

BSAP TRUST

Registered Charity 297183

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

ANNUAL REPORT 2017

I have to start this report by paying tribute to one of our Trustees who passed away earlier this year, Fred Punter.

Fred had been a Trustee since 2009, replacing the late Tim Weimer when he resigned. Fred gave the BSAP Trust the same full commitment that he gave to all matters BSAP attending Trustees meetings and contributing his very considerable wisdom and common sense to all discussions and deliberations on applications to the Trust for assistance. Fred was particularly interested in the care and welfare of those members who had suffered during the Bush War. Thank you Fred, we shall miss your sage advice and good humour very much.

Tony Granger has taken Fred's place as Trustee.

The year also saw the passing of the last of the original signatories to the Deed of Trust, 5934 Fred Mason who died in July. Fred Mason, together with Mike Leach and Tim Weimer had the foresight in 1987 to realise that promises and assurances regarding pensions given at the time of an independent Zimbabwe were unlikely to be maintained which would cause hardship for former members of the BSAP. Accordingly they set up the Trust to provide assistance to members who might be so affected. It proved a very wise decision.

The Trust has had a very quiet year with no applications for assistance being received. Members are urged to remember that the Trust is there to assist those members and dependants who are in distress through sickness and poverty and to advise the Almoner if they have knowledge of a member they feel could be assisted.

Donations to the Trust were received from a raffle held at the South West Regional Gathering and from the Martin and Sally Powis following the sale of a picture. Thanks to all who contributed.

The daughter of 4368 David Allan donated £70 following a collection at David's funeral.

The Trustees have kept the Trust's investment funds under review and have made changes to the portfolio with a view to increase the investment income. These changes will be reflected in next year's accounts.

My thanks as always to my fellow Trustees for their commitment and time in dealing with the Trust's affairs and to Lord Walker for his continued patronage.

Alan Toms	
Chairman of Trustees	
	8th May 2018



BSAP TRUST

Registered Charity 297183

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