

**Provincial Grand Superintendent of Works**  
**Report for Provincial Grand Lodge 2024**

In this, my first report to Provincial Grand Lodge, I must say that, having worked with my predecessor, WBro Ian Paul, and others in producing a reopening check list as we came out of lockdown, I knew that I have a very hard act to follow.

During the year I have attended many of the halls and had conversations with members of the management teams about their successes and concerns. It is my intention to visit the remainder in the next few months.

As always, increased costs are a huge problem and the recent budget has not helped with increases to labour costs a major concern. The only slight benefit is that the end of the 75% reduction in rates brought in during lockdown, which is due to happen at the end of March, will now be replaced by a 40% reduction. This will still result in a large increase in rates payable. Working with my opposite number in West Lancashire, I am hoping to be able to offer some assistance with this in the near future.

Having been involved for many years in the running of a large and very busy hall, I hope that I can use my experience to assist all the current hard working hall teams. While I may not have all the answers (and who does) I should be able to call on others for their specialist knowledge to resolve most problems so please contact me if you need any form of assistance.

Along with my West Lancashire colleagues, the current and immediate Past Provincial Grand Superintendents, we have started a Lodge for Hall management teams which is open to members in both Provinces and will hold meetings in both the East and West. The aim is to have a venue where teams can meet to discuss items of interest and / or concern and network with others in similar positions.

I am sure that all the management teams will continue to run their halls efficiently and provide the essential home for our Lodges and I look forward to assisting them if or when I can.

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