

MAY 2021 NEWS:

The Trustees of the Benevolent Fund meet six times per year and the most recent meeting was on 25th May 2021, the first meeting of the new financial year.

Four awards were made, with grants totalling £10,174 and loans totalling £78,696. Two of the awards were to confirm decisions made by the Emergency Committee since the previous meeting in March. Two awards were made to beneficiaries living in Britain and two were paid in local currencies to Catenians belong to Circles in territories outside Britain.

Fourteen cases were reviewed. These are cases where a loan has been made previously and remains outstanding. The Trustees review such cases at intervals of no longer than two years. Occasionally, a beneficiary might offer to start making repayments; more often, it is appropriate to offer additional assistance; most often the file is put away for a further review in two years time.

A further 19 cases were considered, either as a result of actions arising from previous meetings or correspondence being received. Three “thank you” letters were received from those the Trustees had helped at previous meetings, or from someone on their behalf.

The next meeting of Trustees is on Tuesday 20th July 2021 and will be preceded by the Fund AGM when Annual Accounts will be presented for approval. These accounts and the Chairman’s Report for 2020/21 will be uploaded on to this site when they have been approved