity.

The Charity has not thrived financially in the past year, primarily due to reduced contributions from Lodges and Chapters in favour of the EL 2015 Festival, the Provinces immediate priority. Some income has understandably been lost through a reduction in regular commitments which remains our most consistent form of income.

Due to the strength of the Charities investment policies and the good husbandry of the Investment Committee, whilst not presently reaping rich dividends the income generated assists greatly. It also enables us to continue to support our own beneficiaries, some 618 of them. However, we must not become complacent and remember that the ELMC still needs our support.



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## CHARITY STEWARDS' COMMITTEE CONTINUED...

The RW Provincial Grand Master has given a very clear message with reference to charitable giving:

Firstly - the EL 2015 Festival should be our priority; secondly should be the ELMC; thirdly, other Masonic and non-Masonic charities. The challenge for all Charity Stewards will be to harmonise fund raising activities to maximize income for the 2015 Festival, whilst ensuring that the Charity is not forgotten.

The District Charity Stewards' Committee continues to meet on a regular basis and is well supported by other areas of the Charity such as the Committee of Benevolence, Comforts Fund Committee, Young People's Committee and Community Fund Committee etc. There is also input from the Welfare Office, Provincial Grand Almoner, Hon. Secretary and Hon. Treasurer. Receiving regular reports enables accurate feedback to the Districts and ultimately to individual Lodges and Chapters. This gives the Brethren an awareness of the wide range of activities that are carried out across the Province on their behalf.

During the year many Districts have continued with giving nights and tried to maintain the links developed with their communities. During the Festival the Community Fund is the recommended vehicle for such activities where £30,000 per year has been set aside for worthwhile projects.

Whilst 2010 has been a challenging year for the Charity there have been some positive developments that enable us to continue to demonstrate what a caring fraternity Freemasonry is. District Charity Stewards work hard and I would wish to record my grateful thanks for their efforts. Thanks should also be recorded for the assistance given to them by Julie Ward and Karen Hall in the Welfare office, the Hon. Secretary and Hon. Treasurer of the Charity and the Provincial Grand Almoner, which enables them to carry out their duties effectively. May the good work continue! Please support us in whatever way you can.



Presentation to the Manchester Millions Appeal by Paul Rose (Chairman), President (Jack Price) and far right, Jeffrey Clubbe



## FUTURE PLANS

The core activities of the Charity revolve around caring for our beneficiaries through the Committee of Benevolence, the Comforts Fund Committee, the Young Peoples Committee and, of course, the Hewlett Court Management Committee. The activities of each of these groups have been fully reported previously in this booklet. These remain the most important areas of our activity and will continue to be our priority in the year ahead.

During 2011 efforts will be devoted to the detailed planning that is required for the development of Freemasons' Hall to ensure a smooth transition. Whilst work inside the building is unlikely to commence until April 2012 all aspects of the development will be addressed. It will undoubtedly be a complex process particularly for the Province and the Hall Company.

Like many other areas of Freemasonry the usage of the Hall has been affected by the current economic climate. This has led to a decrease in both Masonic and commercial activity. The future development will remove this commitment and enable the Hall Company to concentrate on the provision of high quality accommodation for Freemasonry in the future. In turn this will be of great benefit to the Charity.

The modernisation of rooms at Hewlett Court has continued throughout the year. Whilst such developments will progress we must be mindful of changing legislation and the demands that such changes place on us. An outline proposal for more major work has been prepared and will be considered by the Board when finances allow. More recently communal areas at have received attention; this has added to the general ambience of the home. During such activity we must be mindful of the comfort and wellbeing of existing residents who are and must remain our primary concern.

One development opportunity this year will be to further enhance our links and improve liaison with Ecclesholme. Some progress has already been made with staff from Hewlett Court joining in training activities at Ecclesholme but other areas of collaboration will be explored which could be to the benefit of both parties.

Much of the work undertaken by the Charity is affordable as a result of the generosity of the Brethren and through legacies to the Charity. We are most grateful.

Through the staffing changes that have been made within the Charity much of the day to day work of the Charity in future will be conducted through Hewlett Court. The Registered Office remains Freemasons Hall, Bridge Street, Manchester where we retain a significant presence.

As previously reported this year we have seen a considerable reduction in contributions, both in terms of regular payments and particularly casual donations. This was anticipated and it is expected that the trend will continue throughout the EL 2015 Festival for the RMBI. We will do our utmost to maintain the Charities funds during this period to enable the ELMC to be responsive to the needs of our beneficiaries and the communities we serve.

It is expected that the emphasis placed on Giving Nights in recent years will reduce during the Festival with Community giving being primarily accommodated through the Community Fund Committee. We would encourage Lodges and Districts with suitable projects with which they are involved to submit applications for consideration and in addition to their support for the Festival not to forget the ELMC with their fund raising activities.

We will continue to monitor the governance of the Charity and risk management at all levels of the operation.



# FINANCIAL REVIEW AND RESULTS FOR THE YEAR

## FINANCIAL RESULTS

The reports and accompanying financial statements reflect the reporting requirements of the 'Statement of Recommended Practice — Accounting and Reporting by Charities 2005' (SORP) issued by the Charity Commission for England and Wales. These financial statements comply with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006, and the Company's Memorandum and Articles of Association.

This year it has again been a requirement that the results of the Charity be consolidated with those of its wholly owned subsidiary, the East Lancashire Masonic Hall Company Limited. The Group's unrestricted total income was £1,861,045 in the year, compared with £2,035,849 in the previous year, a decrease of £174,804, which is explained in more detail below, whereas its costs increased from £2,048,336 to £2,080,971, resulting in a deficit of £219,926 in the year compared with £12,487 in 2009. However, the value of our investments rose by £166,467, compared with £173,679 in the previous year, thus the Group's total net assets have decreased by £53,459 to £3.78 million. A provision of £100,000 made against the cost of the Charity's investment in the Hall Company is included within the Charity's own results but is eliminated through consolidation in the Group results.

It is the opinion of the Board that the Charity is in sound financial position and has sufficient assets and resources to enable it to continue to carry out its objectives as laid out on page 9.

## THE CHARITY'S INCOME

The charity's total unrestricted income was down by £195,520 due to the drop in donations received, as mentioned earlier in the report, and a reduction in legacies. The donations from Freemasons, their Lodges and Chapters were down by £104,657 and legacies by £163,002. However, we are grateful for the generosity of our departed Masonic Brothers. Investment income also reduced to £77,702 from £92,135 in the previous year. However, receipts from the Freemasons Grand Charity have increased to £261,115 from £184,360 in the previous year.

The legacies received during the year of £1 9,936 being:

DR Jones	£8,456
J Marland	£8,480
Mrs A Pollard	£2,000
J Beaumont	£1,000

The total return from investments during the year was:

	2010	2009
	£	£
Investment Income	79,158	93,703
Bank Interest	183	631
Provision for diminution in value of investments	-100,000	0
Realised gains / (losses) on sale of investments	7,652	-6,533
	-13,007	87,801
Unrealised gains / (losses) on investments	169,426	174,247
	<u>156,419</u>	<u>262,048</u>

The value of the investment portfolio has continued to increase thus offsetting the sharp losses of 2008. Your Investment Subcommittee continues to monitor the position very closely. A list of donations made during the year is shown on pages 44 and 45.



# FINANCIAL REVIEW AND RESULTS FOR THE YEAR

## THE CHARITY'S EXPENDITURE

Costs generally have been contained (note 6) and have fallen from £160,053 in 2009 to £146,688 in the current year. Due to the continuing refurbishment of the rooms and buildings and a low occupancy rate for the first nine months of the year, the operating loss for Hewlett Court has increased from £15,724 to £60,772 and the depreciation charge has increased to £32,528 from £31,440.

## HEWLETT COURT

As mentioned earlier in the report, occupancy rate averaged 80% for the majority of the year but has now improved considerably. Refurbishment of the rooms and buildings generally is on-going for the benefit of the residents and staff. As can be seen from Note 5 to the Financial Statements, apart from the increase in the cost of Repairs and Renewals, other expenditure has been controlled.

	2010	2009
	£	£
Receipts from Residents and Staff	405,624	395,807
Donations	2,971	6,144
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	408,595	401,951
Less: Running Costs	-469,367	-417,675
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Operating Loss	-60,722	-15,724
Depreciation	-32,528	-31,440
Contribution ex ELMC	<hr/>	<hr/>
	-93,300	-47,164

## HALL COMPANY

The Hall Company's results have again been consolidated with that of the Charity. The income of the Hall Company increased to £957,362 from £936,646 in the previous year. The costs decreased from £1,025,362 to £986,213, see Note 7, resulting in a loss for the year after consolidation adjustments of £28,851, compared with £88,716 in 2009. Due to on-going losses and the probability of the cessation in its trade in April 2012, the Board deemed it prudent to include, in the Charity's own Accounts, a provision of £100,000 against the cost of the shares in the Hall Company.

## BALANCE SHEET

In the opinion of the Board the market value of the land and buildings is considerably greater than the book value. In view of the specialised nature of these assets, the Board considers that it is inappropriate to determine the market value. The total reserves of the Group and Charity are £3,841,097 and £3,726,891 respectively at the end of the financial year.

## INVESTMENT POLICY AND PERFORMANCE

The present investment policy is to maximise the long term total return of the Charity's investment funds, subject to the risks normally associated with a balanced portfolio management. The charity does not restrict itself to any particular category of investment. The performance of the funds is measured against appropriate benchmark indices and during the year the result has exceeded all those benchmarks. The Investment Sub-Committee monitors investments with the assistance of the W H Ireland Ltd.



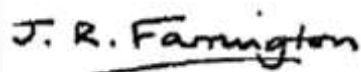
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# FINANCIAL REVIEW AND RESULTS FOR THE YEAR

## STATEMENT AS TO DISCLOSURE OF INFORMATION TO AUDITORS

So far as the trustees are aware, there is no relevant audit information (as defined by Section 418 of the Companies Act 2006) of which the charity's auditors are unaware, and each director has taken all the steps that lie ought to have taken as a director in order to make himself aware of any relevant audit information and to establish that the charity's auditors are aware of that information.

By Order of the Board



John Farrington  
Company Secretary



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## STATEMENT OF TRUSTEES RESPONSIBILITIES

The Trustees are responsible for their annual report and for the preparation of financial statements for each financial year, which give a true and fair view of the incoming resources and the application of resources of Charity and the Group during the year, and of the state of affairs as at the end of the financial year. In preparing these financial statements, the Trustees are required to:

- ensure that the most suitable accounting policies are established and applied consistently
- make judgements and estimates which are reasonable and prudent
- state whether the applicable accounting standards and statement of recommended accounting practice have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements
- prepare the financial statements on a going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the Charity will continue in operation

The Trustees have overall responsibility for ensuring that the Charity has appropriate systems and controls, financial and otherwise. They are also responsible for keeping adequate accounting records that disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of Charity and the group and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Companies Act 2006.

They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the Charity and the Group for their proper application as required by charity law, and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities and to provide reasonable assurance that:

- the Charity is operating efficiently and effectively
- all assets are safeguarded against unauthorised use of disposition and are properly applied
- proper records are maintained and financial information used within Charity, or for publication, is reliable
- the Charity complies with relevant laws and regulations

They are also responsible for the maintenance and integrity of the corporate and financial information included on the Charity's website.

Internal controls over all forms of commitment and expenditure continue to be refined to improve efficiency. Processes are in place to ensure that performance is monitored and that appropriate management information is prepared and reviewed regularly by the Trustees.

The systems of internal control are designed to provide reasonable, but not absolute, assurance against material misstatement or loss. They include:

- regular consideration by the Trustees of financial results, variances from budgets, non-financial performance indicators and benchmarking reviews
- delegation of day-to-day management authority and segregation of duties
- identification and management of risks



# **AUDIT REPORT** For the year ended 31 December 2010

## **Report of the Independent Auditors to the Members of The East Lancashire Masonic Charity**

We have audited the financial statements of The East Lancashire Masonic Charity for the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> December 2010 on pages 30 to 43 which comprise the consolidated and charity statement of financial activities, the consolidated and charity balance sheets and the related notes. The financial reporting framework that has been applied in their preparation is applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

This report is made solely to the charity's members, as a body, in accordance with Chapter 3 of Part 16 of the Companies Act 2006. Our audit work has been undertaken so that we might state to the charity's members those matters we are required to state to them in an auditors' report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, we do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the charity and the charity's members as a body, for our audit work, for this report, or for the opinions we have formed.

### **Respective responsibilities of directors (trustees) and auditor**

As explained more fully in the Statement of Trustees' Responsibilities set out on page 27, the Trustees (who are also directors of the charitable company for the purposes of company law) are responsible for the preparation of the Annual Report and financial statements and for being satisfied that they give a true and fair view.

We have been appointed under the Companies Act 2006 and section 43 of the Charities Act 1993 and report in accordance with those Acts, Our responsibility is to audit and express an opinion on the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and International Standards on Auditing (UK and Ireland). Those standards require us to comply with the Auditing Practices Board's Ethical Standards for Auditors.

### **Scope of the audit of the financial statements**

An audit involves obtaining evidence about the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements sufficient to give reasonable assurance that the financial statements are free from material misstatement, whether caused by fraud or error. This includes an assessment of: whether the accounting policies are appropriate to the charitable company's circumstances and have been consistently applied and adequately disclosed; the reasonableness of significant accounting estimates made by the trustees; and the overall presentation of the financial statements. In addition, we read all the financial and non-financial information in the Annual Report to identify material misstatements or inconsistencies with the audited financial statements. If we become aware of any apparent material misstatements or inconsistencies we consider the implications for our report.



# AUDIT REPORT For the year ended 31 December 2010

## Opinion on Financial Statements

In our opinion the financial statements:

- give a true and fair view of the state of the group's and parent charitable company's affairs as at 31<sup>st</sup> December 2010 and of the group's incoming resources and application of resources, including its income and expenditure, for the year then ended;
- have been properly prepared in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice;
- have been properly prepared in accordance with the Companies Act 2006 and the Charities Act 1993.

## Opinion on other matter prescribed by the Companies Act 2006

In our opinion the information given in the Directors' Annual Report for the financial year for which the financial statements are prepared is consistent with the financial statements.

## Matters on which we are required to report by exception

We have nothing to report in respect of the following matters where the Companies Act 2006 and the Charities Act 1993 requires us to report to you if, in our opinion:

- the parent charitable company has not kept adequate and sufficient accounting records, or returns adequate for our audit have not been received from branches not visited by us; or
- the parent charitable company financial statements are not in agreement with the accounting records and returns; or
- certain disclosures of trustees' remuneration specified by law are not made; or
- we have not received all the information and explanations we require for our audit report.

Mr Timothy A R Elston (Senior Statutory Auditor)  
for and on behalf of Percy Westhead & Company  
Chartered Accountants  
and Statutory Auditors  
Greg's Buildings  
1 Booth Street  
Manchester  
M2 4AD

Dated: 2<sup>nd</sup> August 2011



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# THE EAST LANCASHIRE MASONIC CHARITY (Company number: 79735)

(A company limited by guarantee)

## CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES and Income and Expenditure Account for the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> December 2010

<b>Incoming resources from generated funds</b>					
Donations	3	120,842	-	120,842	232,699
Legacies		19,936	-	19,936	182,938
Investment income	4	77,702	1,639	79,341	94,334
Trading activity - subsidiary company		957,362	-	957,362	936,646
Rent receivable		18,464	-	18,464	18,464
<b>Incoming resources from charitable activities</b>					
Grants from Grand Charity		261,115	-	261,115	184,360
Trading activity - Hewlett Court		405,624	-	405,624	395,807
<b>Total Incoming Resources</b>		<u>1,861,045</u>	<u>1,639</u>	<u>1,862,684</u>	<u>2,045,248</u>
<b>RESOURCES EXPENDED</b>					
<b>Charitable activities</b>					
Grants	5	351,414	9,702	361,116	302,725
Grant administration	6	31,248	-	31,248	31,874
Community fund donations	5	27,981	-	27,981	50,300
Other donations	5	63,000	-	63,000	59,000
Trading activity - Hewlett Court	5	501,895	-	501,895	449,115
		<u>975,538</u>	<u>9,702</u>	<u>985,240</u>	<u>893,014</u>
<b>Costs of generating funds</b>					
Costs of raising voluntary income	6	12,768	-	12,768	14,149
Trading activity - subsidiary company	7	986,213	-	986,213	1,025,362
Investment management costs		12,286	189	12,475	12,524
Property expenses	6	62,773	-	62,773	66,139
<b>Governance costs</b>	6	<u>39,899</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>39,899</u>	<u>47,891</u>
<b>Total Resources Expended</b>		<u>2,089,477</u>	<u>9,891</u>	<u>2,099,368</u>	<u>2,059,079</u>
<b>Net income/(deficit) before investment results</b>		<u>(228,432)</u>	<u>(8,252)</u>	<u>(236,684)</u>	<u>(13,831)</u>
Taxation	10	854	-	854	(1,090)
Gain/(Loss) on disposal of investments	8	7,652	-	7,652	(6,533)
<b>NET SURPLUS/(DEFICIT) FOR THE YEAR</b>		<u>(219,926)</u>	<u>(8,252)</u>	<u>(228,178)</u>	<u>(21,454)</u>
<b>TOTAL RECOGNISED GAINS AND LOSSES</b>					
Net surplus/(deficit) for the year		<u>(219,926)</u>	<u>(8,252)</u>	<u>(228,178)</u>	<u>(21,454)</u>
Increase/(Decrease) in Value of Investments	12	<u>166,467</u>	<u>2,959</u>	<u>169,426</u>	<u>174,247</u>
Net movement in funds		<u>(53,459)</u>	<u>(5,293)</u>	<u>(58,752)</u>	<u>152,793</u>
Fund balances at 1st January 2010		<u>3,838,349</u>	<u>61,500</u>	<u>3,899,849</u>	<u>3,747,056</u>
<b>Fund balances at 31st December 2010</b>	18	<u>3,784,890</u>	<u>56,207</u>	<u>3,841,097</u>	<u>3,899,849</u>

All amounts relate to continuing activities. All recognised gains or losses are included in the Statement of Financial Activities.



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CHARITY STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES and

Income and Expenditure Account for the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> December 2010

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2010 £	Total Funds 2009 £
<b>INCOME AND EXPENDITURE</b>				
<b>INCOMING RESOURCES</b>				
<b>Incoming resources from generated funds</b>				
Donations	120,842	-	120,842	232,699
Legacies	19,936	-	19,936	182,938
Investment income	77,702	1,639	79,341	94,334
Rent receivable	18,464	-	18,464	18,464
<b>Incoming resources from charitable activities</b>				
Grants from Grand Charity	261,115	-	261,115	184,360
Trading activity - Hewlett Court	405,624	-	405,624	395,807
<b>Total Incoming Resources</b>	<b>903,683</b>	<b>1,639</b>	<b>905,322</b>	<b>1,108,602</b>
<b>RESOURCES EXPENDED</b>				
<b>Charitable activities</b>				
Grants	356,625	9,702	366,327	307,026
Grant administration	31,248	-	31,248	31,874
Community fund donations	27,981	-	27,981	50,300
Other donations	63,000	-	63,000	59,000
Trading activity - Hewlett Court	501,895	-	501,895	449,115
	<u>980,749</u>	<u>9,702</u>	<u>990,451</u>	<u>897,315</u>
<b>Costs of generating funds</b>				
Costs of raising voluntary income	12,768	-	12,768	14,149
Investment management costs	12,286	189	12,475	12,524
Property expenses	62,773	-	62,773	66,139
<b>Governance costs</b>	<b>39,899</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>39,899</b>	<b>48,792</b>
<b>Total Resources Expended</b>	<b>1,108,475</b>	<b>9,891</b>	<b>1,118,366</b>	<b>1,038,919</b>
<b>Net income/(deficit) before investment results</b>	<b>(204,792)</b>	<b>(8,252)</b>	<b>(213,044)</b>	69,683
Provision for diminution in value of investments	(100,000)	-	(100,000)	-
Gain/(Loss) on disposal of investments	7,652	-	7,652	(6,533)
<b>NET SURPLUS/(DEFICIT) FOR THE YEAR</b>	<b>(297,140)</b>	<b>(8,252)</b>	<b>(305,392)</b>	<b>63,150</b>
<b>TOTAL RECOGNISED GAINS AND LOSSES</b>				
Net surplus/(deficit) for the year	(297,140)	(8,252)	(305,392)	63,150
Increase/(Decrease) in Value of Investments	166,467	2,959	169,426	174,247
Net movement in funds	(130,673)	(5,293)	(135,966)	237,397
Fund balances at 1st January 2010	3,801,357	61,500	3,862,857	3,625,460
<b>Fund balances at 31st December 2010</b>	<b>3,670,684</b>	<b>56,207</b>	<b>3,726,891</b>	<b>3,862,857</b>

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## CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEET AND CHARITY BALANCE SHEET

As at 31<sup>st</sup> December 2010

	Note	Group 2010 £	Group 2009 £	Charity 2010 £	Charity 2009 £
<b>FIXED ASSETS</b>					
Tangible assets	11	1,410,030	1,460,745	1,323,335	1,362,423
Investments	12	2,206,843	2,095,895	2,266,843	2,255,895
		<u>3,616,873</u>	<u>3,556,640</u>	<u>3,590,178</u>	<u>3,618,318</u>
<b>CURRENT ASSETS</b>					
Stocks		26,459	31,853	-	-
Debtors	13	241,674	215,786	171,007	88,553
Bank and other deposits		233,015	399,390	121,276	348,145
		<u>501,148</u>	<u>647,029</u>	<u>292,283</u>	<u>436,698</u>
<b>LIABILITIES</b>					
Amounts falling due within one year	14	242,666	265,708	155,570	192,159
		<u>258,482</u>	<u>381,321</u>	<u>136,713</u>	<u>244,539</u>
<b>NET CURRENT ASSETS</b>					
<b>TOTAL ASSETS LESS</b>					
<b>CURRENT LIABILITIES</b>					
<b>LIABILITIES</b>					
Amounts falling due after more than one year	15	(28,000)	(31,000)	-	-
PROVISIONS FOR LIABILITIES	17	(6,258)	(7,112)	-	-
		<u>3,841,097</u>	<u>3,899,849</u>	<u>3,726,891</u>	<u>3,862,857</u>
<b>NET ASSETS</b>					
<b>FUNDS</b>					
<b>Unrestricted:</b>					
Free reserves		1,934,312	2,052,156	1,820,106	2,015,164
Revaluation reserve		352,201	216,458	352,201	216,458
Designated funds		1,498,377	1,569,735	1,498,377	1,569,735
		<u>3,784,890</u>	<u>3,838,349</u>	<u>3,670,684</u>	<u>3,801,357</u>
<b>Restricted funds</b>					
Endowed capital		53,249	60,470	53,249	60,470
Revaluation reserve		(260)	(3,219)	(260)	(3,219)
Unexpended income		3,218	4,249	3,218	4,249
		<u>56,207</u>	<u>61,500</u>	<u>56,207</u>	<u>61,500</u>
	18	<u>3,841,097</u>	<u>3,899,849</u>	<u>3,726,891</u>	<u>3,862,857</u>

The financial statements on pages 24 to 43 were authorised for issue by the directors on 1st August 2011.

Signed on behalf of the directors by: P Hollinshead



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## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

For the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> December 2010

### 1 COMPANIES ACT 2006

The Charity is not a trading company and the Profit and Loss Account formats permitted under the provisions of the Companies Act 2006 are not considered appropriate to report the transactions of the Charity.

The Directors have presented the Income and Expenditure Account as part of the Statement of Financial Activities in a format which they consider fully explains the transactions of the Charity.

### 2 ACCOUNTING POLICIES

#### (a) Basis of accounting

Subject to note 2(c) and 2(i), these accounts are prepared under the historical cost convention and in accordance with the Statement of Recommended Practice (SORP) on Accounting and Reporting by Charities as Revised dated 2005.

The accounts consolidate the results of the Charity and its wholly owned subsidiary, The East Lancashire Masonic Hall Company Limited, on a line by line basis.

#### (b) Cash flow statement

The Group is exempt from the requirements to include a cash flow statement as part of its financial statements because it qualifies as small under the Companies Act 2006.

#### (c) Investment Income

Income from investments is recognised in the accounts at the date when it is received. This policy represents a departure from recommended accounting principles, which require income to be recognised in the accounts on an accruals basis. In the circumstances of this Charity, the directors consider it inappropriate to recognise this income until the date when it is due to be received. Other interest and rent receivable is accounted for on an accruals basis.

#### (d) Donations, legacies and grants

Donations, legacies and grants are recognised in the accounts at the date when these are received, as, in the opinion of the directors, it is not appropriate to recognise these at an earlier date. Grants and donations payable are recognised in the accounts at the date of authorisation.

#### (e) Stocks

Stocks are valued at the lower of cost and net realisable value, after making due allowance for obsolete and slow moving items.



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### 2 ACCOUNTING POLICIES CONTINUED...

(f) Expenditure

Resources expended are recognised on an accruals basis and are allocated to the particular activity where the cost relates directly to that activity. Where costs cannot be directly attributed to specific headings, they have been allocated to activities on bases consistent with the use of the resources. Governance costs are those incurred in connection with the administration of the Charity.

(g) Tangible fixed assets and depreciation

Fixed assets are stated at cost less depreciation. No depreciation is provided on freehold land and buildings. The buildings are maintained to ensure that their value does not diminish over time and their realisable value, although not quantified, is in excess of their book value. In these circumstances, the directors consider that any charge for depreciation would not be material and thus it is inappropriate to charge depreciation on these assets.

Depreciation is provided on other tangible fixed assets in order to write off the cost of each asset over its expected useful life at the following rates and bases:

Lift	5% per annum straight line
Improvements to leasehold property	5% per annum straight line
Plant and machinery	33% per annum straight line
	15% on reducing balance
Furniture, fixtures and equipment	10% per annum straight line
	20% on reducing balance
Office machinery	25% & 33% per annum straight line

(h) Deferred tax

A deferred tax liability is recognised in respect of all material timing differences that have originated but not reversed at the balance sheet date.

A deferred tax asset is treated as recoverable and therefore recognised only when it can be regarded as more likely than not that there will be suitable taxable profits from which the future reversal of underlying timing differences can be deducted.



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### 2 ACCOUNTING POLICIES CONTINUED ...

(i) Investments

Listed investments are valued in the accounts at the mid-market price at the balance sheet date, including accrued interest where relevant. The surplus or deficiency arising from the valuation of investments is taken direct to the revaluation reserve. Unlisted investments are included at cost less provision for diminution in value. This policy represents a departure from recommended accounting principles, which require all investments to be included in the balance sheet at market value. The directors consider that it is not possible to establish with reasonable certainty the market value of the charity's investment in its subsidiary, without incurring disproportionate costs, which would not be beneficial to the charity.

Realised surpluses and deficits arising on disposals of investments determined by reference to the carrying value of the assets in the charity's balance sheet are included within Income and Expenditure for the year. Realised revaluation surpluses, representing the difference between historical cost and the carrying value of the assets, are reclassified by way of a transfer to general reserves in the year in which the disposal occurs.

(j) Hire purchase and leasing commitments

Assets obtained under hire purchase contracts or finance leases are capitalised in the balance sheet. Those held under hire purchase contracts are depreciated over their estimated useful lives. Those held under finance leases are depreciated over their useful lives or the lease term, whichever is the shorter.

The interest element of those obligations is charged to the statement of financial activities over the relevant period. The capital element of the future payments is treated as a liability.



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	2010	2009
	£	£
<b>3 DONATIONS</b>		
<u>Unrestricted Donations</u>		
Donations from Masons, their Lodges and Chapters and Events	98,260	182,823
Gift Aid tax reclaimed	18,249	22,852
Donations to the Comforts Fund from Closed Lodges	1,362	13,680
Donations to Hewlett Court	2,971	6,144
	<u>120,842</u>	<u>225,499</u>
Restricted donations	<u>-</u>	<u>7,200</u>
<b>4 INVESTMENT INCOME</b>		
	£	£
Income from investments	79,158	93,703
Bank and Deposit interest	183	631
	<u>79,341</u>	<u>94,334</u>
<b>5 DIRECT CHARITABLE EXPENDITURE</b>		
<u>Grants to individuals</u>	£	£
Grand Charity	261,115	184,360
Other grants including Christmas and birthday gifts	59,722	71,062
Holidays paid for beneficiaries	23,604	23,679
Comforts fund	6,973	7,542
	<u>351,414</u>	<u>286,643</u>
Restricted Fund	<u>9,702</u>	<u>16,082</u>



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	2010	2009
	£	£
<b>5 DIRECT CHARITABLE EXPENDITURE (Continued)</b>		
Community fund donations	27,981	50,300
Other donations		
Masonic	63,000	3,500
Non-Masonic	-	55,500
	<u>63,000</u>	<u>59,000</u>
Trading activity - Hewlett Court:-		
Salaries, wages and related costs	226,866	235,575
Food	59,412	61,558
Repairs and renewals	88,027	20,029
Other property costs including heat, light, rates, water and insurance	68,451	74,057
Depreciation of tangible fixed assets	32,528	31,440
Other expenses	26,611	26,456
	<u>501,895</u>	<u>449,115</u>

## 6 MANAGEMENT AND ADMINISTRATION OF THE CHARITY

	Grant administration	Cost of raising voluntary income	Property expenses	Governance costs	Total costs
<b>2010</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
Depreciation		5,000	7,670	5,372	18,042
Computer systems					-
Salaries, wages and related costs	28,662	4,951	25,893	17,067	76,573
Auditors remuneration				8,839	8,839
Auditors remuneration - other services				3,816	3,816
Professional fees					-
Rates and water rates			29,210		29,210
Other expenses	2,586	2,817		4,805	10,208
	<u>31,248</u>	<u>12,768</u>	<u>62,773</u>	<u>39,899</u>	<u>146,688</u>
<b>2009</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
Depreciation		5,000	7,670	5,544	18,214
Computer systems	2,208				2,208
Salaries, wages and related costs	28,021	6,255	25,491	18,221	77,988
Auditors remuneration				8,437	8,437
Auditors remuneration - other services				4,416	4,416
Professional fees			7,598	5,751	13,349
Rates and water rates			25,380		25,380
Other expenses	1,645	2,894		5,522	10,061
	<u>31,874</u>	<u>14,149</u>	<u>66,139</u>	<u>47,891</u>	<u>160,053</u>



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	2010	2009
	£	£
<b>7 COST OF GENERATING FUNDS</b>		
Trading activity - Subsidiary Company:-		
Purchases	267,520	267,840
Salaries, wages and related costs	458,836	462,878
Repairs and renewals	34,483	47,573
Other property costs including heat, light, rates, water and insurance	96,458	108,537
Depreciation of tangible fixed assets	15,781	22,334
Legal and professional fees	6,700	6,033
Finance costs	2,811	3,321
Other expenses	103,624	106,846
	<u>986,213</u>	<u>1,025,362</u>
<b>8 PROFIT ON DISPOSAL OF INVESTMENTS</b>		
Proceeds	359,798	714,970
Less: Cost	<u>321,422</u>	<u>862,343</u>
Gains (losses) over historical cost	38,376	(147,373)
Less: Revaluation gains (losses) realised	<u>30,724</u>	<u>(140,840)</u>
Losses over book value	<u>7,652</u>	<u>(6,533)</u>
<b>9 NET INCOME / (DEFICIT) FOR THE YEAR</b>		
Net Income/(Deficit) for the year is stated after charging:	£	£
Depreciation of tangible fixed assets - owned	62,126	66,436
Depreciation of tangible fixed assets - assets on finance lease	3,701	5,552
Loss on disposal of tangible fixed assets	524	-
Auditors remuneration	14,039	12,937
Auditors remuneration - non-audit services	5,316	5,949
Directors' remuneration	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
<b>10 TAXATION</b>		
<b>Analysis of the tax charge</b>		
The tax charge on the deficit on ordinary activities for the year was as follows:		
	£	£
Deferred tax	(854)	1,090
Tax on (deficit) / surplus on ordinary activities	<u>(854)</u>	<u>1,090</u>



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### 11 TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS

#### CHARITY

	Hewlett Court		Freehold	Fixtures	Total
	Freehold	Furniture	Property	fittings	
	Land	and	Freemasons'	and	
	and	Equipment	Hall	Office	
	Buildings		Manchester	Machinery	
	£	£	£	£	£
<b>Cost</b>					
31 Dec. 2009	732,462	302,552	307,940	265,037	1,607,991
Additions	-	11,482	-	-	11,482
Disposals	-	-	-	-	-
31 Dec. 2010	732,462	314,034	307,940	265,037	1,619,473
<b>Depreciation</b>					
31 Dec. 2009	-	85,110	-	160,458	245,568
Charge for the year	-	32,528	-	18,042	50,570
Eliminated on disposal	-	-	-	-	-
31 Dec. 2010	-	117,638	-	178,500	296,138
<b>Net Book Value</b>					
31 Dec. 2010	732,462	196,396	307,940	86,537	1,323,335
31 Dec. 2009	732,462	217,442	307,940	104,579	1,362,423

In December 2010, conditional agreements were signed for the granting of a long lease of Freemasons' Hall and the subsequent partial leaseback by the Charity.

Fixed Assets shown as relating to Hewlett Court are used for direct charitable purposes as part of the operating activities of the Charity. Other fixed assets are used for the management of the Charity and to generate rent receivable from the letting of p

#### GROUP

	Hewlett Court		Freehold	Improvements	Plant	Fixtures	Total
	Freehold	Furniture	Property	to	and	fittings	
	Land	and	Freemasons'	Leasehold	Machinery	and	
	and	Equipment	Hall	Property	Machinery	Office	
	Buildings		Manchester	Property		Machinery	
	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
<b>Cost</b>							
31 Dec. 2009	732,462	302,552	307,940	61,876	70,648	421,841	1,897,319
Additions	-	11,482	-	-	3,584	570	15,636
Disposals	-	-	-	-	(625)	-	(625)
31 Dec. 2010	732,462	314,034	307,940	61,876	73,607	422,411	1,912,330
<b>Depreciation</b>							
31 Dec. 2009	-	85,110	-	12,407	42,321	296,736	436,574
Charge for the year	-	32,528	-	3,094	7,406	22,799	65,827
Eliminated on disposal	-	-	-	-	(101)	-	(101)
31 Dec. 2010	-	117,638	-	15,501	49,626	319,535	502,300
<b>Net Book Value</b>							
31 Dec. 2010	732,462	196,396	307,940	46,375	23,981	102,876	1,410,030
31 Dec. 2009	732,462	217,442	307,940	49,469	28,327	125,105	1,460,745

Included within Plant and Machinery are assets held under finance leases with a net book value of ENil (2009: £3,701) after a depreciation charge in the year of £3,701 (2009: £5,552).



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### 12 INVESTMENTS

#### CHARITY

	Holdings in Masonic Hall Companies	Listed Securities	Total
	£	£	£
Cost or valuation			
At 31 Dec. 2009	160,020	2,095,875	2,255,895
Investments purchased in year	-	293,668	293,668
Investments sold in year	-	(352,146)	(352,146)
Provision for diminution of value	(100,000)	-	(100,000)
Increase/(decrease) in market value	-	169,426	169,426
At 31 Dec. 2010	60,020	2,206,823	2,266,843
Historical cost at 31 Dec. 2010	160,020	1,854,882	2,014,902

Holdings in Masonic Hall Companies at cost:

	2010	2009
	£	£
East Lancashire Masonic Hall Company Limited	160,000	160,000
Blackburn Masonic Hall Company Limited	20	20

The Charity owns all the issued shares in the East Lancashire Masonic Hall Company Limited, a company registered in England, which is a wholly owned subsidiary of the Charity. As at 31 December the company's capital and reserves amounted to £174,206 (2009)

The shareholding in Blackburn Masonic Hall Company Limited represents 0.1% of the issued share capital of that company.

#### GROUP

	Holdings in Masonic Hall Companies	Listed Securities	Total
	£	£	£
Cost or valuation			
At 31 Dec. 2009	20	2,095,875	2,095,895
Investments purchased in year	-	293,668	293,668
Investments sold in year	-	(352,146)	(352,146)
Increase/(decrease) in market value	-	169,426	169,426
At 31 Dec. 2010	20	2,206,823	2,206,843
Historical cost at 31 Dec. 2010	20	1,884,410	1,884,430

### 13 DEBTORS Amounts falling due within one year

	Group		Charity	
	2010	2009	2010	2009
	£	£	£	£
Sundry debtors	101,080	179,533	19,139	40,884
Amount due from subsidiary undertaking	-	-	27,500	27,627
Prepayments and accrued income	140,594	36,253	124,368	20,042
	241,674	215,786	171,007	88,553

Prepayments and accrued income include £114,601 (2009: £14,944) of professional fees which are being deferred to match the expected future proceeds from the grant of a long lease of Freemasons' Hall as described in note 11.



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### 14 CREDITORS: Amounts falling due within one year

	<u>Group</u>		<u>Charity</u>	
	2010	2009	2010	2009
	£	£	£	£
Loan	3,000	3,000	-	-
Finance leases	-	4,369	-	-
Other taxes and social security costs	37,161	34,837	3,669	4,175
Amount due to subsidiary undertaking	-	-	7,931	35,449
Sundry creditors	145,951	166,865	96,560	103,580
Accruals and deferred income	56,554	56,637	47,410	48,955
	<u>242,666</u>	<u>265,708</u>	<u>155,570</u>	<u>192,159</u>

### 15 CREDITORS: Amounts falling due after more than one year

	<u>Group</u>		<u>Charity</u>	
	2010	2009	2010	2009
	£	£	£	£
Loan	12,000	12,000	-	-
Loan more than 5 years	16,000	19,000	-	-
	<u>28,000</u>	<u>31,000</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
<b>Amounts falling due in more than five years:</b>				
Repayable otherwise than by instalments				
Loan more than 5 years	16,000	19,000	-	-
	<u>16,000</u>	<u>19,000</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>

Loans over 5 years include a loan of £16,000 which is due for repayment within a period of 10 years expiring in December 2015. The loan can be repaid earlier without penalty, either in full or by instalments, at the discretion of the subsidiary company.

### 16 SECURED DEBTS

The following secured debts are included within creditors:

	<u>Group</u>		<u>Charity</u>	
	2010	2009	2010	2009
	£	£	£	£
Loan	31,000	34,000	-	-
Finance leases	-	4,369	-	-
	<u>31,000</u>	<u>38,369</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>

The loan is secured by a legal charge over the subsidiary company's current and future assets. Finance leases are secured on the assets to which the leases relate.

### 17 PROVISIONS FOR LIABILITIES

	<u>Group</u>		<u>Charity</u>	
	2010	2009	2010	2009
	£	£	£	£
Deferred tax - timing difference on fixed assets	<u>6,258</u>	<u>7,112</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
Balance at 1 January 2010	7,112			
Fixed asset timing difference	(854)			
Balance at 31 December 2010	<u>6,258</u>			



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## 18 ACCUMULATED FUNDS

The Charity is limited by guarantee and therefore does not have a share capital.

	Fund at 1st January 2010	Surplus / (Deficit) for the year	Transfers between reserves	Unrealised gains / (losses) on investments	Provision released on sale of investments	Fund at 31st December 2010
	£	£	£	£	£	£
<b>Unrestricted</b>						
General Reserve Charity	2,015,164	(197,140)	71,358		30,724	1,920,106
General Reserve Subsidiary	36,992	(22,786)				14,206
Revaluation Reserve	216,458			166,467	(30,724)	352,201
Designated Funds	1,569,735		(71,358)			1,498,377
	<u>3,838,349</u>	<u>(219,926)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>166,467</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>3,784,890</u>
<b>Restricted</b>						
General Reserve Charity	64,719	(8,252)				56,467
Revaluation Reserve	(3,219)			2,959		(260)
	<u>61,500</u>	<u>(8,252)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>2,959</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>56,207</u>
<b>Total Funds</b>	<u>3,899,849</u>	<u>(228,178)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>169,426</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>3,841,097</u>

The balances on Revaluation Reserves represent unrealised gains on investments.

	2010	2009
	£	£
The designated funds represent:-		
Fixed assets	1,323,335	1,362,423
Community fund	122,019	146,289
Benevolence fund for closed lodges	53,023	61,023
	<u>1,498,377</u>	<u>1,569,735</u>

## 19 ANALYSIS OF NET ASSETS BETWEEN FUNDS

The net assets of the Restricted Funds were:

	£	£
Listed investments	57,556	59,332
Cash and deposits	(1,089)	7,163
	<u>56,467</u>	<u>66,495</u>

## 20 RELATED PARTY DISCLOSURES

Exemption has been taken under FRS8 to exclude the requirement to disclose transactions between wholly owned subsidiaries and the parent company. Having taken account of this exemption there are no related party transactions that require disclosure.



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### 21 EMPLOYEES

The average number of employees during the year was as follows:-

	Number	Number
Freemasons' Hall	2	2
Hewlett Court	12	12
Subsidiary company	29	30
	<u>43</u>	<u>44</u>

Total remuneration during the year amounted to:

	£	£
Wages and salaries	699,880	717,878
Social Security Costs	50,133	54,371
Pension costs	12,262	4,192
	<u>762,275</u>	<u>776,441</u>

Allocation:

Direct charitable expenditure -

Trading activity - Hewlett Court	226,866	235,575
Grant administration	28,662	28,021
Cost of raising voluntary income	4,951	6,255
Subsidiary company	458,836	462,878
Property expenses	25,893	25,491
Governance costs	17,067	18,221
	<u>762,275</u>	<u>776,441</u>

No employee was paid at a rate of £60,000 per annum or more. No fees or expenses were received by the Directors/Trustees.



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# LIST OF DONATIONS GIVEN

In the year ended 31 December 2010

## MASONIC CHARITIES

Province of Durham (RMBI Festival)	£3,000
EL 2015 Festival	£50,000
Province of West Lancashire	£10,000

## COMMUNITY FUND GRANTS

<b>Orchard House Day Hospital</b> Towards Landscaping of the External Grounds	£3,000
<b>Derian House Children's Hospice</b> To fund the purchase of Lounge and other Televisions	£2,000
<b>Bury MBC Children's Services</b> to support 100 local foster children and carers attending Christmas Pantomime	£500
<b>JIGSAW (Bury)</b> Sports Charity promoting fitness and health for disabled people	£100
<b>Manchester Diocesan Mothers Union Hospital Projects</b> To purchase materials for clothing/items for deceased/premature babies	£150
<b>Victim Support / TLC Scheme</b> TLC Bears now available for children giving evidence thru victim Support	£451
<b>Rossendale First Responders</b> Towards Volunteer Ambulance Service Public Access Defibrillator kit	£250
<b>The Coldwell Inn Project Ltd</b> To prepare and tarmac access path to horticultural centre for less-abled	£1,250
<b>Speakeasy</b> Towards administration support costs - therapy for Aphasia	£150
<b>1005 Squadron Air Training Corps, Radcliffe</b> Laptop and Printer - Duke of Edinburgh Award Scheme Diploma Training	£400
<b>Wood Street Mission</b> School Uniform Assistance for Disadvantaged Children	£2,000
<b>Youth in the Community Award - recognition of community spirit</b> Awards/prizes and charity donations on behalf of recipient	£1,200



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## LIST OF DONATIONS CONTINUED...

<b>Bury Society for the Deaf</b>	<b>£1,000</b>
Various equipment for the hearing impaired	
<b>Campaign Against Living Miserably (CALM)</b>	<b>£1,500</b>
Fund Outreach 'Calmzone' to help young men contemplating suicide	
<b>Maden Centre, Bacup</b>	<b>£2,350</b>
To sponsor the Dance Workshops and the Story Magic Theatre Week	
<b>Pendle Action for the Community</b>	<b>£1,430</b>
Contribution towards six months funding for the Charity	
<b>Royton Air Training Corps, 1855 Squadron</b>	<b>£650</b>
Refurbishment / replacement windows / frames in main drill hall	
<b>Broughton House</b>	<b>£2,500</b>
To assist with the purchase of new minibus	
<b>Blackburn and Darwen District</b>	<b>£1,000</b>
Provide additional support for local 'Teddy Bears for Loving Care' initiative	
<b>Thwaites Empire Theatre</b>	<b>£8,000</b>
To fund a childrens panto - proceeds to charities - joint project	
<b>10th Bolton Guides / Lancashire Border Guiding</b>	<b>£1,300</b>
To provide marquee for Lancashire Borders Centenary Camp 2010	
<b>TOTAL NEW GRANTS IN 2010</b>	<b>£31,181</b>
<b>Chadderton Park, Surplus Grand Repaid</b>	<b>£3,200</b>
<b>TOTAL GRANTS FOR 2010</b>	<b>£27,981</b>



# BENEFITS RECEIVED FROM NATIONAL CHARITIES IN 2010

## Masonic Samaritan Fund

The MSF approved assistance for 25 applicants from East Lancashire at a cost of £98,901

## Royal Masonic Trust for Girls and Boys

The RMTGB awarded grants to 49 young people, 23 girls and 26 boys, to assist their education. During the year, this amounted to £144,757.

In addition TalentAid spent £3,865 assisting one young person.

## The Freemasons' Grand Charity

### **Masonic Grants**

Masonic Relief Grants were awarded to 114 petitioners within this Province amounting to £261,115

### **Grants to Hospices in East Lancashire**

Nine local hospices have received grants totalling £23,725

£3,100	Bolton Hospice
£1,875	Bury Hospice
£2,300	Dr Kershaw's Hospice
£2,500	East Lancashire Hospice
£2,750	Hospice Care for Burnley and Pendle
£1,000	Hospice Care in Rossendale
£3,300	Springhill Hospice (Rochdale)
£4,600	St Ann's Hospice (Little Hulton)
£2,300	Willow Wood Hospice



Donation to East Lancs. Hospice



# BENEFITS RECEIVED FROM NATIONAL CHARITIES 2010

## Summary

		£
Masonic Samaritan Fund		98,901
Royal Masonic Trust for Girls and Boys		148,622
The Freemasons' Grand Charity		
Relief Grants	261,115	
Grants to Hospices	23,725	284,840
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<b>Value of Benefits received from National Masonic Charities in the year</b>		<b>£532,363</b>
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Grand Charity gave £12,000 for the North-West Air Ambulance Service



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