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## Masons' cash gift for scouts

FREEMASONS have distributed £500 to two scout groups to mark the movement's centenary.

Peter Baker, Master of the Burghley Lodge of Freemasons, presented £250 each to the 2nd Stamford and 6th Stamford Scout groups.

He said: "This is scouting's centenary year so I decided that the money raised by the Lodge this year should go to local groups to purchase equipment.

"Having been a scout myself for 35 years, I know they are always short of money!"

The cheques were received by Young Leader Richard Donnor, of the 2nd Stamford, and John Cowell, leader with the 6th Stamford.

Richard, who is 15, is representing the area at the Centenary Jamboree later this year.