



BSAP TRUST

Registered Charity 287183

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

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The Trust continued its activities during the year making grants totalling £2140 following four requests for assistance.

In addition, using his professional financial expertise, Tony Granger was able to negotiate debt reduction programmes for a number of members in financial difficulties resulting in savings to them of £9,137 and we thank him for doing that.

Unfortunately Tony had to stand down as a Trustee but will continue to be involved with the Trust as "Trustee Co-ordinator". Tony was replaced as a Trustee by Jim Harris who has already contributed to the Trust activities.

The Trustees have met during the year and keep in regular contact by email

Dan Hughes stood down as Treasurer and has been replaced by Lin Robertson.

Ted Ayers-Hunt is standing down as Almoner to be replaced by Peter Biddulph. The Trustees thank Ted for his work and the assistance he gave in preparing grant applications.

The Trust's financial position remains sound, as will be seen from the attached accounts.

4332 Peter Short and 9486 David Luscombe left generous bequests to the Trust in their wills and we are grateful to them for remembering the Trust. The Trust also benefited from a donation following a request from the family of 3531 Jim Cave for donations in lieu of flowers at his funeral to be made to the Trust.

The Executive Committee of the Association decided in September that it would no longer accept donations to the Trust as payment of the annual membership subscription to the Association. A letter was circulated to that effect to all members who gift aid (formerly known as covenanting) their Association subscriptions to the Trust asking that they either change their payment from the Trust to the Association or make an additional annual payment to the Association. The result of that exercise is awaited. The Trustees will be conducting a further exercise later this year to review the Gift Aid situation and ask those members who do donate by way of the Gift Aid scheme to review their personal position regarding Gift Aid and complete new forms where necessary.

The Trustees thank the Patron, Lord Walker and the membership for their continued support of the Trust.

Finally, a reminder that the Trust operates in terms of its Deed of Trust, is supervised by the Charity Commissioners, and has as its object the provision of assistance and support to those members of the UK Branch and their dependants who are distressed by sickness or poverty. However, it can only provide that assistance and support if the Trustees are made aware of a need and members are urged to tell the Almoner should they feel they or another member or dependant could benefit from Trust assistance.

.....Alan. Toms, Chairman of the Trustees

Trustees: Alan Toms, Fred Punter, James Harris, **Trustee Co-ordinator:** Tony Granger
Patron of the Trust: General The Lord Walker of Aldringham GCB CMG CBE DL