



BSAP TRUST

Providing Benevolence to the Members of the United Kingdom Branch

ANNUAL REPORT 2022

The Trust made grants during the year totalling £18,539.74, an increase of £13,211.02 or 248% from 2021.

Grants made included £2456.50 for the Widows Christmas Gift Vouchers and £5,250 in cost of living grants which does give an indication of the need for the provision of benevolence to the members. The Trustees have resolved that the provision of costs of living grants will continue.

Donations totalled £3272.80 a modest increase of only £1300.

Our thanks go to those who have donated to the Trust in one way or another and in particular to those thirty or so members who make regular donations to the Trust. Their support is very much appreciated and the Trustees sincerely hope that support will continue.

The Annual Report for 2021 made mention of ways in which the Trustees endeavour to assist those members in need of support such as Cost of Living Grants and also that discussions were taking place on the establishment of a bursary award scheme.

I am pleased to say that those discussions have resulted in the creation of a Funders Bursary Award scheme whereby the sum of £10,000 is set aside each year "to provide a bursary or bursaries to assist in the education or career advancement of those awarded".

One such award has already been made which, in the words of the recipient, "will considerably improve her life and livelihood, which will enable her to sustain and improve the quality of life for her and her Son, by giving her a formal qualification and professional skills."

The Trustees very much hope that other applications will be forthcoming.

I now move on to the question of raising funds for the Trust.

The Trustees have become concerned that if the level of grants continues at the same level in coming years the Trust funds will become depleted sooner rather than later. For that reason the Trustees are proposing an annual amount of Member's annual subscription to the Association is credited to the Trust. Full details of the proposal and the reasons for it are detailed in the agenda and separate documents provided.

It is felt that even if this proposal is accepted there will be a need for additional fund raising and the Trustees are exploring further ways this may be achieved and would welcome any assistance members might give in assisting in that regard.

One easy way of achieving this would be to subscribe to the 'Give as You Live' scheme, full details available on the Trust website www.bsaptrust.org, enabling members to nominate the BSAP Trust as their charity when shopping at numerous shops to receive an amount of the cost of their purchase.

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Perhaps some of the more fit and able members or their children might undertake the London Marathon or similar events to raise funds for the Trust? There has been an example of this in 2016 when member Peter Coombs ran in the London to Brighton Endurance Race raising £2000 for the Trust.

The Trustees have met regularly and my thanks go to them for their support and contributions.

Our Treasurer Helen Tate has once again rendered sterling service in handling the financial affairs of the Trust and our thanks go to her as also to our auditor Peter Phillips and to our Patron for his continued support during the year, particularly with the Founder's Bursary Award scheme which he judged as 'excellent'.

Alan Toms
Chairman of Trustees

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