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## WIMBLEDON GUILD LINKS UP WITH KING'S COLLEGE SCHOOL LODGE

Wimbledon Guild, the local charity that provides people in Merton with help and support in times of need, has linked up with King's College School Lodge (KCS Lodge).

The freemasons' lodge, an accredited activity of King's College School's Old King's Club, has chosen Wimbledon Guild to be one of their non-masonic charities.

Speaking about the partnership, Wendy Pridmore, chief executive, Wimbledon Guild, said: "Linking up with local organisations and companies is key to helping us in terms of raising awareness of our services, fundraising and increasing our volunteer base. Our services help people throughout the borough of Merton in a variety of ways, particularly assisting those who are lonely and isolated through our outreach team and befriending service. With over 120 activities a month we encourage people to get out-and-about and be part of new social groups and take up new pastimes.

"We also help many who are struggling to deal with everything that life can throw at us through our counselling services and bereavement support team. In addition, through our small grants programme we can help those in desperate need to purchase essential goods they cannot afford.

"Support from groups such as KCS Lodge is vital for us to continue to provide these services and we very much appreciate the support and help they will give us."

Richard Criddle, a member of the KCS Lodge and Treasurer of the Old King's Club, explained why they have chosen Wimbledon Guild as one of their supported charities:

"The excellent community support and services run by the Wimbledon Guild resonate with Freemasons in Surrey - and in particular the members of King's College School Lodge who are part of the local community and keen to do their bit through charitable giving and voluntary work.

"The KCS Lodge is very proud to support the Wimbledon Guild wherever possible, and we hope this is just the beginning of our long-term patronage of their work."

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Note to editors:

### ABOUT WIMBLEDON GUILD

Wimbledon Guild is a local charity that provides people in Merton with help and support in times of need.

From its base at Guild House on Worple Road, Wimbledon, aims to reduce social isolation and loneliness, help people who are experiencing difficulties and enable older people to be active and healthy.

The services Wimbledon Guild offer includes:

- Transport, benefits and housing support
- Counselling services
- Bereavement support
- Small grants
- Clubs, classes, talks and trips



- HomeFood Café
- Befriending and volunteering

Wimbledon Guild's work in the local community can only continue through the generosity of the general public and rely heavily on donations and support from local people and businesses.

[www.wimbledonguild.co.uk](http://www.wimbledonguild.co.uk)

### **About The King's College School Lodge**

King's College School Lodge was formed at the Hotel Cecil on the Strand on 3rd May 1921 and holds four meetings a year. The lodge has an excellent reputation in the masonic community and is noted for its generous contributions to both Masonic and non-Masonic charities.

To find out more about the Lodge, please visit <http://www.kcslodge.org.uk> or to learn about Freemasonry in Surrey go to <http://www.surreymason.org.uk>

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