



BSAP TRUST

Providing Benevolence to the Members of the United Kingdom Branch

ANNUAL REPORT 2021

The Trust made grants during the year totalling £5328.72. This included an amount of £600 for grants for Covid Relief and £2437 for the widows Christmas vouchers

Donations included £55 in memory of Alan Lane and the Trustees are grateful to all who have donated and continue to make regular payments to the Trust.

Total payments of £25.93 were received as a result of purchases made using the Amazon Smile facility. This facility enables the Trust to receive an amount from purchases made online using Amazon.

The Trust is also registered with 'Give as You Live' another facility that provides an amount from purchases made from some 5,500 retailers. Members are urged to register with these facilities and select the BSAP Trust as their preferred charity when making purchases. The Trust can raise money from your shopping and purchases all at no extra cost to you. Details are available on the Trust website at www.bsaptrust.org or contact any Trustee.

The accounts show the Trust assets are in good shape and our thanks go to Helen Tate for her very competent management of the Trust finances and accounts preparation. Also thanks to Peter Philips for auditing and certifying the accounts and for his ready provision of advice and assistance to the Trustees in the management of the Trust.

Jim Harris resigned as a Trustee during the year. Jim became a Trustee in 2010 on the recommendation of Fred Punter. Jim has over the years made a very valuable contribution to operation of the Trust and his actions as a Trustee have assisted many members in hardship. Jim resigned because he feels his role as Trustee can sometimes conflict with his role as Chairman of the Branch, a position we fully understand. The Trustees thank him and hope we can continue to co-operate with him and the committee in the provision of benevolence to members of the UK Branch.

Jim has been replaced as Trustee by Anthony Murphy. Anthony is a Notary and Solicitor based in the Isle of Man. He has been a member of the UK Branch for nine years. Anthony has advised on the drafting of the 2016 constitution and has been Standing Secretary of the Constitutional College. The Trustees welcome him to the Trust and look forward to his contribution to its affairs.

The Trustees are continually seeking ways to assist Branch members who find themselves in difficulties. The covid relief grants have now closed but the Trustees are discussing the provision of grants for members badly affected by the anticipated rise in the cost of living and the increase in energy bills. Further details will be provided in due course.

Members are also asked to ensure that should they be eligible for social security payments, pension credits etc., that they are claiming the full amount of their entitlements. The trust website has a link to the Age UK website where information concerning the benefits available can be found. The Almoner and assistants can advise and assist in making claims.

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The Trustees also remind members of the benefits of completing Lasting Powers of Attorney. Member Chris Tate has offered his services in this regard and the Trustees have agreed to assist with the associated costs.

The Trustees are also considering the provision of 'bursaries' for educational courses or apprenticeships for members or their immediate families. Again, further details in due course.

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 for his continuing support

Alan Toms
Chairman of Trustees

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