



St Lazarus Charitable Trust Newsletter

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From the Chairman

It is with great pleasure that I welcome you to this second edition of the Newsletter. You will find details of the work supported by the Charitable Trust last year. The current year, 2016, is expected to be a notable one in that we expect to hit the £1,000,000 mark in our charitable giving, especially to causes working towards the worldwide eradication of leprosy, since the St Lazarus Charitable Trust was founded 22 years ago. This is an extraordinary achievement for our small numbers and one we can all be justly proud of. It has only been possible by the generous giving of the past and we can only continue in this work if current members of the Order support us.



If you are not already making a regular donation to the charitable work of the Order may I ask if you would consider making a regular monthly donation. If every member gave £10 per month that with Gift Aid would raise £40,000 per year. I realize that not every member could afford this but many could easily afford £20 or even more per month. As a member of this Christian Order of Chivalry could I ask you to search in your hearts - what better work could we be doing than aiding the financing of treatment and care for those who have the terrible disease of leprosy? Please do all you possibly can to support your Charity and enable it to fulfil the original motives that caused the Order first to be founded.

Very many thanks are due to Dame Val Hiscock for continuing with her initiative of producing this informative source of communication to the Members of our Order.

David Powell KCLJ

SLCT Annual General Meeting

The AGM of the Trust took place on 22 June at Faith House, giving an opportunity for reflection on past achievements, as well as time to look forward to the future – an extract from the Trustees' report follows,

highlighting grant-giving activity during the year.

We also plan to hold a follow-up meeting for Commanders and Hospitallers as part of the Investiture weekend at Southwell in October. The first such meeting was held last year in London and was both well attended and much appreciated. Watch out for further news of this year's event!

An extract from the Annual Report of the Trustees for 2015

During the year ended 31 December 2015, the Trust distributed £65,840 (2014 - £49,700) and committed a further £40,300 consisting of a further two £15,000 grants to EMMS for work with elective students; £3,000 per year for two years to the Vidiyal Trust for work with leprosy sufferers in India; and £4,300 to LEPRRA for the mobile tracing unit in India (commitments made in 2014 - £55,000).

The trustees made a number of grants during the year:

The Leprosy Mission £30,000 (third of three annual grants) - work in Bankura West Bengal with elderly people affected by leprosy

LEPRRA £6,500 (first of two grants) - support for a mobile tracing unit in India

Vidiyal Trust £3,000 (first of three grants) - work on a leprosy project in India

Promise Nepal £3,000 (single grant) in response to emergency work following earthquake

STEP £1,000 - work with displaced Christians in Iraq and Syria



Elderly residents at a TLM home supported by SLCT tend their tomato plants

Commandery grants

Sussex hospices £3,000 - general support

Debra (two grants) £2,000 - general support

The Rainbow Project £1,200 - general support

John Bradbourne Mental Health Society £500 - general support

Ethiopia Link £300 - general support

Veteran's Aid £170 - general support

Order of St John Care Trust £170 - general support

This year was the first year that the St Lazarus Trust operated as the single

national charity associated with the Military and Hospitaller Order of St Lazarus of Jerusalem. Members and Commanderies concentrated their national fundraising to benefit the Trust. Some of the grants were a continuation of gifts already agreed by either the Trust or the St Lazarus Foundation.

We continued to look to various areas of activities, including the development of links with EMMS through which a programme of placements for medical electives is being organised.

The trustees' consideration of how to increase the Trust's income which was reported last year has led to the beginnings of a marketing initiative started in 2015 to encourage regular giving to the Trust by members of the Order of St Lazarus and others. A meeting to explain the work of the Trust was held before an investiture in London to which all Commanders and Hospitallers were invited. At the meeting it was explained that all members would be approached to consider making standing orders to the benefit of the Trust so as to increase its basic annual income so that more firm planning of longer term grants could be considered. A wider initiative will be considered in more detail during 2016. Once again the trustees are grateful for gifts and donations already made through Commanderies and by members of the Order.

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