

Donations into a chest can be made via...

- Online
- Post
- Telephone
- Bank transfers
- Mobile

Regular Donations

These are made by setting up a Direct Debit Instruction with the donor's bank. Set up a DDI...

1. By visiting the MCF website
2. By calling the Relief Chest team
3. By completing and posting a Regular Donation form

Single/one off donations

Single/one off donations can be made by...

1. Scanning a QR code, like the one below
2. Online platform – Freemasonry Gives via the MCF website
3. Cheque
4. Debit or Credit card
5. Charity voucher – CAF/KKL
6. Bank transfers



What is a Relief Chest?

- › It is a charitable account that is owned collectively by a group of Freemasons to manage their charitable giving.
- › The Scheme was set up in 1986 by the Freemasons' Grand Charity (registered charity 281942) to receive and deposit donations, reclaim Gift Aid tax and to make payments to charities.

What we do

- › On average each year, the scheme receives over £11million in donations including over £1million in Gift Aid tax relief into Relief Chests.
- › Each year, the chest holders donate over £12million from Relief Chests to various registered charities and appeals including some relief of distress payment.



Masonic
Charitable Foundation

Your Relief Chest Scheme

Information, benefits, and getting you started



Relief Chest Scheme

mcf.org.uk

General queries

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Charity number: 1164703
Company number: 09751836

Why set up a Relief Chest?



Benefits to the Lodge/Masonic Unit

- Choice of charity donation methods, online and offline
- Added value (25 per cent) Gift Aid tax relief
- Payments/grants to charities on behalf of the members
- Compliance with HMRC, ICO, and Charity Commission requirements
- Relieves the Charity Steward from all admin duties
- Manage record-keeping efficiently
- Receive charitable funds
- Manage donations to Masonic and non-Masonic charities
- Ease of donating to charities
- There is no charge for opening or administering a Relief Chest
- Free stationery (Gift Aid Envelopes, Donation Forms etc.)
- Online access to their Relief Chest
- Online fundraising pages/platform



Benefits to the member/Donor

- Donate using a variety of online and offline methods
- Maximise the value of each donation by adding Gift Aid tax with no extra cost
- Set up a Regular Donation for affordable, efficient giving
- Funds readily available to donate to festivals or appeals



Setting up a Chest

- 1 Pass a resolution in open Lodge
- 2 Appoint a representative
- 3 Complete the application form and submit to the Relief Chest office

You can also make donations from a Relief Chest to...

1. Any local or national registered charity
2. Exempt charity
3. Festival or an Appeal Relief Chest
4. An individual in distress

How to make a Donation from a Relief Chest

1. Agree and approve the donation in open Lodge
2. Submit a payment request. The payment request can be made by forwarding:
 - I. E-Voucher
 - II. Blue or Green voucher
 - III. Relief of distress payment letter printed on chest holders headed paper

Payment methods

- Payments to charities are made mainly by BACS and cheques
- Payments to Festivals and Appeals are made by Internal Transfers

Relief Chest Online Service

The Relief Chest Representative can do all below by simply logging into the relief chest:

- Check the current balance
- Check a cheque or a batch of envelopes etc has been received
- Check a regular donation has been received
- Check that a charity payment request has been paid
- Request donation forms
- Request vouchers
- Download a statement or a subscribers list