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## **PRESS RELEASE**

### **Blackpool Hospital Ward benefits from microwave donation**

FUNDRAISERS from Poulton have helped to improve the experience of patients in hospital with the donation of two microwaves for Blackpool Victoria Hospital's Ward 25.

The Tithebarn Lodge no 8446 in Poulton recently donated the microwave ovens to the ward, as part of its regular charity work.

Previously staff from Ward 25 had to go to Ward 26 to warm up milk for the patients but thanks to the generous donation from the Tithebarn, the housekeeper, David Rafferty can now warm the milk there and then, offering the patients a better, quality service.

David said: "Having the microwaves on the Ward saves me time. I no longer need to go next door to warm up the milk for the teas and coffees, I do it right here.

"I think it is fantastic that we have received this donation because the patients benefit. They get their teas and coffees a lot sooner and the milk is warmer offering them a better service.

Sarah Sloan, ward manager for Ward 25 added: "The microwave donation, by Tithebarn Lodge, is a welcome donation as we were struggling without them for a long time. On behalf of the ward and the patients, I would like to express our heartfelt gratitude for the generous donation."

Clive Gitsham, Worshipful Master for the Tithebarn Lodge said: "We help wherever we can. Each lodge has a group of charities which it supports and it gives us great pleasure to give something that is really needed. We are pleased if we were able to give something that benefits our local hospital's patients."



James Whiteside, Lodge Member, Marian Abela, staff nurse ward 25 and Clive Gitsham, Worshipful Master for the Tithebarn Lodge

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