

ONCE AGAIN WEST LANCASHIRE FREEMASONS HELPING IN THE COMMUNITY

On Friday afternoon, 18 November, W R Seddon , Assistant Provincial Grand Master, presented two cheques to representatives of St Nicholas Church, Wrea Green and The Women's Centre, who had made applications to the Community Fund of West Lancashire Freemasons for assistance towards their worthy projects.

At the presentation the Assistant Provincial Grand Master, was accompanied by the Preston Group Chairman, I W Greenwood, and D A Thompson, Local Care Officer.

Prior to the cheque presentation, Mr. Seddon explained the purpose of the Community Fund of West Lancashire Freemasons and how it contributed exclusively to non- Masonic causes and how many organisations had benefited from its charity. For the benefit of the recipients he defined the geographical boundaries of the West Lancashire Province and further explained that a committee met three times a year to allocate funds. The Preston Group concentrated on sponsoring worthy causes in and around Preston and was proud and pleased that the two charities represented today had been successful.

Mr. Seddon, in his own words being "old fashioned", presented the first cheque for £720 to Catherine Turner, a former Manager of the Women's Centre facility. The current Manager unfortunately was unwell and therefore unable to attend, but perhaps it was fortunate that Catherine received the cheque, as she was the one who initiated the enquiry leading to the application for consideration by the fund. The Women's Centre is located on New Hall Lane, Preston, and the donation will go towards refurbishment of the Centre.

Mr. Seddon then presented the second cheque for £1000 to John Rawcliffe, Church Treasurer at St Nicholas Church, Wrea Green. The donation will help in the funding an annexe to the church, which will have a separate entrance and will be used, when completed, as a community centre. In addition to this, the police and the Citizen's Advice Bureau will use the annexe; thus providing the residents of Wrea Green with a much needed communal facility. The total cost to complete the project is £235,000.

At the end of the presentation ceremony, both recipients thanked the West Lancashire Freemasons in general and the Preston Group in particular for the generous donation.



W Bro Seddon (far right) with Catherine Turner, representing The Women's Centre and W Bro Greenwood (second from left) with John Rawcliffe, Church Treasurer for St Nicolas Church, Wrea Green. W Bro Thompson, Local Care Officer (far left) making up the group.