

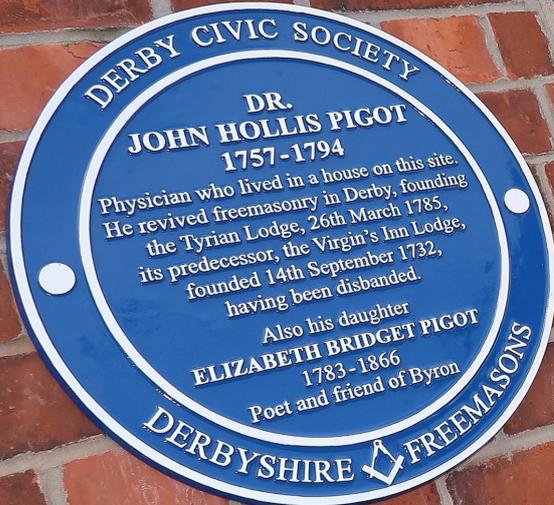
# Freemasonry

## A guide to membership

### In Derbyshire



Provincial Grand Lodge of  
Derbyshire Freemasons



# Building Friendships, Shaping Lives, Supporting Communities, through Timeless Traditions

Building a caring  
society with



Integrity

Common  
foundation for



Friendship

Treats others  
with



Respect

Make a  
difference with



Charity

# Contents

What is Freemasonry? .....	4
Freemasonry worldwide .....	5
Legendary Freemasons .....	9
Helping communities .....	10
Helping our members and their families .....	10
Your family and Freemasonry .....	11
What are the qualifications for joining? .....	12
What will be expected of me? .....	12
What is the time commitment? .....	12
How much will it cost? .....	13
What is the dress code? .....	13
Can women join? .....	14
How to join? .....	14
What happens next? .....	15
Publications .....	16
Find out more .....	16



# What is Freemasonry?

*During our 300-year history, we have focused on our core principles of Integrity, Friendship, Respect and Charity, and they continue to guide us today as we support our members and wider communities to build better lives together.*

We are a unique members' organisation which has thrived for over 300 years. With no political or religious affiliations, we comprise members from all over the world seeking to expand their horizons and support their communities.

We meet in Lodges where we have ceremonial traditions that encourage us to be more tolerant and respectful, and to actively fulfil our civic and charitable responsibilities. We also make time to eat, drink and meet together, and form lifelong friendships.

To find out more about the history of Freemasonry in Derbyshire, please visit:

[www.derbyshiremason.org](http://www.derbyshiremason.org)



# Freemasonry worldwide

Each Province and District is comprised of Lodges, and it is a Lodge that you join when you become a member. There are currently over 175,000 Freemasons, belonging to more than 6,300 Lodges in England and Wales and 720 overseas. Membership gives you access to all of them and the fun that comes with them.

The United Grand Lodge of England (UGLE) oversees Lodges spanning 48 Provinces (regions across England and Wales) and 32 active Districts located overseas.

UGLE is universally regarded as the Mother Grand Lodge of organised Freemasonry. In addition to our Provinces and Districts, we also recognise over 200 Grand Lodges around the world.

In Derbyshire there are over 75 Lodges with over 2600 members.

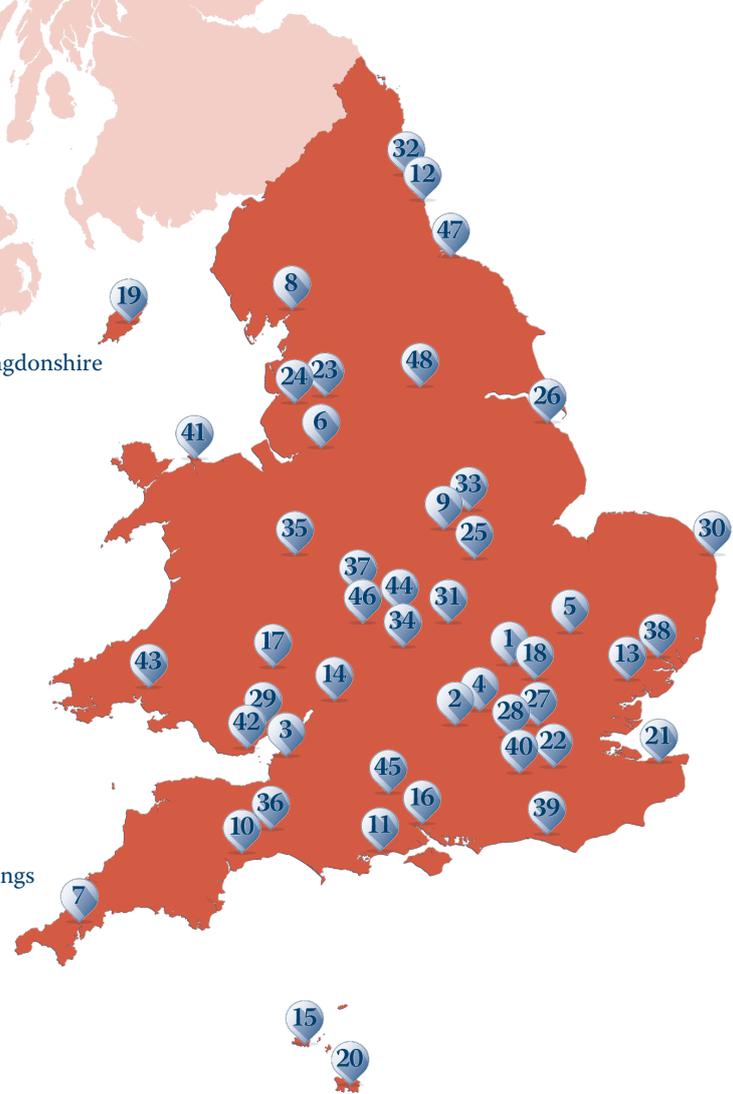
*Our headquarters in London at Freemasons' Hall, welcomes more than 200,000 people from across the world every year, including members visiting for meetings and guests attending special events. It is open to the public and offers free tours of the building including a museum and café.*

*A Grand Lodge is the governing body of Freemasonry within a particular territory, where territory usually means a country or state.*



# Provinces

- |                               |  |
|-------------------------------|--|
| 1. Bedfordshire               | 26. Lincolnshire                       |
| 2. Berkshire                  | 27. London                             |
| 3. Bristol                    | 28. Middlesex                          |
| 4. Buckinghamshire            | 29. Monmouthshire                      |
| 5. Cambridgeshire             | 30. Norfolk                            |
| 6. Cheshire                   | 31. Northamptonshire & Huntingdonshire |
| 7. Cornwall                   | 32. Northumberland                     |
| 8. Cumberland & Westmorland   | 33. Nottinghamshire                    |
| 9. Derbyshire                 | 34. Oxfordshire                        |
| 10. Devonshire                | 35. Shropshire                         |
| 11. Dorset                    | 36. Somerset                           |
| 12. Durham                    | 37. Staffordshire                      |
| 13. Essex                     | 38. Suffolk                            |
| 14. Gloucestershire           | 39. Surrey                             |
| 15. Guernsey & Alderney       | 40. Sussex                             |
| 16. Hampshire & Isle of Wight | 41. North Wales                        |
| 17. Herefordshire             | 42. South Wales                        |
| 18. Hertfordshire             | 43. West Wales                         |
| 19. Isle of Man               | 44. Warwickshire                       |
| 20. Jersey                    | 45. Wiltshire                          |
| 21. East Kent                 | 46. Worcestershire                     |
| 22. West Kent                 | 47. Yorkshire, North & East Ridings    |
| 23. East Lancashire           | 48. Yorkshire, West Riding             |
| 24. West Lancashire           |  |
| 25. Leicestershire & Rutland  |  |



# Meeting Places In Derbyshire

## 1. Glossop

14 Henry Street, Glossop, Derbyshire, SK13 8BW

## 2. New Mills

Union Road, New Mills, High Peak, Derbyshire, SK22 3ES

## 3. Bakewell

Town Hall, Bakewell, Derbyshire, DE45 1BW

## 4. Buxton

Old Court House, George Street, Buxton, Derbyshire, SK17 6AY

## 5. Grindleford

Sir William Hall Road, Grindleford, Hope Valley, S32 2HS

## 6. Dore

Dore Masonic Hall, Woodland View, Abbeydale Road South, Sheffield, South Yorkshire, S17 3LA

## 7. Chesterfield

72 Saltergate, Chesterfield, Derbyshire, S40 1JR

## 8. Alfreton

Derby Road, Alfreton, Derbyshire, DE55 7AQ

## 9. Wirksworth

Moot Hall, Chapel Lane, Wirksworth, Derbyshire, DE4 4FF

## 10. Ripley

Market Place, Ripley, Derbyshire, DE5 3HA

## 11. Ashbourne

Cockayne Avenue, Ashbourne, Derbyshire, DE6 1EJ

## 12. Belper

1 Campbell Street, Belper, Derbyshire, DE56 1AP

## 13. Duffield

King Street, Duffield, Belper, Derbyshire, DE56 4EU

## 14. Ilkeston

High Street, Ilkeston, Derbyshire, DE7 5JA

## 15. Derby

457 Burton Road, Littleover, Derby, Derbyshire, DE23 6XX

## 16. Long Eaton

Elm Avenue, Long Eaton, Derbyshire, NG10 4LR

## 17. Burton upon Trent

218 Ashby Road, Winhill, Burton-on-Trent, Derbyshire, DE15 0LA



Lodges meet throughout the year, with social events providing an occasion for members new and old to come together and network.

Members are encouraged to visit other Lodges under UGLE. Visiting gives members the opportunity to meet and make connections with people they would not normally have the chance to meet, knowing they share the same values



### *Our headquarters in Derbyshire*

The Grange at Littleover Derby is a beautiful manor house which is home to the administrative offices for Derbyshire Freemasons and is home to 15 Lodges. It is also an excellent venue for functions and meetings such as weddings and dinners.

– *for details visit:*

[www.grangebanqueting.com](http://www.grangebanqueting.com)



## Special Interest and University Scheme Lodges

From the Universities Scheme and New and Young Masons Clubs, to special interest Lodges, Freemasonry gives members many opportunities to make a wide circle of friends for life. Finding bonds with people who share common interests and meeting people from all different backgrounds are only some of the ways Freemasonry can help cultivate lasting friendships.

In Derbyshire Special Interest Lodges include Flyfishing, Classic Cars, Motorcycle, Brass Band, Rugby, to name but a few.

These are first and foremost Freemason lodges but members will have a lot in common from the outset.

[www.universitiesscheme.com](http://www.universitiesscheme.com)



# Legendary Freemasons

Over three centuries Freemasonry has attracted many people from Kings to astronauts. Many were and are leaders in their respective fields. There are far too many to name, but here is a small taster:

## Royalty and leaders



George IV, Horatio Nelson, Harry S. Truman, George Washington, Winston Churchill, Edward VII, Arthur Wellesley, Duke of Wellington, Davy Crockett, Frederick the Great, William Taft, Gerald Ford, Andrew Johnson, Warren Harding, Andrew Jackson, Edward VIII, James Garfield, Douglas MacArthur, Teddy Roosevelt, William McKinley, George VI, James Monroe, Franklin D. Roosevelt, William IV.

## Arts and sports



Rudyard Kipling, Irving Berlin, Oscar Wilde, William Hogarth, Roy Rogers, Darryl Zanuck, Arthur Conan Doyle, Robert Burns, Harry Corbett, Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart, Harold Lloyd, Gilbert & Sullivan, Nat 'King' Cole, Edward 'Duke' Ellington, Clark Gable, Josephine Baker, John Wayne, Harry Houdini, Audie Murphy, Peter Sellers, Jack Dempsey, 'Sugar Ray' Robinson, Gene Autry, William 'Count' Basie, Harry Cohn, Joe Frazier, John Entwistle, D.W. Griffith, Louis B. Mayer, Alf Ramsey, Oliver Hardy, Jerome Kern, Alexander Pushkin, Harpo Marx, the Warner Brothers.

## Science and industry



Alexander Fleming, Joseph Lister, Edward Jenner, Virgil Grissom, Andre Citroen, Henry Ford, Edwin 'Buzz' Aldrin, James Watt, Henri Dunant, Thomas John Barnardo, Ernest Shackleton, Captain Robert Scott, Samuel Colt, Gustave Eiffel, John Glenn, Charles Samuel Myers.

# Helping communities

Building on timeless values, Freemasonry helps you develop yourself, make lifelong friendships and play a more active role in today's society.

Freemasonry provides a support structure that helps members make a positive contribution to their communities and other worthwhile causes, through fundraising events and volunteer work. The funds we raise are generated by our many members each giving small amounts.

Through grants to local and national and international charities, Freemasons are helping to tackle some of the most important issues facing society.

## Helping our members and their families

Grants are also awarded to alleviate financial strain faced by members and their families in crisis or distress.

Funded entirely through the generosity of Freemasons and their families, the aim is to build better lives by enabling opportunity, advancing healthcare and education, and promoting independence.

For more details about the Masonic Charitable Foundation (MCF) and all their work please visit: [www.mcf.org.uk](http://www.mcf.org.uk)



*To be a force for good by providing support, care and services to Freemasons and their families in need, and supporting other charities to help the most disadvantaged in society.*



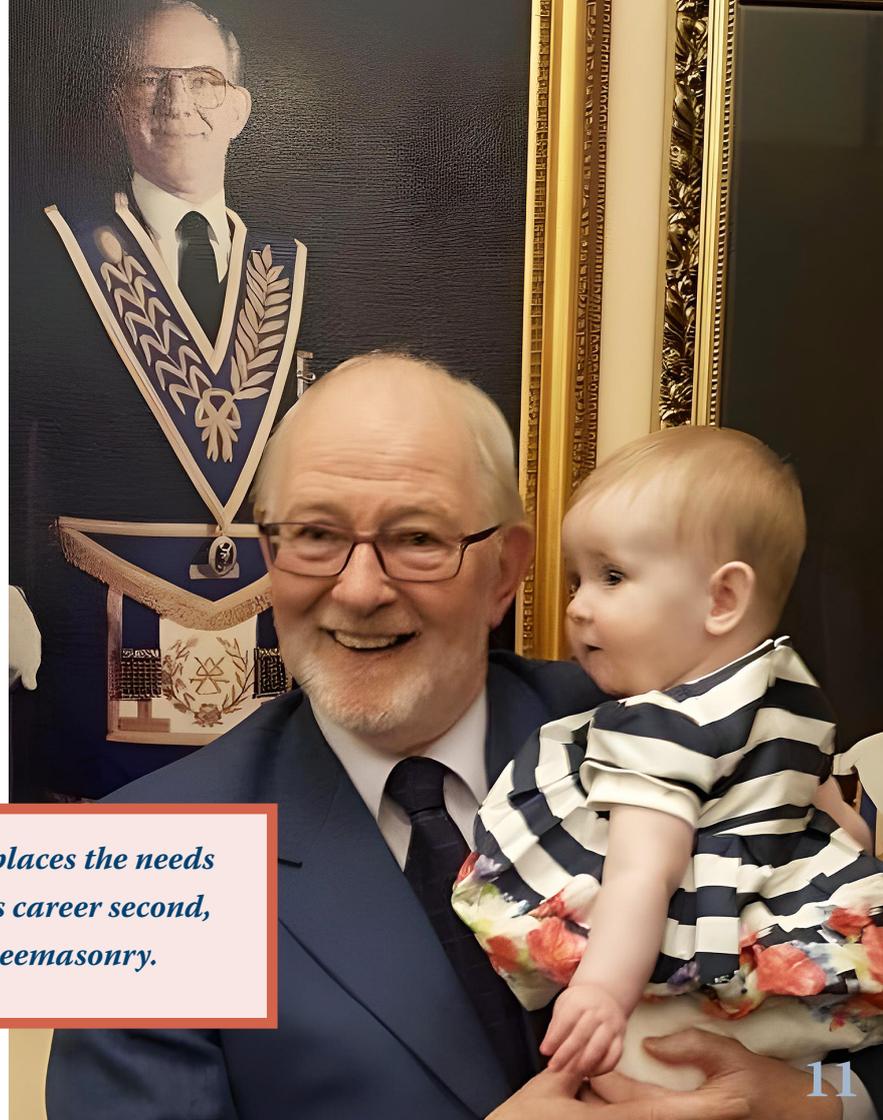
*On a journey based on centuries-old traditions, we are encouraged to live by our core values of Integrity, Friendship, Respect and Charity in our private and public lives.*

# Your family and Freemasonry

Freemasonry is all about building character and supporting members as individuals. We encourage all members to be open with their family about membership and what that teaches and brings to them personally, so please share the information available to you.

Lodges organise a range of social events to which family and friends are very welcome. These can include dinners, dances, community fundraising and less formal occasions such as barbecues and live music events. Many members' partners become friends and often help organise some of the events.

*Freemasonry asks that every member places the needs of his family first, his obligations to his career second, and after these his enjoyment of Freemasonry.*





## What are the qualifications for joining?

You must be male, at least 18 years old and have completed your secondary education; be of good character and hold a belief in a supreme being. Freemasonry is open to all Religions and Beliefs but consider this to be a private matter to the individual. Women are able to join one of the two organisations, Freemasonry for Women or the order of Womens Freemasonry.

## What will be expected of me?

Members can do as much as they wish. Participate as much as you can and ask questions. The administration, ceremonial, accounting, fundraising and general running of the Lodge is carried out voluntarily by its members.

## What is the time commitment?

Each Lodge has a different schedule of meetings. Most meet between four and ten times a year. Lodges also hold social events, providing an occasion for members, their partners and families to come together.

# How much will it cost?

Lodge subscriptions vary but are around £200 per annum. The one off joining fee is around £100. In addition there is a dining fee of around £20 at the meetings.

Lodge meetings are normally followed by a dinner, with the cost depending on the venue. There is no requirement to attend the dinner if you are unable to, but you will likely find the socialising to be a highly enjoyable part of your experience as a Freemason.

Members are invited to donate to charity but this should always be within your means and it is entirely up to you how much you wish to contribute. Donations of around £10 per month are not unusual.

# What is the dress code?

The usual dress code is a dark suit, white shirt, black shoes and black (or other suitable) tie. Some Lodges are more formal and members wear dinner suits.



*“When I first joined I had no idea what to expect but it was better than I could have imagined, I was amazed that they went to so much trouble to do this just for me - the ceremony was a bit difficult to understand but once I went to see another new member going through the same thing it became a lot clearer.”*

Sam - Beauchief Abbey Lodge

## Can women join?

There are two separate female-only Grand Lodges in the UK, which have about 5,000 members based here and abroad. To find out more please visit:

The Order of Women Freemasons  
[www.owf.org.uk](http://www.owf.org.uk)

HFAF – Freemasonry for Women  
[www.hfaf.org](http://www.hfaf.org)

## How to join?

There are two routes. You can be recommended by someone you know who is already a member or you can fill out the online enquiry form located on the Derbyshire website:

[www.derbyshiremason.org](http://www.derbyshiremason.org)



From there, your enquiry will be sent to the most appropriate Lodge for where you live and/or work, and we will then contact and introduce you to some of the members. The Lodge will give you the opportunity to ask any questions and to find out more.



*“The ceremonies in Freemasonry are brilliant. It’s great to take part by doing some of the work although not everyone chooses to do so. The ceremonies invite us to consider how we can become better people. Some people say its an enjoyable hobby but its much more than that, It’s a way of life.”*

Andy - Amadeus Lodge

# What happens next?

Your journey starts with the First Degree Ceremony – your Initiation into Freemasonry. Upon arrival you will be greeted by a member of the Lodge, who will assist with any questions you have and explain the process.

The First Degree Ceremony reminds you that all are equal – it is the responsibility of those that do well to look after those less fortunate. Every Freemason regardless of fame or fortune all go through exactly the same ceremony.

For more information, please visit:

[www.derbyshiremason.org](http://www.derbyshiremason.org)



*“I’ve only been a Freemason for a couple of years but it’s like I’m part of a new extended family - I’m always welcomed wherever I go and the friendship I’ve experienced is fantastic.”*

Gary - King Egbert Lodge



# Publications

*Freemasonry Today* is a quarterly magazine published on behalf of UGLE, featuring Freemason news, interviews and articles. The magazine is posted direct to all Freemasons, free of charge.

It is also free to view online:

[www.freemasonrytoday.com/magazine](http://www.freemasonrytoday.com/magazine)



## Find out more



[www.derbyshiremason.org](http://www.derbyshiremason.org)



[twitter.com/derbsfreemason/](https://twitter.com/derbsfreemason/)



[facebook.com/DerbysCraftPGL](https://facebook.com/DerbysCraftPGL)



[instagram.com/provgrandlodgeofderbyshire](https://instagram.com/provgrandlodgeofderbyshire)

In Derbyshire a quarterly publication is sent out and contains interesting articles on the province. We call it the “Derbyshire Circle”.

