


<b>Council Meeting</b>	 Market Drayton Town Council
<b>Agenda Item: Seating Area at the bottom of clive steps</b>	
<b>Date: 16 October 2025</b>	
<b>Appendix : CO103</b>	

## **Background**

Following a request from the Clive Masonic Lodge of Market Drayton, Councillor Manton met with their Charity Steward to look at the condition of the seating area at the bottom of clive steps. Following the meeting the following correspondence was received.

## **Correspondence**

At our recent meeting at the bottom of Clive Steps we discussed the proposal below which you kindly agreed to take to council for discussion.

It is our aim once approved , to have the bench made ready for installing early 2026 . However we do not wish to be involved with the removal of the loose brickwork supporting the rotten wood or repoint the red brickwork behind the proposed bench . ( at first glance a few metres at most) . We have also been in discussion with the men's shed group who may be willing to repaint the railings running along phoenix bank . A good town project made better by town folk.

### **Clive Lodge Proposal for improvement of Clive steps area**

The Clive lodge has been a supporter of the town , mainly in the past without fanfare or recognition but more recently it has been more open and has been a supporter of many groups and charities especially relating to the town to include : festival centre, severn hospice, men's club, community car, tennis club, flower club, food bank, girls tiger football, scouts, and many more.

Next year is a big year for the lodge as the Market Drayton Clive Masonic Lodge will have been established 150 years and to mark the occasion will be doing several events ,one of which would be (with approval from the Town Council) to donate to the town a set of metal benches placed at the bottom of Clive steps , an area which recognises Clive of India after whom the Lodge was named in 1876.

The area is in need of slight improvement although not extensive , but the major expense would be the metal benches which is what we wish to donate to the town.

I attach photographs of the area and type of bench provided . We would use a Market Drayton company and would professionally deliver and secure the bench with bolts to the floor.

An inscription will be written along the the bench , something like below depending on bench size “ 150th Anniversary Clive Masonic Lodge Charity 1876-2026”

If you require further information then please just ask and we look forward to marking our 150th Anniversary with something we can all be proud about for the town.

I look forward to hearing from you to allow us time to explain the measurements and fabrication of the benches

Thankyou

Charity Steward  
Clive Masonic Lodge of Market Drayton



### **To consider**

The request from Clive Masonic Lodge of Market to install new metal benches on the seating area at the bottom of clive steps.