



# **Fund Times**

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### **WELCOME TO OUR SECOND EDITION OF FUND TIMES!**

We would like to start this issue by wishing all of our clients a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year for 2018.

As you can see from our front cover The Northern Ireland Police Fund has had a facelift, the new logo will appear on our letterhead, literature and reprinted application forms.

Our new website is now live and contains all of the information you need to contact us and read up to date information on schemes, office news and contact details.

The front page of this issue is the main page of our website which we hope you will agree captures the client base of The Fund. We would love to hear what you think of the website and look forward to reading your responses in the near future.

Thank you for the positive comments received on the previous edition of Fund Times. We have listened to your feedback and as requested we have included information on the schemes available, criteria, process and quotations required I this issue. The assessment team is always on the other end of the phone to answer any further queries or to offer guidance on the application process. Be reassured that there are no 'silly' questions, just questions that we are happy to answer.

The Fund is moving from cheque to direct payments, further information is included inside.

We hope that you enjoy reading this years edition and welcome feedback and suggestions for future publications.

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# **WELCOME**

### CHAIR

Well it's almost Christmas again and for many, that's a happy time with family and friends reminiscing about the old days.

Sadly, for many of our clients, it can be a time of loneliness and sadness with seasonal reflections tainted by many bad memories. We can't change the past, but we can make the future a bit easier by remembering them and reflecting on their injuries and loss. We can also offer some small measure of support though some of the Fund's schemes or recognition payments. Money is in no way a compensation for loss or injury. But finance, support and recognition can at least help people continue to rebuild their present and futures.

This second edition is packed full of information, stories, advise and news. We are still experimenting with format and content and would be delighted to hear from you on what you think about the "Fund Times" and the new web site. We have broad shoulders so constructive criticism is welcomed!

Thanks to Ronnie and all the staff for all their hard work in the past year. While I am sad to say good bye to some colleagues already mentioned, Joanne and Helen, I am delighted to welcome new members to the staff team, namely Isabel and Stephanie. We really are well provided for in experience, energy and passion!

So, in closing, may I take this opportunity to wish all of you a blessed Christmas and peaceful new year

#### **CHIEF EXECUTIVE**

It is hard to believe that a year has passed since the first edition of Fund Times. It had been our intention to publish this on a quarterly or six-monthly basis but events overtook us. Events dear boy as Harold McMillan said.

The past year has seen considerable changes in the staff team as you will see in this edition. Whilst we are sorry to lose Lorraine it was to promotion and we wish her every success in her future career as well as thanking her for her friendship and hard work in the Fund. We haven't lost Fiona and we look forward to her returning to us in the future but again we miss her friendship, knowledge and wisdom on a daily basis.

As a result we have two 'old' faces in new roles in Joanne and Helen, and two new faces in Isabel and Stephanie. I greatly appreciate the support given to me by them and by Cara as we continue to take forward the work of the Fund. Their professionalism and dedication are greatly appreciated.

The work of the staff is only one part of the family that is the Fund. From the Board through the staff to our clients there is a thread of service that connects us and it is essential that we don't lose sight of this. Serving our clients is the bedrock of our work, just as our clients have served in the past and now deserve our support in dealing with the many issues which are the consequence of that service, both as individuals and for families.

I take this opportunity to wish you all a happy, peaceful and blessed Christmas and New Year.

# **WELCOME**

#### **STAFF NEWS**

You may have noticed new names and changes in staff roles over the past few months.

**Lorraine Thompson**, who was our office manager, moved on to another department in May of this year. Lorraine was an invaluable member of our team and she is really missed in the office, we would like to take this opportunity to wish her all the best in her new position.

**Helen Hopper** replaced Lorraine as Office Manager; Helen has been with the Fund for 8 years and with her in-depth knowledge about the fund and clients it's a win, win for us.

**Stephanie Croker** has been employed as the Administrator for the Fund and with her experience working in PRRT has brought a wealth of knowledge to the team. Stephanie was employed in July 2017 and we don't know how we survived without her!

**Fiona McGregor** is on a career break for two years, and having worked for the Fund for over thirteen years is our Fund expert, she knows every client and organisation and we really miss her expertise and knowledge. We would like to wish her a Happy Career Break and look forward to her return.

**Joanne McComb** has replaced Fiona as Head of Assessment; Joanne has been with the Fund as an Assessment Officer for 8 years and will still be on hand for clients, overseeing the work of the Assessment Team.

**Isabel Fraser** has recently joined the team as an Assessment Officer, and is settling really well into her new role. Isabel has taken over from Joanne and has been writing out to her clients inviting them to contact her to arrange a visit. Please avail of this service, even if you have not been in touch with the Fund for a while, it is a good way to find out more about our service and get to know your new Assessment Officer.

The team is not all different; thankfully we still have Ronnie Pedlow as CEO and Cara Peoples as Assessment Officer, which provides the team with much needed continuity. We are all pulling together to provide our clients with the best possible service and appreciate and value your feedback on the services and schemes available.

We are continually striving to assist our clients in the best way possible, if you think the service could be improved please inform us and we will take note and endeavor to review, and where possible implement your suggestion.

# **WELCOME**

# MOVING FROM CHEQUE TO BACS PAYMENTS

At the Fund we are always striving to make the application and payment process easier for our clients

We have become increasingly aware that with the closure of local banks it is becoming more difficult to lodge a cheque without having to drive miles. With this in mind we are in the process of moving from a cheque payment to a direct paymenty straight into your bank account through the Bacs system.

The Bacs system would ensure an instant payment, without waiting for 3 – 5 days for a cheque to clear and would eliminate postal loses and the misplacement/ shredding of cheques.

You will have received a letter in the post requesting bank information, can we please stress that if you have already supplied this information to us there is no need to supply it again. The letter will have informed you that if you have changed banks or are a new client we will request the information to make a payment.

We are working towards having the Bacs system up and running by early in 2018 and we will keep you informed of our progress.

Thank you to all clients who have provided the relevant banking details, we hope that this will make payments easier to access and streamline our grants process.



# **OFFICE NEWS**

The Police Fund office layout has always made it difficult for the Assessment Officers to speak with clients; anyone who has dropped in knows that the only available space to talk is in the hall!

This has proved difficult due to the hall being used as a walk through for staff and the thin walls making it impossible to speak privately when classes are in process in PRRT.

We are endeavoring to create a safe and comfortable space for clients to be able to speak in private without interruption.

We are now in the process of creating an area for clients to meet with their Assessment Officer in a relaxed, comfortable and private environment, located in our existing Boardroom. The new Boardroom will be adjacent to the Fund office, next to the Retired Police office.

Due to Assessment Officers being out on visits on average two days per week we would ask that if you are planning on dropping in to the office that you please telephone in advance to inform us, this will ensure that your Assessment Officer is in the office and available to meet with you.



# **OCCUPATIONAL THERAPISTS**

We informed you in the last Fund Times of our intention to add to the number of OT's employed. We are pleased to announce that we now have four OT's located regionally.

The additional OT's ensure that following a referral from your Assessment Officer that you will be contacted within four weeks to arrange an appointment for the OT to do a home visit and assessment.

Following your home visit and assessment the OT will e mail a report to your Assessment Officer, who will write out to you informing you of the items recommended and asking you to submit quotations. We include a list of suppliers on the back page of the letter to make the process easier for you to obtain the requested amount of quotations.

The OT process comes under the Disability Adaptations Scheme; we do not require a completed application form for this scheme and will not ask for details of financial income. The quotation limit applies as follows:

AMOUNT	QUOTATIONS
Up to £1000.00	1 Quote
Over £1000.00 - £5000.00	2 Quotes
Over £5000.00 - £10,000.00	3 Quotes

The items recommended to date have included, wet rooms, wheelchairs, hearing aids, prosthetics, rise and recliner chairs and beds, handrails, kitchen and bathroom aids.

We have always received positive feedback from the clients availing of this scheme and are delighted when we read that the recommended items have 'changed lives' and made day to day living easier. We want to encourage independent living and are always striving to improve our schemes to benefit our clients.



# **SCHEME NEWS**

The Fund has four main schemes; General Support, Disability Adaptations, Senior/ Junior Education Bursary and Carer Respite.

#### GENERAL SUPPORT

The General Support scheme allows clients to apply for household items; the items available are based on individual need and have included decorating, white goods, replacement kitchens and bathrooms, flooring, outdoor works and computers. If the request is a proven need and not a luxury item it will be considered.

Following a home visit from the clients designated Assessment Officer, a completed application form, including household income and quotations must be submitted for consideration for approval. We do not ask for financial outgoings as we award an allowance per person living within the household.

The application form will go to the Assessment Officer to be written up for consideration by the CEO and Board. The client will be informed of the outcome by letter, if the application is approved a cheque will be included with the letter of offer.

If the application is declined the client will be informed and given 28 days to appeal the decision in writing. The appeal will go to the Board for discussion and the client will be informed within four weeks of the final decision.

All items awarded must be receipted within three months. If there is difficulty in completing works within the timescale (i.e. through illness or weather related jobs) inform the office, who will consider special circumstances and the date may be extended.

#### **DISABILITY ADAPTATIONS**

(As described under the Occupational Therapist article on previous page).

#### **SENIOR/JUNIOR BURSARY**

The Bursary scheme is open from July to December each year; please contact the office for an application form no earlier than June of each year. Bursaries are awarded to the dependent child of the officer/ murdered officer.

Junior – the client completes the application form which should include the child's name, age and school attended; the cheque awarded is made out to the parent of the dependent child.

Senior – the dependent child completes the application form in their name and must include a letter/ e mail from the university verifying that they are registered on the course for the respective year, if living away from home a signed tenancy agreement must be included. Any award will be paid directly to the student and not the client.

#### **CARER RESPITE BREAK**

Carer Respite Breaks can be taken as one break at £500.00 or two at £250.00 within the financial year (April to March). The Ex officer must be in receipt of mid/ high rate DLA (or PIPs equivalent) or lower rate attendance allowance.

A cheque will be issued in the carers name on submission of a completed application form and either receipts to the full amount requested or a quotation (receipts must be submitted on return from the break).

With the changes in DLA/ PIPs and Attendance allowance we will require annual evidence that the client is still in receipt of the above, this can be through a photocopied letter of your annual amount, if you do not have access to a copier you can send us the original and request that it is copied and returned.

#### WHEN SUBMITTING AN APPLICATION......

The Assessment Officers receive numerous application forms on a daily basis and try to process your requests within the shortest possible time, with this in mind could you please note the following:

- Double check that all information is included with your submission and that the application form is completed in full
- We cannot process applications under the General Support or Disability Adaptations schemes without the required number of quotations
- Respite applications should not be posted without either a quotation or receipt
- Senior Bursaries cannot be considered without the letter from the university, and if applicable the tenancy agreement.

# **ELIGIBILITY**

Do you have a Band 2 or above Injury on Duty pension?

Is your banding related to a terrorist related incident?



If you have answered yes to the above questions you may be eligible to apply to the Fund.

To become an eligible client of the Fund you must have a Band 2 or above Injury on Duty Pension showing that you were a direct target of a terrorist attack.

You must provide the Fund with information such as, statement of witness, doctors letters, medical certificate of unfitness showing the incident (s) you were involved in for which the IOD was awarded.

We also require the exact dates of incidents and how you were injured along with any other information you may have that would enable us to link your IOD to the terrorist incidents you were involved in and subsequently awarded as a result.

We cannot access details of your IOD pension award or incident details as the data protection act prevent the Policing Board from giving us this information.

The Policing Board can however, give you a copy of the information we require. In all cases this will be a copy of the banding papers which you have already submitted and a copy of the BMI/Capita medical practitioners report, clarifying the reason your IOD was awarded i.e. dates and injuries sustained.

You can contact the Policing Board directly to request the incident details (Medical Report) which relates to the IOD percentage awarded, which should then be forwarded to us. If you are unable to obtain the information required, you may need to contact the HR Department of your previous station to obtain a copy of your records.

# **Northern Ireland Policing Board**

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028 9040 8500

Please contact the office and speak to either Cara or Isabel and they will talk you through the eligibility process. You won't know if you don't ask!

# POLICE FAMILY ORGANSIATION NEWS

The Police Fund continues to support our legacy groups with an annual grant, the groups who have received funding to date in the 2017/18 round include The RUCGC Parents Association, Carers Association and Forgotten Families.

It is important to us that the legacy groups are recognised and provided with the financial means to provide a programme for individuals who have made the ultimate sacrifice though the loss of a child or husband/ wife in the line of duty.

It is equally important to us that Carers are recognised, those who live day to day supporting spouses who are physically and psychologically injured, to meet with others experiencing the same issues and get a respite day away when they can relax and be pampered.

We work on a daily basis with the NI Retired Police Officers Association and the Police Rehabilitation and Retraining Trust (PRRT), as well as liaising with the RUC/PSNI Benevolent Fund and other police family organisations. We are in the initial stages of exploring the possibility of regional days to publicise services and encourage former RUC/PSNI officers and widows of murdered officers to contact us to enquire about eligibility and avail of services provided.

If you are aware of an individual you feel would be eligible to apply to the Fund please give them our contact details or request additional copies of this newsletter to pass on to them.

The following pages include articles submitted by organisations who work tirelessly to support individuals from the police family; the work would not be ongoing if it were not for the volunteers who give their time and resources to support others.

We are always looking for good news stories, photographs and informative articles to include in Fund Times.

If you would like to submit an article to appear in the next edition the email address is : admin@nipolicefund.org



#### **DISABLED POLICE OFFICERS ASSOCIATION OF NORTHERN IRELAND**

# WE'RE HERE TO HELP BUT WE NEED YOUR HELP AN APPEAL FOR HELP FROM THE POLICE FAMILY

The Disabled Police Officers Association has been in existence for over 34 years. It originally consisted purely of Police Officers seriously injured as a result of terrorism whilst on duty.

Today however we exist to support anyone disabled who is or has served in the Police in Northern Ireland. This includes RUC, RUCR and of course PSNI.

Over the years many thousands of Police Members both male and female have been killed and seriously injured as a result of terrorist activities. The DPOANI exists primarily to help with proactive support in facilitating a safe and secure environment where those affected can enjoy a beneficial interaction. Members meet frequently and receive important information regarding services available and updates on benefits or pensions which affect them directly.

Today as we know, anyone trying to serve their community runs the risk of becoming injured and disabled as a result of their service. For this very reason, we offer the face to face help that is so sorely needed in order that Officers can move forward and receive the help they so richly deserve.

The Charity (registered U.K. N. I. and Companies House) has evolved to include all types of disability whether physical or psychological, and available services are signposted via email, correspondence and face to face.

We are asking for help from those within the Police family who might be willing to give a little of their time to become Board Directors of the Charity in order that we might reach out to even more people and benefit from your perspective on how we might enhance our services.

If on the other hand you would like to help the Charity by way of donation, you can do so by either donating by accessing ourselves via Just Giving.

You can make donations via the office at Maryfield Complex, 100, Belfast Road, Holywood, BT18 9QY, 02890 393575, or if you wish to donate a small sum per month, via Direct Debit available from the office (manned voluntarily).

Also, if you are interested in becoming a member, please do not hesitate to get in touch.

**Lindsay Boal**Chair DPOANI

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# Rehabilitation and Retraining Trust

Are you a retired police officer?

Are you a serving police officer, considering retirement or a career change?

The Police Rehabilitation and Retraining Trust provide services to retired RUCGC and PSNI officers and to those PSNI officers who are approaching retirement.

Physiotherapy and Psychological therapies are available to retired officers throughout the province to assist with the management of physical and psychological wellbeing.

Coaching, personal development and training services are available to those serving officers who are planning retirement or a career change and also to retired officers.

If you are interested in our services and would like to check your eligibility then please contact us on

028 9042 7788

or visit our website

www.prrt.org

Northern Ireland Retired Police Officers Association



OFFICE HOURS 9AM - 3PM
MONDAY TO FRIDAY

OUTSIDE OFFICE HOURS

LEAVE MESSAGE

AND CALL WILL BE RETURNED

ASSISTANCE GIVEN IN RESPECT OF INJURY ON DUTY AWARDS AND OTHER BENEFITS EG: ESA, INDUSTRIAL INJURIES, PIP'S ETC

TRANSPORT SERVICE
AVAILABLE FOR HOME
TO PRRT FOR
TREATMENT SESSIONS

NIRPOA WORK IN CONJUCTION
WITH ALL MEMBERS OF
THE POLICE FAMILY

# **RUC GC PARENTS' ASSOCIATION**

The Parents' Association continues to meet every two months except throughout the summer months. Attendances are low due to infirmity and illness. Our Secretary was awarded the BEM in the New Year's Honours List for work in the Coleraine Community and was presented with a flower arrangement by our Treasurer at the January meeting. We had a very interesting talk by a member of the Ulster Scots Society in March who was able to tell us, among other things, the origin of our surnames. It is difficult to get speakers in the middle of the day but we enjoy our meetings and socializing. We continue to send representatives to PRRT and Stakeholder meetings.

Sadly we have to report the passing of Mrs Meta Brown, Castlederg and Mrs Margaret McAllister, Cloughmils, both women were valued members of our organisation and will be missed. We extend our sympathies to their families.

Our holiday this year was to Dun Laoghaire and the highlight was a day to Powerscourt. The weather was very good and the gardens beautiful, we had afternoon tea on the terrace while the more active took advantage of the garden walks. We celebrated our Chairperson, Greer's birthday he did not divulge his age – we think he is forever young.

Representatives attended the National Police Memorial Day service in Cardiff and the Arboretum and Remembrance Day in London. Four members attended the unveiling of a memorial tablet in Tempo Presbyterian Church on Sunday 5th November for Constable George Gilliland who was killed at Ballygawley Police Station in 1985. The Tablet was graciously unveiled by Georges mother Betty after a moving address to the congregation.

Our weekend break was to our favourite haunt, The Killyhevlin, when our usual quizmaster Jean Pollock held a quiz on the Friday evening. Strangely enough there was no winner, everyone got a prize, and the craic was good. On Saturday evening we went to Ardowen Theatre to watch a play called 'The Matchmaker' a comedy which we all really enjoyed. Following a service in St McCartans Cathedral we returned home a happy lot.

Christmas Lunch will be on the 29th November when we will be celebrating the 90th Birthday of Mrs Gladys Acheson. Gladys will be joining our 'Nonagenarians Club', of which there are three, most other members except four that we know of, are octogenarians!! Sign or OUR times!

As ever we appreciate the support of the Police Fund and all other members of the Police Family especially Fermanagh Welfare who unfailingly bring our two members from the West to our meetings.



# Injured Police Survivors & Carers Group (N.I.)



# Fortius quo Fidelius Strength through Loyalty

# Another Successful and Enjoyable Year for all our Members

As a very young organisation, having been formed in 2016, we have experienced many difficulties in getting established and obtaining funding for our membership's specific needs. In spite of these difficulties, our members have grown closer to each other and as our motto states our Strength and determination comes through the loyalty of our membership to the organisation and to each other.

Over the past year we have all enjoyed many delicious lunches at various venues including Newforge Country Club, with exceptional speakers at most venues. One of the highlights of the year was a talk given by the Rev. Derek Kerr on his experiences and appreciations of our Royal Family, which not only was very informative but also had us howling with laughter at some of the good Reverends exploits.

We are currently preparing for our Christmas lunch – a chance to get together, have a delicious meal with great company. We have had to cancel our Annual Children's Christmas Party this year due to circumstances beyond our control, but hope to have an alternative event for our members. Normal service as they say will be restored soon.

Our continued existence is to provide Support and Social well-being benefits to our membership wherever possible. We have planned an overnight respite break in Co. Fermanagh for early in the New Year. The main objective being to allow our unofficial carers an opportunity to spend some quality time, together, away from the daily routine, in similar company. We also plan to visit the local Ely Centre, an organisation funded by the VSSNI for people in similar circumstances to ourselves.

Another factor in our continued success is the fact that our Management Committee work long and hard for the benefit of all our members, sometimes into the night on the telephone and computer, all without remuneration of any sort.

We have since our foundation run a very successful Art Therapy Class at Newforge Country Club with a professional Tutor – Anne Quail – funded by the Northern Ireland Police Fund. This class is beneficial to those of our membership who participate in it both physically and mentally and we thank the NIPF for their generosity in this matter. In fact we have been the only provider of such a service for the past number of years, in spite of the false claims of other organisation to have done so. Membership of the Art Therapy Class is of course open to any member of our Group.

In November, we were honoured to have been invited by the RUCAA to lay a wreath on Remembrance weekend at Newforge Country Club. This was carried out by our secretary, Stephen McAlister and Mr Gordon Knowles MBE, accompanied by our Chairman, Mr J. R. Gale.

All in all we have had a great year and look forward to continuing our group's success. We continually welcome any injured Police Officer either former or serving, their carers etc. to join with us at any time. All enquiries can be handled by e-mailing our secretary, Mr Stephen McAlister, at ipscg@btinternet.com

#### Stephen McAlister,

Secretary

For and on behalf of IPSCG (NI)



Decorum NI are a local charity based at 26 Balloo Avenue, Bangor, BT19 7QT. The main aim is to provide support to former members of the security forces, namely the Police, Armed Forces, Prison Service and their families who have suffered as a result of the violence during the period of Operation Banner 1969-2007.

Anyone who served during this period is welcome to become a member and membership is free. The services offered include, Drop in Centre (Mon-Fri) 0900 – 1700, counselling, telephone befriending, welfare and benefits advice, legacy, advocacy, health & wellbeing caseworker.

As a member of Decorum NI you will also be able to partake in social interactions in a safe environment and participate in a range of classes including: crochet, arts & crafts, photography, flower arranging and fishing. A number of workshops are also organised on a regular basis and members can participate without charge, these include: computer support, youth engagement, shared heritage trips, commemoration & remembrance activities, on site exhibition and much more.

A Monthly Coffee morning on the 1st Wednesday of each month gives members an opportunity to catch up with friends and this is also an opportunity to meet like-minded people and make new friends. A guest speaker would normally be invited along also to speak on a hobby topic or something pertinent and topical to members.

A Monthly Newsletter that goes out to members to keep them updated with the events and activities on offer which includes: an Annual BBQ, Cowboy Supper dance night, Market Stalls, car boot sales, Volunteer Reward evenings and an International site visit each year to an area which would have experienced conflict.

All those eligible are very welcome to join Decorum NI which operates a strictly confidential service and members are treated with respect and needs are addressed on an individual basis. It is recognised that many individuals may be socially isolated because of mobility or transport problems and this is something that can be addressed by the caseworker during your needs discussion.

Mitch Bresland, Senior Staff Officer has been with Decorum NI for the last 3 years and formerly in the Phoenix Group in Newtownards. Decorum NI is funded by Victims & Survivors Service (VSS) and the work and sacrifice of members of the organisation was formally recognised by The Rt Hon Arlene Foster MLA, First Minister of NI when she opened the Bangor premises in September 2016.

This year, Decorum NI were very pleased when they were selected as one of the four charities chosen by Ards and North Down Mayor, Councillor Robert Adair.

Decorum NI members are very active in fundraising for the extra support that can be given to members and normally have one major event each year to supplement this. This year it was a major Musical Evening at Glenmachan Church of God featuring Festival Brass, with guest soloist Peter Corry, Police Ladies and Male Choirs, and Compere Wilfred Piper.

The Health & Wellbeing Caseworker is funded by Victims & Survivors Service (VSS) through Peace IV Funding to carry out consultations to assess individual needs. Over the coming months she will be running support groups for its members to cover topics such as depression, anxiety, stress, goal setting, problem solving and general good mental wellbeing.

If you are interested in finding out more, please contact us on telephone 02891 457565.



## **RECOGNITION PAYMENT**

The Board and Staff at the Police Fund are delighted that we are able to give each eligible household a Recognition Payment. Due to the uncertainty of the budget this year we have managed resources and are pleased that we have maintained the amount. As always stated 'our Clients remain at the heart of the Fund' and our thoughts are very much with you all at this bitter sweet time of the year.

We would like to wish you all a very Happy Christmas and a peaceful and healthy New Year.



# NORTHERN IRELAND POLICE FUND WEBSITE NOW LIVE

The Police Fund website is now live and can be accessed through any search engine on your computer or tablet.

## Information available includes:

Latest News – Bacs Payments, Eligibility and Office Updates.

**Grant Schemes** - General Support, Disability Adaptations, Regular Payments, Carer Breaks and Bursaries.

**Contact Details** – e mail, website and telephone number.

**Organisational Links** – you will find links to relevant Police Family organsiations as well as web sites for disability equipment suppliers.

**Downloads** – you can now download and print off application forms for General Support, Senior & Junior Bursary and the Carer Respite Break. You can also view and print the Business Plan, Annual Report and Guidance notes.

We would love to hear your views on the new website and welcome any comments or suggestions you may have, or information/ articles you would like to see added.

If you belong to a group within the Police Family and are holding an event you would like to see advertised, please email it to us and we may be able to add it in the News section.



If you change address, could you please inform us by telephone, post or e-mail?

We do not receive this information from Pensions Branch or any other Police Organisation and need to know to keep our records updated.

# **Call for Contributions!**

If you have any good news stories, reports about group or Organisation activities, tales of success or achievement, or general information that you feel would appeal to the readers of the Fund Times, please contact us.

Submissions by email or in writing with accompanying photographs are most welcome.

If you would like to phone and discuss any potential article or submission you may have, please feel free to contact us.

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