



THE FREEMASONS'
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Emergency Grants for Flooding and Hurricane Victims

The President of the Grand Charity, Grahame Elliott, has approved two separate emergency grants to support the hundreds of people affected by the recent flooding in Morpeth, Northumberland and the victims of Hurricane Ike in the Turks and Caicos Islands and the Bahamas.

In parallel with support for wider relief efforts, The Freemasons' Grand Charity will be assisting individual Masons affected by events, and their dependants, through Masonic Relief Grants which are given to relieve hardship.

Flooding in Morpeth

The first grant of £5,000 is to the Provincial Grand Lodge of Northumberland in support of the Morpeth Flood Appeal. Earlier this month, over 1,000 homes in Morpeth were affected by flooding after a month's worth of rain fell in just 24 hours. The Morpeth Flood Appeal is providing assistance to the individuals and families who have seen their homes and belongings damaged and destroyed.

Hurricane Ike

The second emergency grant will support the relief efforts of the District Grand Lodge of Bahamas and Turks in the wake of the trail of destruction left by Hurricane Ike. The grant of £7,500 will help the District Grand Lodge to provide residents of the Turks and Caicos Islands and The Bahamas with much needed supplies.

For full details visit: <http://www.grandcharity.org/pages/news.html>

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