



Linking Our Communities

- ▶ The Provincial Charity Initiative for 2016/2018 has been launched and the work begins now!
- ▶ We have worked hard to identify charities which hopefully encompass all the areas in which our lodges are located covering Midlothian, West Lothian, East Lothian and the Edinburgh area.
- ▶ Some of the chosen charities also cross over and reach into more than one location.
- ▶ We have tried to be diverse in our choice of charities. They will not meet with the approval of everyone as there are thousands of very deserving charities out there, but they are local, diverse and cover all age groups.

SURE START

- ▶ Aims to give very young children (from pre-birth to 11 years) the best possible start. By providing (in summary)
 - Peer support
 - Individual, couple and post-natal counselling
 - Advocacy
 - Literacy and numeracy support
 - Confidence building
 - Capacity building
 - Support into work
 - Play therapy
 - Healthy living courses
- ▶ Helping children meet their developmental milestones
- ▶ Money will be spent to help improve the lives of those affected.
- ▶ Services, offered through our six centres in Dalkeith, Mayfield, Penicuik, Loanhead, Bonnyrigg and Gorebridge.



THE ROCK TRUST

- ▶ This charity works with 14 to 25 year olds across Edinburgh and the Lothians helping to prevent homelessness and to support young people to have a better future.
- ▶ Help is offered to young people in transition who do not have sufficient support systems in place, are leaving care or home, those involved in offending, alcohol or drug misuse.
- ▶ The charities role is also to advise, educate and support young people to enable them to build the personal skills and resources required to make a positive and healthy transition to adulthood.



SPECIAL OLYMPICS LOTHIAN (S.O.L.):

- ▶ This charity was founded in 1968 to give confidence and new hope to people with learning difficulties as well as those who care for them.
- ▶ S.O.L provide sporting opportunities for people with learning disabilities and provides equality of opportunity for all the athletes regardless of ability or degree of disability.
- ▶ Fund raising would be for a variety of games which include alpine skiing, aquatics, athletics, bowling, cycling, equestrian, golf, judo and power lifting.
- ▶ There will be National Summer Games held in Sheffield in 2017.

BOSOM BUDS LIVINGSTON

- ▶ Formed in 2009 to help those with cancer.
- ▶ The charity donate money to St John's Oncology unit and Breakthrough.
- ▶ They also help patients with IVF treatment costs, arrange pamper days, provide post treatment exercise classes and personal trainer instruction and yoga classes.
- ▶ This is a voluntary based charity in West Lothian.



Province led initiatives

- ▶ The Charity Initiative will begin with a Charity Trek up Ben Nevis for which a sponsor sheet is attached. Other events under discussion include:
 - Bottle Raffle, Smoker, Golf Competition, Cocktail Evening, Race Night, Auction of Promises, Family Fete/BBQ and a special final end event.
- ▶ These events will be open to ALL not just those in the craft as well as the ladies, children, families, friends, colleagues etc.
- ▶ There will also be a charity badge featuring the logo and this will soon be available.
- ▶ Other branded material may become available.



Lodge initiatives

- ▶ Lodges may wish to contribute by fundraising locally and some of the fundraising may help raise awareness in local communities.
- ▶ Fundraising suggestions include:
 - Coffee mornings / Open Days
 - Car Treasure hunt
 - Car Wash
 - Round Robin Night
 - Chase the ace
 - Quiz Night
 - Sponsored walk
- ▶ No amount is too large or small!



Committee

- ▶ The members of the Charity Working Party(CWP) for the Provincial Charity Initiative for 2016/2018 are as follows:
 - Rab Smith RWM 270, Jim Young MM 580, Craig Gordon RWM 720, Jamie Durrant IPM 1039 and Jim Pryde PM 10.
- ▶ The members of the working party have been assigned designated lodges so that everyone can be kept up to date in real time these are as follows:
 - Rab Smith:270, 1038, and 1338. Jim Young: 580, 788, and 1029, Craig Gordon: 112, 606, 720 and 1201, Jamie Durrant: 226, 1039 and 1063 and Jim Pryde: 10, 429, 482 and 1373.
- ▶ The CWP are more than willing to be called upon at anytime to give for example, help, advice, support, guidance etc.
- ▶ They will also be keeping Lodges up todate with progress and achievements



CHARITY TREK
Saturday 11th June 2016
BEN NEVIS (4,409 ft)

NAME	DONATION	PAID

THANK YOU