



National Association of
NFU Group Secretaries

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Benevolent AGM Report



60th 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 Delegant. 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 2020 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 was increased in 2018 from £200,000 to £260,000 and this remains appropriate.

4. GRANTS

Discretionary Grants of £1,100 have been made to each of the four regular beneficiaries. It was agreed the previous year to increase the discretionary grant from £1,000 to £1,100 to each of the beneficiaries due to increased reserves. In addition, each regular beneficiary was awarded a one-off COVID grant of £500 in March 2021. Assistance grants have also been made to three separate beneficiaries throughout the year.

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 Helen Kirby, Alison Gemmell, Virginia Stollery, Simon Whattler, Rob Beaty, Rhys Davies and Fiona Patterson.

7. OVERVIEW

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 2021