



**Providing a helping hand if the unimaginable happens**

# Impact Report 2017/18

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# Welcome from our CEO

## Patrick Cairns

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Please take a moment to read the St George's Police Children Trust Impact Report for 2017/18. It is full of case studies and statistics relating to how we have helped our beneficiaries both new and old in 2017 and 2018, and the support that we have been able to provide.

As you look through the report however, I would ask you to think more deeply than the statistics and try to imagine the real people behind those numbers. The children and young people who have lost a parent or seen that parent medically retire from a job they loved, and who SGPCT have been able to offer some measure of financial support, which might not otherwise have been there without the support of the Trust.

I would encourage all of you who are not current donors to SGPCT to please sign up. It remains an outstanding charity that provides an unparalleled range of financial grants and support to children and young people when the unimaginable

happens, and all for the cost of literally pennies each week.

Although not the subject of this report, I am also delighted to confirm that SGPCT will continue to build on its success into the future.

From the 1<sup>st</sup> of January 2018 we have expanded the existing benefits that we currently provide, and introduced a number of new ones that we are sure will go even further in aiding our beneficiaries. Full details of these changes are available on our website.

We would be delighted if we did not have any new beneficiaries this year, but we know from experience that this is unlikely to be the case. So can I end by encouraging all of you to sign up to SGPCT, to share the work covered in this Impact Report and to encourage as many of your colleagues as possible to donate to it as well.



# Providing a helping hand if the unimaginable happens

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 of a Police Officer parent or an injury or illness sustained on or off duty that means that they can no longer work.

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

## SGPCT 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.

## SGPCT Mission Statement

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

## SGPCT 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.



# 2017: The Year at a Glance

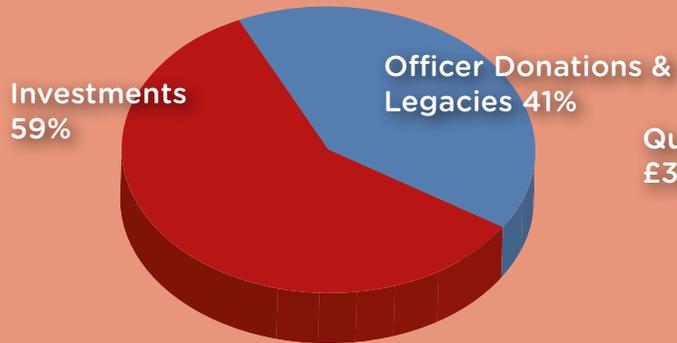


**Beneficiaries Supported in 2017**

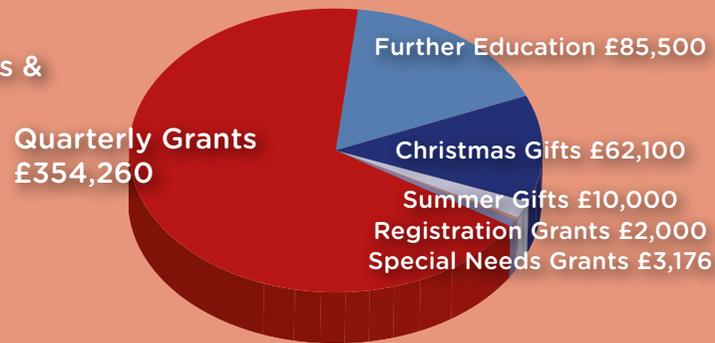


**Weeks spent in St Georges Holiday Home during 2017**

## Income & Expenditure



**2017 Income**



**2017 Grants Distributed**



# Beneficiary Experience: Jon King

Jon King was a Staffordshire Police Officer for 27 years. Jon is a current beneficiary of St George's Police Children Trust and explains the help he has received from the Trust.

'We had been called to a disturbance in a house, where ambulance crews thought that a gentleman was harming himself. He would not open the door and my Inspector began to smash the door open. As the door opened he began shooting at us, the first shot went directly into my right eye. I hadn't realised I had been shot at first, and thought that as my Inspector had been hitting the door, the door handle had flown off and hit me in the eye.

It was like being hit with a hammer and I realised that I had lost the sight in my eye; I was fed up.

Over the next few months I was told that I could maybe work in the office. But I was concerned that something may happen to the sight in my other eye. I did not want to be in that situation and made the decision to retire.

When I received my first wage slip, I was about £1,000 a month worse off. I knew that I wasn't going to work but I knew that I needed to find a financial answer.

I have four children and the Trust provides a weekly allowance for each of them. We also get an allowance at Christmas, which is a huge help. When I took the wage drop I was worried that Christmas would be a struggle; Christmas is never easy for any parent, but this help makes a huge difference.

It was also a relief to learn that the Trust will support my children should they wish to go to University.

We have also stayed in the holiday home in Harrogate; we went with the children for a long weekend, which was really really good. We are allowed to do that once a year and it is like being able to afford an extra holiday.

I never thought it would be me who would be a beneficiary; I never thought that I would get injured. I thought that my donations would pay for other officers

facing bleak times. I am very grateful that I paid into the Trust and the help that myself and my family have received has given me a more positive outlook.'



# St George's House Holiday Home

St George's House is a holiday home located in the grounds of St Andrews, Harrogate and is predominantly for SGPCT beneficiaries.

It is hoped the holiday home provides a useful place for families to come together and escape from the pressures at home.

SGPCT beneficiaries are able to have one week free respite stay and this can be at any time on an annual basis.

The property is self-catering and comes fully equipped with children's play area, kitchen and dining area, beautiful gardens

and Wi-Fi throughout.

After the current beneficiaries have taken their opportunity to access the home, it then becomes available to the rest of the Police Family.

For those that wish to stay at St George's prices are very competitive; with prices from £300 for a full week and £200 for weekends.

St George's house continues to be a safe haven for those families wishing to spend time together, away from the burdens of everyday life.

*Thank you for our stay in the holiday home. It was a very safe, clean and spacious cottage with everything you could need.*



*Our stay at St George's gave us some time to spend together as a family away from all the hassle & stresses of everyday life.*





# Fundraising Heroes



A team of GMP Police Officers took part in the Liverpool Half Marathon on Sunday 2 April 2017. This was the first time any of the Officers had undertaken such an event and did so to raise funds for the St George's Police Children Trust.

Lyndsey Watson-Perry and her husband Andy Watson-Perry, and her two GMP



colleagues, Ian Deary and Lee Jamieson, wanted to get fit at the same time as raising funds for a worthy "Police Family" charity.

*'The three of us have lost colleagues both on and off duty and it leaves the children needing so much support and this charity ensures they are given opportunities to fulfil their potential in times of such adversity. You also only have to be reminded of the high profile murders of Nicola and Fiona within GMP and Dave Phillips and Neil Doyle within Merseyside to appreciate the heightened danger Police Officers now face.'*

**The team have raised an outstanding £915.73 for St George's Police Children Trust.**

Peter Henson, SGPCT Treasurer, took part in the Great Manchester Run on Sunday 28 May 2017.

Peter thoroughly enjoyed the challenge and ran his personal best.

Peter adds, *'I wanted to say thank you for all your donations in respect of my charity run for SGPCT. I ran a personal best time of 53:54. The event itself was brilliant, thousands of people turned out in a show of strength and support, and the Police Officers on duty were applauded and held in high esteem by all.'*

**Peter has raised an amazing £1,466.38 for St George's Police Children Trust.**

# 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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<b>Iain Spittal</b>	National Police Chiefs' Council
<b>Karl Thurogood</b>	Greater Manchester Police
<b>Darren Townsend</b>	British Transport Police
<b>Lisa Winward</b>	National Police Chiefs' Council
<b>Steve Wouldhave</b>	Police Federation of England and Wales

# The Future



The Trust has sustained its growth throughout 2017 and we hope that 2018 will continue on this trend.

During the summer of 2017 SGPCT launched a survey to help shape the future support provided by the Trust. The Trust was considering possible expansions to the services provided to beneficiaries.

The Board of Trustees met at the end of 2017 to consider changes put forward, and ultimately agreed to these proposals.

In order to offer increased provision, the weekly donation rate to the SGPCT will increase on 1 January 2018 from 20pence to 35pence per week. This will enable the Trust to be financially viable over the next few years and allow the Trust to improve the support and service to the wider Police Family.

The eligibility will be widened to include children of Police Families where the partner of the Police Officer parent has lost their life. The Trustees understand that the death of either parent impacts

the family and therefore support should be offered in this instance.

The Registration Grant, is to be renamed the New Beneficiary Grant, and increased from £100 per child to £1000 per child in order to provide more immediate financial relief. Two new grants will also be introduced, based on the feedback from current beneficiaries. These include a Driving Lesson Grant, available from the age of 17 to 25, to the sum of £1,000 per child. In addition, a Child Counselling Grant will offer financial support to all beneficiaries who wish to access counselling. This support can be accessed at any time up to the age of 25, and again will be to the sum of £1,000.

2018 will see the introduction of new benefits and the expansion of the Trust. It is important that the Trust works hard to promote the benefits, update the current beneficiaries and also advertise the changes to constituency forces and federations.



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