



BSAP TRUST

Registered Charity 297183

11 Melbourne Rise, Bicton Heath, Shrewsbury, SY3 5DA.

ANNUAL REPORT 2019

The Trust assisted four members with grants during the year.

Additionally, in December, the Trustees provided 103 widows of members with a £25 Marks and Spencer Gift voucher each as a Christmas 'gift'. This was enclosed in the Christmas card that all widows are sent annually. The Trustees intend for that to become an annual practice.

Including the gift vouchers the total expended was £5006.50.

The Trust has been in receipt of two large donations, one of £16,514 from the estate of the late R.L. Muir and one of £25,000 from the Charities Aid Foundation on behalf of an anonymous benefactor.

Despite making extensive enquires here and in South Africa we have been unable to find out anything about Richard Lancaster Muir apart from a suggestion he was in the Police Reserve stationed at Victoria Falls where he may have worked for Air Rhodesia. Richard died in a care home in Scotland in August 2018. He was not a member of the UK Branch and the solicitor handling his estate says he does not seem to have any family.

The Trust relies to a very great extent on donations and the Trustees do urge members to remember the Trust when drawing a will. Tony Granger will be happy to provide advice and assistance to any member wishing to leave a donation.

As well as making grants assistance has also been given to members for debt relief.

The accounts show a healthy balance sheet. The Trustees increased the investment in a Sanlam Investment account and the year-end annual statement suggests a yield of 2.86%.

The Trustees have met and corresponded regularly and are making use of the new technology to enable meetings by video conferencing.

The current year, 2020, will be challenging for many members because of the economic problems caused by the lockdown. The Trustees repeat that which they said in their recent circular that the Trust stands ready to assist members who are facing hardship caused by the lockdown. One member has already been so helped. Members should not hesitate to contact the Almoner if they learn of a member in distress. All applications are treated in strict confidence unless the recipient says otherwise.

My thanks as always to my fellow Trustees for the time they take attending to Trust matters and to our patron.

Alan Toms
Chairman of Trustees

Trustees: Alan Toms, James Harris, Tony Granger
Patron of the Trust: Field Marshal The Lord Walker of Aldringham GCB CMG CBE DL