



**St George's Police
Children Trust**

**Impact Report
2018/19**

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Welcome from our CEO Patrick Cairns and our President Baroness Harris of Richmond

Please take a few minutes to read the St George's Police Children Trust Impact Report for 2018/19 which is full of the detail of the work that the Trust does in supporting our many beneficiaries.

As well as the normal range of grants that we have always provided, in 2018 we introduced new benefits. Over the last 12 months we have paid out larger sums of money to new beneficiaries and supported children and young people with grants for driving lessons and for counselling. This has all been part of our policy to modernise the Trust, and the support that it provides.

One of the biggest changes to the Trust in 2018, was that for the first time ever, we provided financial support when the partner of one of our donors dies. We have already supported some young people in these circumstances; some of the stories to be honest are heart breaking. However, it always gives all of us who are associated with St George's a real sense of privilege, that we have been able to provide some extra financial support to our young beneficiaries at very traumatic times in their lives.

In 2018, we were also fortunate to host the final reunion of the St George's Old Boys and Girls. We were honoured to meet these men and women and hear their fantastic stories of good times. We hope that they will continue

to keep in touch with each other and everyone at SGPCT.

It is important that officers donate to SGPCT and that their families are aware of the support offered. We genuinely would like to help all Police Families who would benefit from the support of the Trust; however this help is generally confined to our donors. It is therefore always very disappointing to discover that when we thought we were going to be in the position to help a new potential beneficiary, that we are not in fact able to do so, as their parent was not a donor to St George's.

Thank you all for your support this year, and can we close by encouraging all of you who are not current donors to sign up as soon as possible to ensure that when your children and colleagues need financial support and help from the Trust, that we are able to provide it.



Patrick Cairns DL, MA, BA (Hons)
CEO



Baroness Harris of Richmond DL,
President

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The St George's Police Children Trust is a registered charity which provides support to Police Families by helping ease the financial pressures of bringing up children in the face of life-changing circumstances.

These circumstances could include the loss either parent (whether or not they are a Serving or Retired Police Officer) or when a Police Officer parent is unable to earn an income due to injury or illness, sustained on or off duty.

Support from the Charity can provide a degree of financial certainty in difficult times and is provided for on or off duty incident to families of forces in the North of England, North Wales, Northern Ireland and Scotland who donate to the Trust.

SGPCT Vision

Support and care for St George's Police Children Trust Beneficiaries following the death or incapacitation of their Police Officer parent or the death of their parent's partner.

SGPCT Mission Statement

To provide present and future financial and other support to St George's Police Children Trust beneficiaries.

SGPCT Values

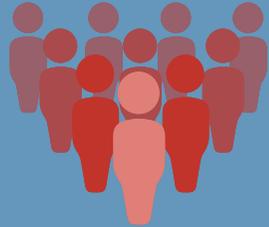
- ▶ Always put our beneficiaries at the heart of our work.
- ▶ Actively seek out new beneficiaries.
- ▶ Continue to support all beneficiaries in an open and transparent way.
- ▶ Deal with all new and existing applications in a sensitive manner.



The Year at a Glance



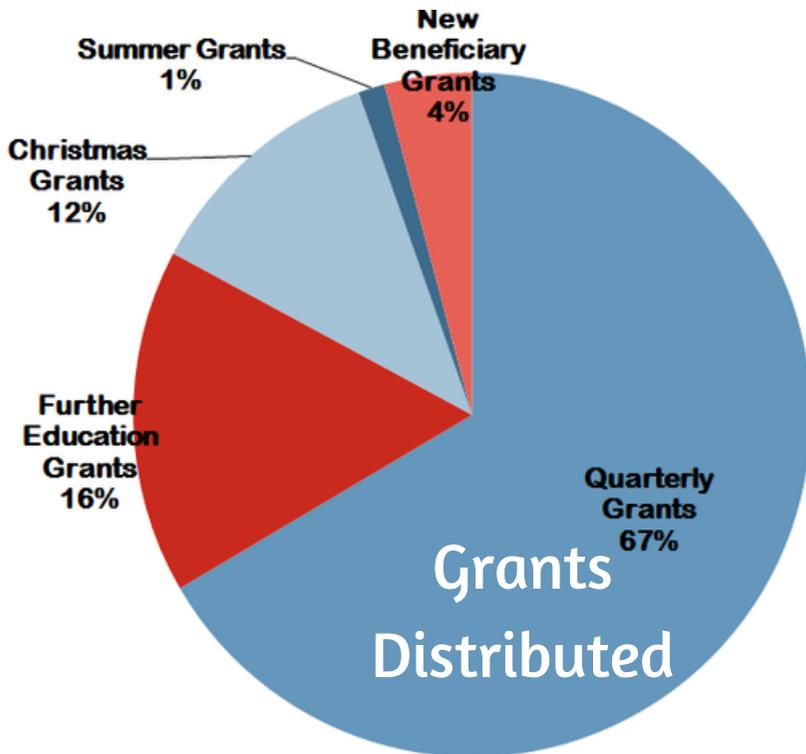
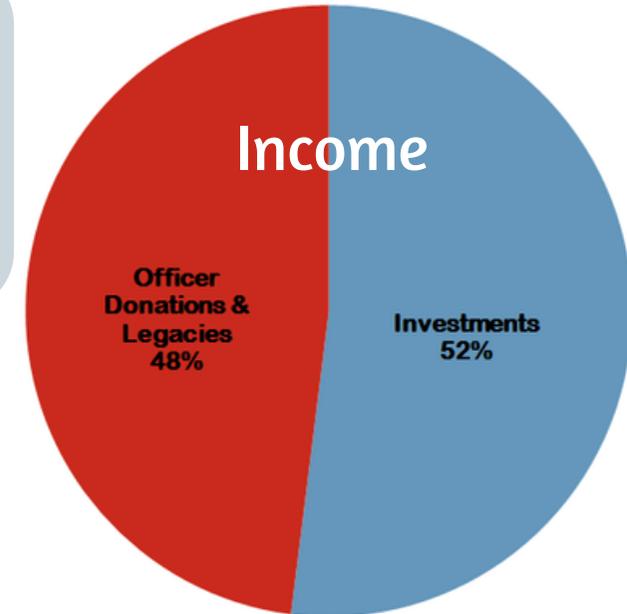
81 grants provided to beneficiaries



228 Beneficiaries



31 stays at St George's House



18 Driving Lesson Grants Provided of up to £1,000 per child

3 Counselling Grants Provided of up to £1,000 per child



5 family passes to Stockeld Park given to beneficiaries

St George's Old Boys & Girls Final Reunion

The Northern Police Orphanage was founded in 1898 by Miss Catherine Gurney OBE, for the care of police force children who had lost one or both of their parents.

From 1898 when the first child was welcomed to St George's, until, due to the declining number of children in need, its closure in 1956; the home supported 644 children.

In 1955 St George's Fund was set up providing weekly allowances to Police Officers' children. This allowance was used to provide "support, maintenance, education and advancement in life" until a young person left full time education. This was entirely funded by the subscription from members of the Police Force. This fund eventually became St George's Police Children Trust which continues to provide support to Police Officer families to this day.

2018 marked the final reunion of the St George's Old Boys and Girls. The Old Boys and Girls have been attending reunions at the Majestic Hotel in Harrogate for over 50 years. The meal at the Majestic is always followed by a trip down memory lane held at The Police Treatment Centres, Harrogate.

Over 20 Old Boys and Girls attended the 2018 final reunion, and were joined by prestigious guests including Baroness Angela Harris, Guy Fawkes, Lord and Lady Mountgarret and the Mayor of Harrogate

Borough Council. The ancestors of both Guy Fawkes and The Mountgarrets were involved in the early committees that ran and supported the children's home. SGPCT is proud that we have been able to support the reunions of St George's Old Boys and Girls and continue to support our Police Family.

"Our final reunion is only the end of a chapter. SGPCT continues to look after children and young people who find themselves in difficult and tragic circumstances, very similar to the circumstances I found myself in almost 75 years ago.

SGPCT has already helped hundreds of children and I know that it will continue to do so."

Eddie Drummond, St George's Old Boys



New Grants for St George's Beneficiaries

In January 2018 the Trustees at SGPCT agreed to a number of changes and additional benefits available with immediate effect.

The trust made significant change to increase the support offered in an effort to adapt to the ever changing policing landscape. In order to offer this extra provision the weekly donation rate increased from 20 pence to 35 pence per week or £1.50 per month.

This increase allowed the Trust to expand its eligibility to include children of Police families where the partner of a Police Officer parent has lost their life.

In addition, the Registration Grant has been renamed the New Beneficiary Grant and the provision increased from £100 to £1,000 per child to provide more immediate financial relief for those families applying for support.

A new Driving Lesson Grant of up to £1,000 per child has been made available to beneficiaries from the age of 17-25. A new Child Counselling Grant is also available to all beneficiaries who wish to access counselling.

This support is offered at up to £1,000 per child and can be accessed at any time up to the age of 25.

The Trust are pleased that we have been able to offer this additional support to our beneficiaries with a minimum increase to monthly donations made by Officers.

Throughout 2018 18 Driving Lesson Grants were accessed and 3 families accessed Child Counselling Grants; we are pleased that the Trust have been able to offer this immediate support to those families in need.

We hope that we are able to continue to meet the changing needs of the Police Family through the support that the Trust offers



Charlotte & Sally's Story



Charlotte is the daughter of PC David Brentnall, of West Mercia Constabulary, who sadly lost his battle with cancer when Charlotte was just four years old.

Sally Brentnall, David's widow, has been receiving help from St George's Police Children's Trust since David's death in 2005.

Sally and Charlotte have not only received the weekly child maintenance grant, but have also accessed other support provided by the Trust. In particular, an ex-gratia grant for Charlotte to complete her Gold Duke Of Edinburgh Award.

Charlotte's ex-gratia grant was used to help fund bronze, silver and gold practice and qualifying expeditions. The gold award required her to walk 50k in the challenging hills of the Lake District over four days carrying a full 65 litre rug sack.

Sally explained ; *'Charlotte had benefitted so much from the award but I had been struggling a bit with the expense despite trying to keep costs down and I knew that Charlotte would need specialist kit.*

I work part-time and receive a widow's pension from the police, but St George's Trust really helped with this additional cost and to help Charlotte achieve her goals.'

Charlotte recently finished her expedition and thoroughly enjoyed it!

Charlotte has said; *"I am really grateful that I have been given the opportunity to develop and to build my confidence which will help provide me with a brighter future."*

Sally reiterated Charlotte's message; *"I am so grateful for the support of the St Georges Police Children Trust. Bringing up Charlotte as a single mum has been both lonely and challenging, but having the monthly financial support has been a godsend.*

Now she is stretching my finances even more with these extra-curricular activities, it's meant I have been able to back her with the Trusts help to enable her to successfully take on these exciting challenges and as a result she is developing into an ambitious, independent, well rounded individual. Thank you St George's, we couldn't have done it without you."

Employees and Trustees

The St George's Police Children Trust is governed by a Board of Trustees. The Board provides strategic guidance through business planning; agrees and sets an annual budget; and monitors activity and service provision through regular reports on service delivery, the annual Business Plan and annual budget.

Our Trustees are drawn from England, Wales, Northern Ireland and Scotland police staff associations.

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The Future

The Trust has sustained its growth throughout 2018 and we hope that 2019 will continue this trend.

We have worked hard throughout 2018 to ensure that as many Police Officers, Federations and Forces are aware of the support that St George's Police Children Trust can offer those families in need.

We have worked equally hard to ensure that our current beneficiaries are up to date and informed about the range of new benefits that the Trust were able to offer in 2018.

We are pleased that our beneficiaries have taken advantage of the new grants available to them from January 2018 and we hope that the Trust can provide this support to many more families. We also hope that the extension of our eligibility criteria to include children where the partner of the Police Officer parent has lost their life will mean that we are able to support more families over the coming years.

In addition, our established benefits such as the ex-gratia grant continue to be well-used by beneficiaries. In 2018 and 2019 so far, these grants have been used for such things as a Scout Jamboree to America, a specialist laptop for a Product Design Engineering degree and a Dentistry Elective to the Philippines.

St George's House in Harrogate was also well used by beneficiaries throughout 2018. We are pleased that the Trust are able to offer this provision, and provide some much needed respite to Police Families.

In addition, St George's House is also available for members of the Police Family to use as a holiday home. The Trust are able to offer this at a significantly discounted rate for the Police Family, and would encourage as many as possible to take advantage of this fantastic offer into 2019.

Throughout 2019 we will continue to ensure that as many Officers at all levels are aware of the work of the charity. It is vital that we retain close channels of communications with Police Federations and Police Forces to ensure that we are notified that a family may need the support of the Trust.

Thank you for your support during 2018, and we hope that this will continue in the years to come.







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