



Bank Holiday Monday, 4th May 2026, saw a special visit from local Dignitaries to see how the 3 Pillars Dunstable was progressing since its inception in Dunstable in February this year.

The Dunstable Town Mayor, Sally Kimondo was joined by **Assistant Provincial Grand Master of the Bedfordshire Freemasons, Steve Attwood**, the **Deputy Lord Lieutenant of Bedfordshire, Chris Sharwood Smith** and the **Chairman of the 3 Pillars Dunstable, Simon Barter** on a tour of the Dunstable Masonic Centre.

- The guests were invited **to witness** the preparation and cooking of the food for that night's feed, as well as a look at the work that had been carried out on the service vehicle providing the homeless and needy of Dunstable with hot food, clothing, toiletries and sleeping bags as well as help with social services, healthcare and advice on rough sleeping and to meet the support staff who are enabling the Charity to thrive in the Community
- Having toured the **Dunstable Masonic Centre** and having many photo opportunities, it was then all change into casual attire and down to Ashton Square to see the set-up swing into action, to see local Freemasons, as well as other local volunteers, in action serving the Community as well as a chance to meet and engage with the street friends that we have been helping over the last 12 weeks. Happy smiling faces were in abundance with some of our friends already waiting for us to get set up and were then served with a lovely chicken and chickpea stew, with the bonus of hot mince pies which had been donated by a local café.
- Slightly lower in numbers from previous weeks it **did not put off** the wonderful volunteers who continue to turn out every week to set up, serve and strike down the equipment. We had enquiries from 2 new volunteers as well as a donation of 10 x £10 Greggs Food Vouchers from a kind donor.
- There was also a visit from the **founder** of the 3 Pillars Charity, **Ged Dempsey**, who came all the way from Peterborough to support the team and to encourage another Freemason from Enfield who was visiting as they wish to start up a similar project in Middlesex.



- **Sally Kimondo** was impressed with the work that the Charity were carrying out in the Town and how good it was to see Freemasonry taking such a leading role in Community Engagement, helping those less fortunate than themselves.
- **Steve Attwood** said that the work that Simon, his Management Team and Volunteers had carried out in such a short space of time was nothing short of spectacular and only served to display the commitment that Freemasonry had to support their local Community. He said that the current model rolled out in Dunstable was going to, hopefully, be a template for expansion into other areas within Bedfordshire where there was a need.

More information can be found out from the Charities Web Site 3pillarsdunstable.org.uk
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The 3 Pillars Dunstable

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