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SSAFA boost from Masons



Pictured is Nigel Matthews, chairman of the Association of Brecon Freemasons; Peter James, secretary of the Association of Brecon Freemasons and Mike Lewis, Chairman of SSAFA Powys.

Following a very successful gala dinner held at the City Hall, Cardiff on Saturday, May 24 by the Masonic Province of South Wales, which was attended by 400 guests, at which the Military Wives Choir entertained those present, a sum of over £17,000 was raised for the National Armed Forces Charity, the Soldiers, Sailors, Airmen & Families Association (SSAFA).

On behalf of the gala's festival committee, a cheque for £2,250 was then presented from the overall proceeds to Mike Lewis on behalf of SSAFA Powys, by Nigel Matthews, the chairman of the Association of Brecon Freemasons.

Speaking after the Friday, July 11 cheque presentation at the Masonic Temple, on Cerrigochion Road, Brecon, Mr Matthews said: "Given Brecon's strong association with the military, I am delighted to be able to pass on this sum, to assist those military families who need it".

"The cornerstone of Freemasonry is to assist those in need and we are grateful to be able to continue this tradition."

SSAFA chairman Mike Lewis added: "This was a lovely surprise and a wonderful sum of money from the Freemasons."

"The money will be put to good use in the local community for acts of benevolence to servicemen and women and their families and will also help to keep our small branch up and running."