



BSAP TRUST

Providing Benevolence to the Members of the United Kingdom Branch

ANNUAL REPORT 2020

The Trust made grants during the year totalling £9,731, assisting members in a number of ways, including the purchase of a mobility scooter, a shed for a wheelchair, assistance to support a one man business until Government covid relief became available.

The annual exercise to send gift vouchers to widows at Christmas once again took place and the Trustees thank those who organised and assisted in the exercise, the total cost being £2,475.

The trustees welcome Helen Tate as Treasurer and thank her for preparing the accounts which you will have seen on the website. The accounts show that the Trust assets remain healthy. There has been a slight decrease in total assets due to an increase in grants made.

The accounts were once again expertly audited and certified by Peter Phillips, thanks to him for his time and advice.

The Trustees also undertook an exercise to update the gift aid certificates for those members who donate to the Trust. This allows for a claim for a tax refund at 25p for each pound donated to be made on HMRC.

The exercise attracted additional donations from those returning their completed Gift Aid declaration forms which were gratefully received as were generous donations from the family and estates of the late Peter Dancer and Virginia 'Ginny' Forrest.

Members considering making bequests in their will to the Trust can receive advice from Tony Granger.

The gift aid exercise also revealed some confusion amongst members as to the separation of the Association and the Trust particularly over the question of donations to the Trust and subscriptions to the Association. To try and remedy this and also clarify the distinction the Trustees have set up a website dedicated to the Trust, www.bsaptrust.org where members will find full information as to the BSAP Trust, its history and purpose. Donations to the Trust, one off or regular payments can be made using the 'Donor Box' app on the site. Gift aid declarations can also be downloaded.

The Trust has also set up its own PayPal account, trust@bsapuk.org.

There is also a confidential email provision to enable members to contact the Almoner or Trustees directly to discuss assistance for themselves or others.

To try and further increase income the BSAP Trust is now registered with Amazon Smile and Give as You Live. Members making online purchases using Amazon Smile or those companies registered with Give as You live, such as Marks and Spencer, Boots, John Lewis can nominate the BSAP Trust to

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The Trustees have met regularly throughout the year using the facilities of Google Meet.

Although it did not take place until early 2021 it should be mentioned that the recent exercise undertaken to contact all members revealed a number who are having difficulties during lockdown carrying out what previously they regarded as mundane everyday tasks such as shopping, medical appointments, vaccinations and so on. They do not necessarily have the wherewithal for cab fares or other expenses. The Trustees agreed to set aside a small portion of the assets to provide grants of £75 to those members so affected. These grants are made without the usual formalities having to be made.

My thanks as always to my fellow Trustees for the time and attention they give to the affairs of the Trust, and to our patron.

Alan Toms
Chairman of Trustees

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