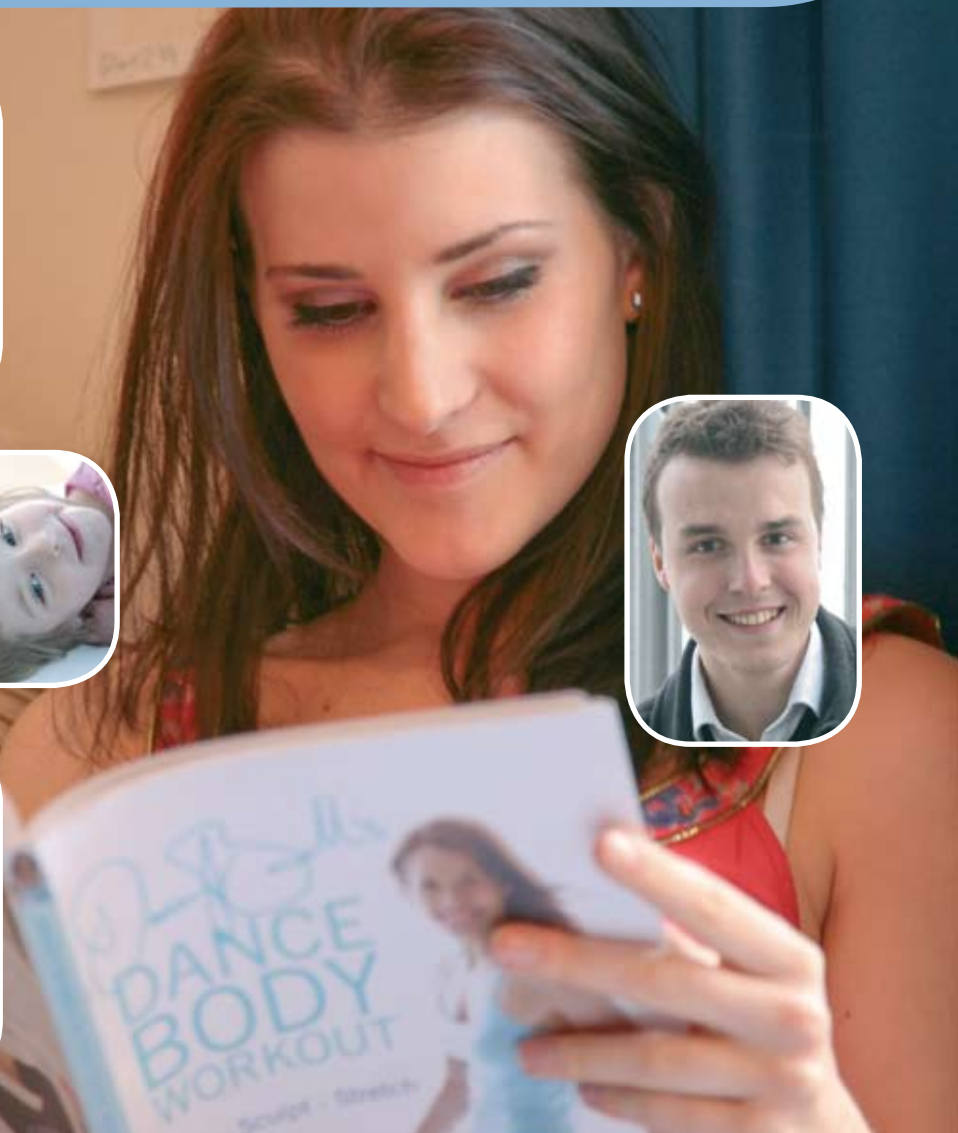
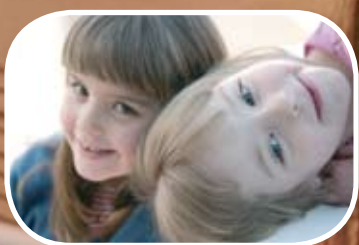


Annual Review 2007–2008



*Relieving poverty,
advancing education*

A Message from the President

A Year of Change and Achievement

Since the establishment of the first Masonic children's charity on 25th March 1788 the world has changed dramatically. Changes for the better include improvements in state funded child welfare provisions. Conversely, we face increased challenges from the erosion of traditional values and of the traditional family unit and from the violence and drug taking which increasingly affect the lives of young people. We need to be at the cutting edge of these challenges. Whilst the needs today are different they are no less vital and recent developments will equip us better to respond to new threats and opportunities.

New Offices

In January 2008, we relocated to Freemasons' Hall, bringing together for the first time in one building the four central Masonic charities.

This will result in considerable cost savings and heralds a new era of increased co-operation between the charities. As we learn from and partner each other we will create opportunities for further cost savings and increased efficiency. Nigel Buchanan, our former Treasurer, has been at the forefront in bringing these changes about.



I record our thanks to him for his unstinting perseverance and work, to the staff of Grand Lodge and our staff who have all worked tirelessly to achieve a smooth transition.



Redevelopment

The move to Freemasons' Hall has given us the opportunity to remodel 30-32 and 26 Great Queen Street. Until the move, RMTGB occupied part of 30-32, along with other tenants,

including some RMBI staff, and MSF occupied part of 26. Now each building will be modernised and upgraded to generate much needed rental income to support our work.

New Senior Management Team

On January 1st 2008, Les Hutchinson (right) was appointed Chief Executive. Les joined the Trust in 1988 and was appointed Secretary to the Council in 2005. His wealth of experience and ability qualify him well for this new combined role and I warmly congratulate him on his appointment.



Les leads a new senior management team comprising Gareth Everett, Petitions and Grants Director, David Thompson, Finance Director and Douglas Neill, Properties Director, the last two of which are part time appointments. Under their day to day management and with the invaluable guidance of our Council we will continue to improve both the identification of need and the service to our beneficiaries at the same time seeking to maximise value for money.

Our Volunteers

We continue to be indebted to those who give freely of their time and expertise. Our Council



The new headquarters at 60 Great Queen Street



Our Mission and History

members and Trustees, almost all of whom also serve on Committees, carry a huge responsibility for the direction of our resources. This year two long serving members of Council, Ian Fairclough and Keith Smith will retire. Each has made a distinguished contribution to our work and they both leave with our best wishes for the future. Our 'care in the community' also depends on many volunteer Case Almoners who provide the continuing local contact. Theirs is a very practical contribution to charity in action. I thank them all, not only on behalf of the Trust but more importantly on behalf of the thousands of disadvantaged children whose lives have been improved. We can never hope to erase the tragedies that we come across but our practical and financial support can make a real difference.

Festival Appeals

In June 2007 the Province of Cumberland & Westmorland held its Festival, the Appeal for which raised £2,055,749. We record our thanks to the Province and particularly to John Hale, the Provincial Grand Master and Festival President and to his Appeal and Festival Event teams. A full review of the Festival can be found at pages 8 & 9.

In May, the Province of Surrey held the 2008 Festival at the Lakeside Country Club, Frimley Green attended by the Pro Grand Master, the Marquess of Northampton. The Appeal raised a total of £3,559,366 and the many fundraising events included a sponsored parachute jump led by the Provincial Grand Master and Festival President, Eric Stuart-Bamford. We thank all the Brethren and Ladies of Surrey for their support, which is greatly appreciated.

In September 2007 we held our first Festival Forum, a seminar bringing together Provinces recently or currently in Festival and those planning appeals for future Festivals. Stimulating presentations, discussion groups and action planning sessions helped Provinces to learn from

each other and from our experience over many years. Our 2008 Festival Forum will be held on 11th September, again in Freemasons' Hall.

Andrew Stebbings, Past President

No review of the last 12 months would be complete without a special tribute to the enormous contribution which Andrew Stebbings has made to the work of the Trust over the last 13 years, the last eight of which he served as our President. His inspiring and inclusive leadership style and his renowned expertise as a charity lawyer have combined to steer the Trust through a period of unprecedented change. He steps down as President and from Council with our sincere gratitude.

The Future

The pace of change continues to escalate and our challenge is to continually change and adapt ourselves. We will need to become more agile as an organisation, increasingly developing agility skills in our staff. Whilst our Council and senior management will lead this process, we must always bear in mind that it is often those 'at the coalface' of our work who are best able to identify weaknesses and need.

It is said that "a man never stands as tall as when he kneels to help a child" and all those who help us to help the unfortunate and disadvantaged children of our great Masonic family stand tall indeed. I thank them all on behalf of the many thousands of children whose lives we have been privileged to enrich.

Mike Woodcock, President, Royal Masonic Trust for Girls and Boys

Mission: To continue to relieve poverty and provide an education and preparation for life for the children of the family of a Freemason and, where funds permit, for any children, as their fathers would have done, had they been able so to do.

Petition Beneficiaries

The main work of the Trust is to support the children of Masonic families in their time of need.

Each of the families we look after has experienced some major event in their lives such as the death, desertion or ill-health of a parent. Although we can never undo what has happened to them, the Trust will continue to be there, offering support, advice and generous grants.



When **Andrew's** father was involved in a road traffic accident, the injuries he sustained meant that he could no longer work. The Trust was able to assist with a termly Maintenance Allowance. Andrew (above) became interested in gardening at the age of seven and has won several awards. His ambition is to study horticulture.



When **James'** parents separated, the Trust was able to assist with a Maintenance Allowance. James (above) now aged 18, has spastic quadriplegia, despite hearing difficulties, he enjoys music, especially playing his electric guitar and range of percussion instruments. James enjoys being out and about and has recently participated in an activity week away where he thoroughly enjoyed learning to canoe.



In 2007, HRH The Duke of Kent, President of the Lawn Tennis Association, asked the RMTGB to nominate a beneficiary to toss the coin for first service at the Wimbledon Ladies' Final.

We chose to nominate **Georgina**, aged 15, pictured above with Venus Williams the 2007 Ladies Singles Champion. As neither of Georgina's parents were able to care for her she now lives with her widowed grandmother. The Trust began supporting her in 2002 and funds her school fees, in addition to a termly Maintenance Allowance and piano lessons.

Charlotte and **Lydia's** father died in 2006. Shortly after his death the Trust began to provide a termly maintenance allowance for both children and now also meets the costs for ballet lessons. Charlotte and Lydia, aged 6 and 5, could well need our help for 20 years. The Trust will continue to support these children as long as there is need. Your generosity is vital if the Trust is to honour these ongoing and often long term commitments.



TalentAid

Claire (left) began dancing lessons at the age of eight. She progressed through the grades to the higher levels of medal exams becoming an Associate of the Imperial Society of Teachers of Dancing (ISTD) at the age of only 18, which qualified her to teach Disco and Freestyle.

Claire passed both her BTEC Foundation and National Diplomas in Performing Arts with Distinction. She successfully auditioned for a place as a dancer at Her Majesty's Theatre Haymarket and was one of only 30 out of 5,000 who were recalled from open auditions for the West End show 'Chicago'.

In 2005 she commenced a 3-year Professional Diploma in Performance at the Millennium Dance 2000 performing arts school. She began commuting from her family home but the long days and evening rehearsals meant that this arrangement soon became impractical. Claire was awarded a place in the Trust's student accommodation, Ruspini House, which has allowed her to concentrate on her dancing. The TalentAid scheme provides an accommodation grant and a contribution towards her fees.

The TalentAid scheme is also proud to support a number of talented young sportsmen and women who are currently involved with Team GB and hope to compete in the 2012 Olympics.

Subsidiary Funds

As well as disbursing its own funds, the Royal Masonic Trust administers many 'subsidiary funds'. Some of these are independent charities, others are funds belonging to the Trust but designated by their donors for special purposes.

Globe Lodge 275th

Anniversary Fund awards scholarships to students who are either at university, are due to commence, or who have a reasonable expectation of being accepted into a university so that they may travel overseas to attend a course of study. Applicants do not have to be beneficiaries of the main funds and the emphasis on the relief of poverty is reduced, although like all subsidiary funds, grants are subject to a means test. In 2006 the fund gave a grant to **Zoe** (below), a fourth year medical student, as a contribution towards the cost of her elective period in Kenya. Elective periods give students the opportunity to see how medicine is practiced in different parts of the world. In her report about the trip Zoe wrote 'My

elective has taught me so much and I have developed a variety of skills, such as good communication, teamwork, responsibility and leadership. Perhaps most importantly, it has made me better equipped for my final year at Medical School and life as a junior doctor.

I would like to say a special thank-you to the Trustees of the Globe Lodge 275th Anniversary Fund for supporting me through my elective.'

The **John Mannix Robins Fund** was set up following a bequest to the Trust and is used in accordance with the donor's wishes, to help young men who wish to study medicine. Although **Matthew** (right) is sponsored by one of the armed forces he could not meet the full cost of his elective period.



He received a grant from the John Mannix Robins Fund that enabled him to volunteer as a member of the on-site medical support team for Operation Wallacea, based in Indonesia, which runs a series of biological and expedition projects. During his trip Matthew received training in dive medicine, tropical infections and many other areas.

In 2007 other funds gave grants to help young people at school and university to travel abroad to widen their experiences. Grants from the subsidiary funds have assisted with all kinds of trips including a school exchange to Canada and a grant which enabled a student to act as a volunteer on a tall ship voyage as a helper for a less able member of the crew.

To find out more about the support available from our Subsidiary Funds visit our website www.rmtgb.org.



Non-Masonic Grants

Choral Bursaries

The Trust's Choral Bursary scheme awards grants to choristers at cathedrals and other choral foundations. As their families would find it difficult to meet the fees, the bursaries provide children with the opportunity to join a choir and attend the choir school.

The bursaries are part of the Trust's non-Masonic giving programme and choristers do not have to have a Masonic connection.

Joshua (right) is the Trust's Choral Bursary recipient at Lichfield Cathedral. Joshua was awarded the bursary in September 2004. In addition to his fees, the Trust assists with the cost of Joshua's violin and piano lessons.

The Trust usually supports a particular chorister throughout his or her education at the choir school or choral foundation. However, we have recently donated a sum to Brecon Cathedral's Choir Endowment Appeal, which aims to raise £1million. Our contribution will provide Cathedral choristers with subsidised singing or music lessons during their time with the choir.



A New Member of the Senior Management Team

Gareth Everett (left) is the Petitions and Grants Director. He has overall responsibility for all of the Trust's grant-making work and its contact with beneficiaries, families and Case Almoners. Gareth is also responsible for the Case Adviser, Administration and Welfare Teams that make up the Petitions and Grants Department.

Gareth joined the Trust as a Case Adviser in October 2000 before taking on the role of Committee Co-ordinator, where he had responsibility for managing the decision-making process through Committee. Gareth is looking forward to the challenges of his new role. He is committed to developing the work of his department to ensure the Trust's beneficiaries receive the best possible level of service and support.

The 22nd Anniversary Festival

On 6th June 2007 the Province of Cumberland and Westmorland hosted the 22nd Anniversary Festival in support of the Royal Masonic Trust for Girls and Boys at Carlisle Race Course. The Festival President was RW Bro John Hale, the Provincial Grand Master, who was supported by over 550 Ladies and Brethren from the Province. The magnificent total of £2,055,749 was announced with the President's own Province producing £1,742,022. During the dinner entertainment was provided by **Miss Jemima Phillips**, (right) a recipient of TalentAid and who was, until recently, the harpist to the Prince of Wales.

The guest of honour was RW Bro David Williamson, Assistant Grand Master. Distinguished guests included RW Bro Derek Richmond, Provincial Grand Master for Durham, RW Bro Richard Anderson, Provincial Grand Master for Yorkshire, North and East Ridings, RW Bro Timothy Richards, Provincial Grand Master for Cheshire, RW Bro Colin Wright, Provincial Grand Master for West Lancashire, RW Eric Stuart-Bamford, Provincial Grand Master for Surrey and President of the 2008 Festival and RW Bro P Marsh, Past Provincial Grand Master for Gloucestershire. Other distinguished guests included W Bro Peter Ribbi, Grand Master, Mark Master Masons of Switzerland and VW Bro



Keith Dalrymple, Deputy Provincial Grand Master for the Isle of Man together with a number of other Deputy and Assistant Provincial Grand Masters from neighbouring Provinces.

London raised £152,319, the highest three contributors being Liberal Arts Lodge No 6659 at £11,651, the Grand Master's Lodge No 1 £10,770





Above from left: RW Bro David Kenneth Williamson, Assistant Grand Master, Mrs Williamson and RW Bro John Hale, Provincial Grand Master for Cumberland and Westmorland.

and the Grand Stewards' Lodge providing £7,728. Districts and Lodges overseas produced £7,661 of which £4,398 came from Hong Kong and the Far East.

Lodges and individuals in Provinces other than Cumberland and Westmorland brought in a total of £153,319. The ten highest being from:

Hampshire and Isle of Wight	£24,328
East Kent	£21,392
Isle of Man	£15,953
West Lancashire	£14,412
Northamptonshire and Huntingdonshire	£11,048
Essex	£7,522
Yorkshire, North and East Ridings	£5,366
Warwickshire	£5,187
Dorset	£4,559
West Kent	£4,662



Above from left: RW Bro David Kenneth Williamson, Assistant Grand Master, RW Bro John Hale, Provincial Grand Master for Cumberland and Westmorland and VW Bro Andrew Stebbings, Past President, RMTGB.

The Festival Province

The President's Personal List amounted to £409,955 and included the following donations from Masonic bodies within the Province:

Provincial Grand Lodge of Mark Master Masons of Cumberland and Westmorland	£10,156
Cumberland and Westmorland Masonic Golf Association	£10,303
Cumberland and Westmorland Masonic Bowling Association	£9,261
Provincial Publication Committee	£9,070

All Lodges within the Province brought up lists.

The top ten were:

Greta Lodge No 1073	£38,065
Lodge of Unanimity No 339	£35,657
Lodge of Perseverance No 371	£35,486
Uter Pendragon Lodge No 3481	£34,876
Beacon Lodge No 6202	£33,000
Eden Lodge No 2285	£30,756
Ambleside Lodge No 2745	£29,005
Sun and Sector Lodge No 962	£28,154
Gospatric Lodge No 5286	£27,697
Helvellyn Lodge No 8979	£27,383

Making it happen – raising the money

Legacy Giving

By remembering the Royal Masonic Trust in your Will you can make a real difference to the level of support we provide.

Legacies are immensely important to our work. Making a Will is a simple but very important step. It is the only way of ensuring that you decide who will benefit from your estate after your death.

Your legacy can help us to change the lives of generations of children by enabling us to continue our work well into the future.

Planning an Open Day?

Did you know that the Trust has professional presentation stands, which can be used to illustrate some of the important works carried out by this charity?

Guest Speakers

The Chief Executive will, on request, be happy to arrange for a speaker to attend Lodge meetings to talk about the work of the Trust.

Honorific Ranks

Brethren obtain honorific ranks in the Trust as follows: **Subscriber £60, Vice-Patron £300, Patron £600, Grand Patron £1,200.**

Ladies, or Lewises being minors, receive the honorific ranks for half the total sums for all ranks. Lodges, Chapters etc. receive the honorific ranks for double the amounts shown for all ranks.

Festival Ranks

In addition to achieving cumulative ranks in the Trust qualified Stewards may also obtain ranks in specific RMTGB Festivals.

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The Trust actively encourages all eligible donors to complete a Gift Aid declaration, which enables the benefit of their donation to be maximised.

For your donations to qualify for Gift Aid you must pay an amount of Income Tax and/or Capital Gains Tax at least equal to the tax that the Trust reclaims on your donations in the appropriate tax year (currently 28p for each £1 you give). Please ensure that you contact the Trust if your tax situation changes or if you change address.

Gift Aid Envelopes

A Gift Aid envelope is also available. The envelope enables the Trust to reclaim tax on donations made through alms collections, festive boards and ladies nights.

*Thankfully received...
faithfully applied*

For further details about any of the items above please visit our web-site at **www.rmtgb.org** or complete and return the response form at the back of this Annual Review.

Financial Report – 2007

Investment income continues to be the largest source of revenue. Expenditure remains reduced from previous years. The net outgoing resources, which are lower than 2006 and show a downward trend over the last few years, are funded by capital. In 2007, a total of 1,801 Beneficiaries were supported by the Trust and its Subsidiaries.

The Trust's strategic aim is to ensure that the Fund can continue to meet its long-term commitments and the plan is to bring expenditure more into line with revenue, over time.

The investment managers' performance over the year reflected the difficult conditions, particularly in the fourth quarter, as a result of the on-going market turbulence.

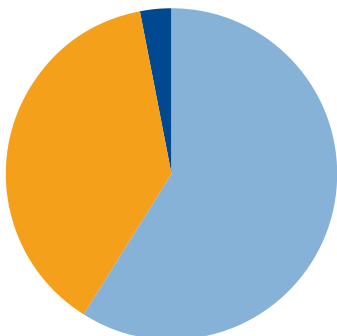
The format of the annual accounts has changed and is in accordance with the 2005 SORP and the 2006 Charities' Act.

Full accounts, which have been audited without qualification, and signed on 28 May 2008, can be obtained from the Trust's offices at 60 Great Queen Street, London, WC2B 5AZ.

The audited accounts were approved at the Annual General Meeting and General Court on 25 June 2008.

Where our money came from

- Net investment income (including rents) 59%
- Festival income and other donations 38%
- Legacies 3%

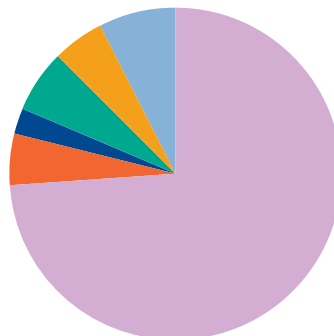


Extracts from Group Accounts 2006 – 2007 (including the Subsidiary Trusts)

	2007 £'000	2006 £'000
Net investment income	£4,381	£4,474
Festival income and other donations	£2,814	£2,274
Legacies	£208	£605
Total Incoming Resources	£7,403	£7,353
Amount paid on behalf of beneficiaries	£6,583	£6,926
TalentAid	£413	£366
Choral bursaries and non-Masonic Grants	£218	£220
Fundraising expenditure	£450	£470
Lifelites	£551	£421
Governance	£680	£875
Total resources expended	£8,895	£9,278
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Total Funds	£146,666	£147,828

How the money was spent

- Amounts paid to petition beneficiaries 74%
- TalentAid 5%
- Choral bursaries and non-Masonic grants 2.5%
- Lifelites 6%
- Fundraising expenditure 5%
- Governance 7.5%



The Future in your Hands

Danial, Adeelah and Alisha's father suffered severe burns in an accident and was unable to work because of his injuries. The Trust provides Maintenance Allowances for all three children. Danial is a keen golfer and receives assistance towards the cost of his golf lessons. In addition, the Trust assists towards the costs of dancing lessons for Alisha.

Will you, in turn, support the Trust?



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