



**St George's Police  
Children Trust**

**Impact Report  
2019/20**

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

Thank you for reading this year's St George's Police Children Trust Impact Report for 2019/2020. The Report is designed to give you a flavour of the work we have been doing this year for our Beneficiaries.

We continue to provide essential financial support to families who find themselves in unimaginable circumstances; either through the death of a Police Officer parent, their partner or those Officers that have had to retire from the job they love due to injury or ill health.

We are confident that SGPCT is a modern and dynamic Police Charity, ready to adapt to the changing needs of the Police Family. In the last twelve months we have actively looked to improve the range of benefits we are able to provide for our Beneficiary families.

We were pleased that we were able to establish a new School Leaver Grant of £500 for those young people who go straight into the workplace, to support them with costs of items such as uniform and equipment.

We have also been able to extend the Summer Grant offered to Beneficiaries, alongside a pledge to increase the Christmas Grant for Beneficiaries dependent on any surplus in dividends at the end of the year. This resulted in an extra £97,000 being distributed in December 2019. In addition, we were also able to extend our Counselling Grant to all SGPCT donors and not just Beneficiaries.

The support given by the Trust provides a real lifeline to those families we support; beyond just financial help. The support offered at the most difficult times could allow a young person to carry on with their studies, learn to drive or further their career ambitions.

It is unfortunate that this year we have seen a drop in those Officers choosing to donate to the Charity. It is vital that as many Officers as possible donate to this cause; sadly we are only able to support those Officers' families who contribute. Even those without children should consider donating to support a colleague who may need our help.

Thank you to all of you that have generously supported the Trust in the past year and who, we hope, will continue to do so.



Patrick Cairns MBE, DL, MA, BA (Hons)  
CEO



Baroness Harris of Richmond DL,  
President

# 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 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 incidents to families of forces in the North of England, North Wales, Northern Ireland and Scotland who donate to the Trust.

## SGPCT Vision

To 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

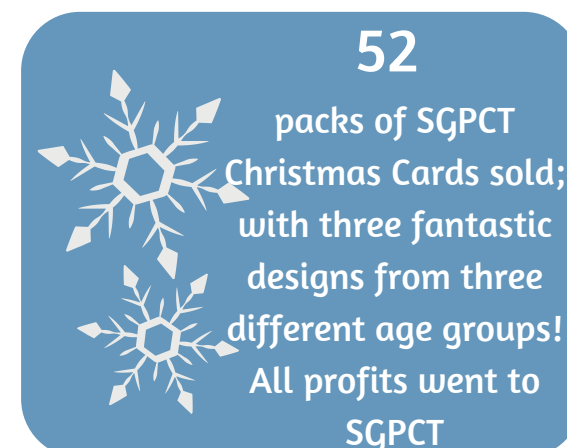
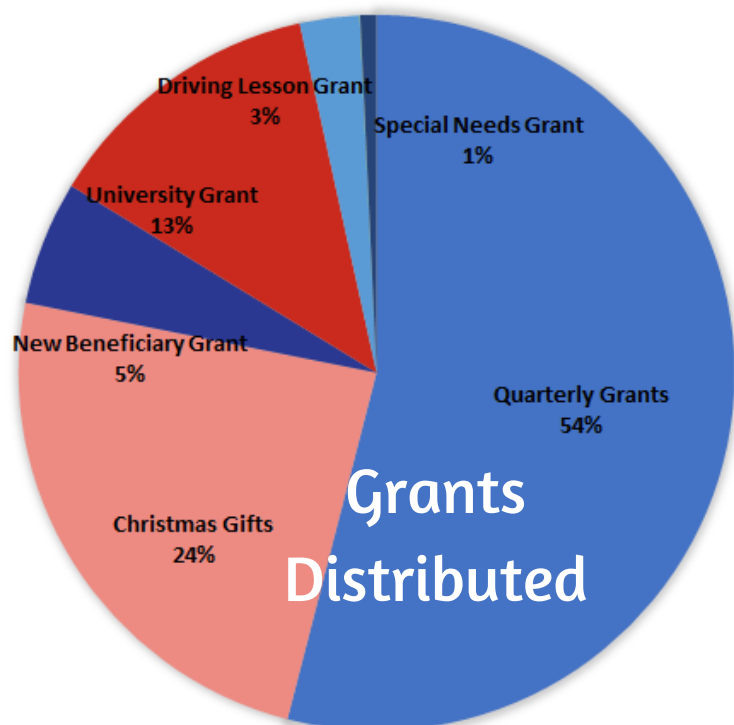
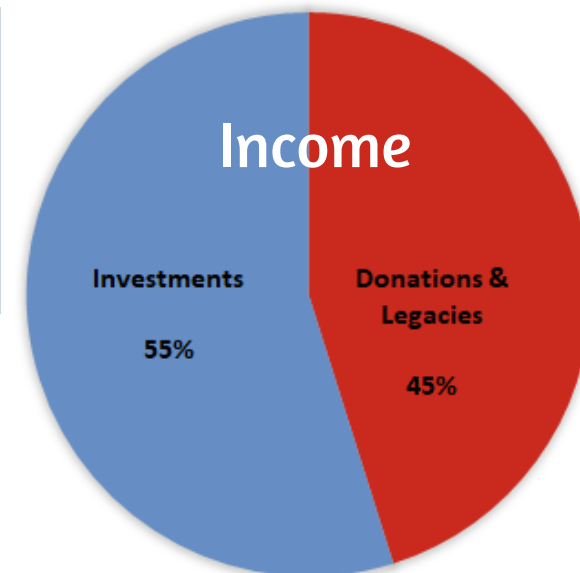
To provide present and future financial and other support to St George's Police Children Trust Beneficiaries.

## 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



# The Russell Family Story

We were just a normal family getting on with life.

We always focussed on our children, we looked forward to our holidays. Martin painted the house, mowed the lawn, managed the kids footy and was on the PTA. We were just getting on with life.

Martin would ride his bike to his dream job working with the Police Helicopter Team. Then he started to not be able to fasten the epaulet on his shoulder, kept dropping things and struggled with everyday tasks.

Martin was diagnosed with Motor Neurone Disease, a rare illness that other people get, not our 'normal family'. Martin died in October 2010, just over a year after his prognosis, he was only 50. At the time Freddie was 13, Libby was 11 and Louis was 9. We were all devastated.

Life continued but after a number of years I decided to leave my job as it had involved long hours and time away from home.

SGPCT stepped in to support us. Just because the children had lost their Dad, the demands of family life remained the same and I didn't want my children to suffer or be penalised.

Two of the children have accessed the driving lesson grants and my third child will soon be accessing it.

It proved a great help as my youngest took five attempts to pass his test!

When Libby started University and didn't have a laptop, SGPCT paid for this, which was a massive help and has given her the support she needs.

My eldest son Freddie always wanted to be a Dentist. This year, with the help of SGPCT, he travelled to the Philippines to work with locals and assist in dental care.

My youngest son Louis is heading to University this year to complete an Entrepreneur course; SGPCT will help with the costs of this and also a laptop for his studies.

All three of my children will be able to complete their University courses with full support and equipment they need and will not miss out on the opportunities their peers have.

I may be a lone parent but I know that with the support of SGPCT I am not alone.





# St George's House

St George's House is a holiday home situated in the grounds of St Andrews, Harrogate. This home is offered to all St George's Police Children Trust Beneficiaries for a weeks respite stay, as part of the comprehensive package of support offered to all families.

The holiday home provides a space for families to spend some quality time together away from the pressures and stresses at home.

The property is offered on a self-catering basis and benefits from:

- Fully furnished property
- Sleeps up to 7 people
- Children's play room
- Fully equipped kitchen with dining area
- Gardens to front and rear
- Broadband/Wi-Fi

Once the Holiday Home availability has been allocated to the SGPCT Beneficiaries, it is then available for the wider Police Family to rent throughout the year. We are keen that the Police Family are able to take advantage of this unique offer.

Bookings are available for either a full week or just a weekend at competitive prices. These range from £500 for a full week during peak times to £200 for a weekend stay. Full details can be found on our website.



"Our stay at St Georges gave us some time to spend together as a family away from all the hassle & stresses of everyday life. We have the opportunity to focus on what and who is important to us and enjoy the peacefulness of such a wonderful house and area."



# The Bennett Family Story

Kat Bennett is the daughter of PC Andrew Michael Bennett of Greater Manchester Police, who sadly passed away due to an allergic reaction to a drug administered in hospital when Kathryn was merely 5 weeks old. Tanya Bennett, Andrew's widow, has been receiving help from the St George's Police Children's Trust since Andrew's death in 2003.

Kat has recently utilised an Ex-Gratia Grant after being successfully chosen to represent the United Kingdom at the 24th World Scout Jamboree in West Virginia, USA.

*"To be given this amazing opportunity is fantastic, I have been given the chance to join the media team for our Unit which is building my skills and confidence."*

*I am so looking forward to visiting amazing cities as part of this experience; it's like the cherry on the cake after being accepted for the camp! Some of the Scouts I am going with have part time jobs to help add to their fees, but it is my GCSE year so I am focussed on my school work rather than paid work. The assistance St. George's has given me with this grant is so helpful."*

*Tanya explained: "This is a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity for Kat to travel to the Jamboree as a youth participant so we were determined that she shouldn't miss out because I'm a single parent."*

*The cost of the event was not something we had any control over, but Kat's continued enthusiasm at her fundraising events makes me so proud. She also set up her own PayPal account as a way for friends and family to donate rather than her receive Christmas and birthday presents in order to make the financial burden less for me.*

*I am so proud of the young woman Kat has developed into and I know that Andrew would have been too; she is a grounded and caring individual who is becoming more independent by the day.*

*We would have struggled without the support of St. George's and for that we both thank you from the bottom of our hearts."*





# 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 continued to support Beneficiaries throughout 2019 with a comprehensive range of assistance and will continue to do so into 2020.

We are pleased that the new benefits introduced over the last few years, have been widely accessed by our Beneficiaries; with many families accessing the Driving Lesson and Counselling Grants.

We were also pleased to be able to offer for the first time in 2019, an expanded Christmas Gift to the families we support. Many families greatly appreciated the extra income at this time. Including Martin who contacted the Trust to let us know that the extra money had helped him to pay for two residential school trips for his daughters. Not only did the financial support help, but he said he and his daughters felt reassured that someone else was looking out for them since his wife died some months earlier.

We have worked hard throughout 2019 to ensure that as many Police Officers, Police Federations and Police Forces are aware of the support that St George's Police Children Trust can offer those families in need. We rely heavily on the support of Federations and Forces to inform us of families that we may be able to support.

During 2019 the DRCE Team have been working on updating and creating new promotional materials and videos in order to better advertise the support that SGPCT can offer. These materials will be utilised during 2020 and beyond on our website, social media pages and also in presentations to Student Officers, Serving Officers and those about to retire.

It is essential that those with children continue to donate to SGPCT in order to receive it's support should the unimaginable happen. It is also important that others support colleagues with children by donating and coming together as one Police Family.

Thank you for your support during 2019, we hope that this will continue in the years to come.







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