



Providing a helping hand if the unimaginable happens

Impact Report 2016

Message from our CEO – Patrick Cairns

This is the first impact report produced by the St George's Police Children Trust and looks at the work undertaken during 2016 and the impact that has had on the lives of our beneficiaries and their families.

2016 was a challenging year in which the Trust undertook a nationwide campaign to increase awareness of the trust and its work, and of what it offers together with a recruitment campaign. This proved to be successful and resulted in some new beneficiaries receiving support.

Sadly any beneficiary that comes to the Trust has suffered a tragic bereavement of their police parent or they have had

to retire for medical reasons. This year was no different and we have been able to provide valuable support to children of police parents who have died on duty, been struck down by life changing and life ending illnesses, and medical retirements for both physical and psychological conditions.

There is always a degree of sadness associated with our work because of the human impact that a tragedy has the families and children of our police beneficiaries, but all of us who work for the Trust are hugely proud to do so, and we will continue to work tirelessly to improve its visibility and ensure that we are supporting all entitled children.



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How We Can Help

We try to ease the financial pressures of bringing up a family when life changing circumstances such as the loss of a police officer parent or an injury or illness means they can no longer work.

Financial support is provided by the Charity to help the children of Police Officers throughout their school years and in many cases, into further education. More than 300 children are supported every year.

Support is of a financial nature and may range from a weekly allowance for each child in the family, support through further and higher education, and

in 2016 The Trust made an ex-gratia grant to fund a young person with their web design course.

While no amount of money can replace a parent, support from the Trust can provide a degree of financial certainty in difficult times.

We now also offer a one week's respite stay at our holiday home in Harrogate to all beneficiaries and subsequent visits at discounted rates. Our holiday home aims to provide an opportunity for families to come together and escape the stresses they might be facing at home.



How we can Help

Our Vision

Support and care for St George's Police Children Trust beneficiaries when the absence of their parent through death or incapacitation is most keenly felt.

Our Mission Statement

To provide financial and other support to the St George's Police Children Trust beneficiaries in their time of need.

Our Values:

- Always put our beneficiaries at the centre 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.



Year at a Glance



Increase in Grants Given Out

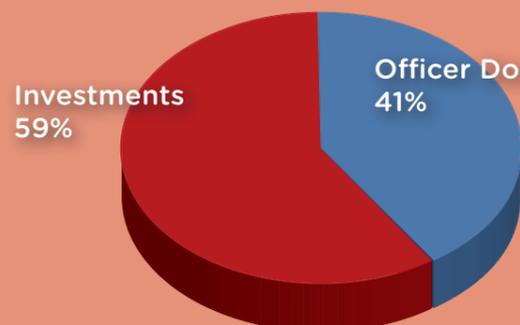


Children Supported in 2016

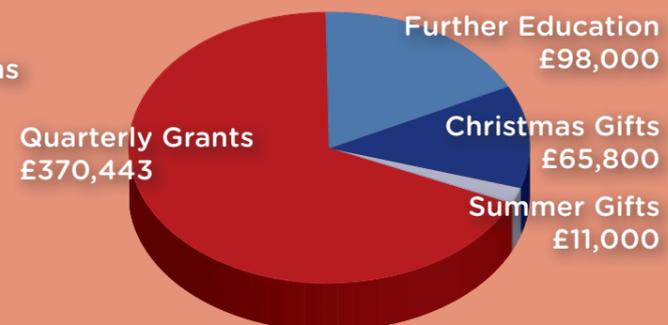


Weeks respite in our holiday home during 2016

Income & Expenditure



2016 Income



2016 Grants Distributed



Support our DONOR RECRUITMENT CAMPAIGN

Awareness Campaign

The year began with the launch of our national donor recruitment **#helpinghand** campaign. We received some incredible support from our friends at the federation and doors were opened up helping us achieve a force representation in many cases too.

Thank you for your support with this campaign and in attracting new Donors. Based on the information we have had back from forces, we have been able to estimate that the campaign and recent surge in recruitment has attracted nearly 1000 new donors to date. As you can see your support has made a big difference, and will continue allowing Police Families access to financial support if the unimaginable happens.



+1000 donors



+15 new families totalling 31 new beneficiaries



+10 applications for further education grants

Whilst this is a magnificent effort we have still unfortunately seen an overall drop in numbers due to the number of officers retiring in 2016 who were donating. Demographics show that this group of officers seem to be greater in numbers for our St George's donors and as such a problem that is most likely to continue.

As we move forward, we will continue to look for new opportunities to promote to officers and do hope we can continue to ask for your support.



Case Study: Meet Elke

“My husband Martin was a fit and healthy Lothian & Borders officer, stationed in Bonnyrigg near Edinburgh. We had been together ever since we were 21.

In 2005 our son Alex was born. In 2008, our daughter Olivia. Little did we know he would not be here to see her celebrate her first birthday... He died four days before from a totally unexpected heart attack, aged only 34. No previous symptoms, no family history. We were devastated. We still miss him every day, even though I was lucky and found new love. John and I moved in together with our seven kids (that’s seven kids between us, none together) in 2011, but that meant losing my police pension and my widowed parent allowance. When I got diagnosed

with breast cancer in 2012, John quit his job to look after the children, as I was too weak on chemotherapy. My little ones were 3 and 6 at the time. Luckily I have fully recovered now (fingers crossed), and married John in 2014. We are still rebuilding our lives and our businesses - we are now both self-employed.

The support we receive from the St George’s Police Children Trust helps us to make special memories with and for our children, like taking them all camping or having special days out. Thank you so, so much St George’s Police Children Trust!”

Elke Thompson, formerly Barber, widow to Martin Charles Barber 20/7/74 - 22/4/09. RIP.



The Future

The Trust has created a stable footing from which to move forward and provide financial support to children of police officers that have lost that parent. The Trust has two major key objectives for 2017 which includes:

- To review the donation rate to ensure the Trust has sufficient funds for the future to ensure the current grants to

beneficiaries. Alongside this review the Trust will look at additional support that it can provide to those beneficiaries.

- The Trust will continue its awareness and recruitment campaign to ensure that it is reaching all children that are entitled to support.



Employees & Trustees

The St George's Police Children Trust charity 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 both England and Wales and Scotland police staff associations.

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