



National Association of  
NFU Group Secretaries

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**Minutes of Benevolent Fund  
2019**



## Benevolent Fund Minutes 2019

### 58th ANNUAL REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES OF THE BENEVOLENT FUND OF THE NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF GROUP SECRETARIES OF THE FARMER'S UNIONS OF ENGLAND AND WALES, NORTHERN IRELAND AND SCOTLAND \*\*\*REGISTERED CHARITY 208145

#### 1. OBJECT

We are required by the existing legislation relating to Charities to remind you that the object of the Fund is currently stated as:

“The object of The Benevolent Fund shall be to provide for the relief of members who are in need and are paid-up members of the National Association of Group Secretaries of National Farmers’ Unions (hereinafter called “the Association”) or were paid up members of the Association on their retirement; and their dependants including widows, children and other dependents of deceased members.”

#### 2. GIFT AID

Thank you to those who have completed and returned their Gift Aid form to Jo Gilbert. Those members who haven't, please complete your form as soon as possible so we may claim back the tax on the £10 Benevolent contribution included in your membership subscription.

#### 3. ACCOUNTS

A report of the accounts for the year ending 31st December 2018 will be given at the Annual General Meeting by the Treasurer. The policy of safeguarding capital investment whilst maximising income is being maintained. The level of reserves has been increased from £200,000 to £260,000 during the year and the thinking behind this will be discussed at the AGM.

#### 4. GRANTS

Discretionary Grants of £1,000 have been made to each of the seven regular beneficiaries. It was agreed the previous year to increase the discretionary grant from £800 to £1,000 to each of the beneficiaries due to increased reserves.



## **5. WELFARE OFFICERS**

Welfare Officers are colleagues who are appointed by each NAGS Region and provide an essential link between the Fund and its' Members. Please help by knowing the identity of the Welfare Officer in your Region and bringing to our attention any active or retired member who might need our help.

## **6. TRUSTEES**

Current Trustees are Nick Bent, Alison Gemmell, Helen Kirby, Simon Whattler, Rob Beaty and Rhys Davies. Past Chairman Virginia Stollery has been co-opted onto the committee. When Nick Oakhill, previous Treasurer and Trustee left the association, Virginia Stollery kindly agreed to step in as Treasurer until a replacement could be found.

## **7. OVERVIEW**

The new rules adopted at the 2014 AGM have been in operation successfully during the year and have placed the funding of the charity on a more secure footing, whilst also making more members eligible for assistance.

The Charity remains in good health but relies on Welfare Officers and members referring colleagues to the charity for assistance, so please keep your ears and eyes open.

Our grateful thanks for the support of all members who donate to the Fund.

**Alison Gemmell**  
**Hon Secretary of Trustees 2019**