



*The Catenians*

*Strengthening family life  
through friendship and faith*

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CATENIAN ASSOCIATION BENEVOLENT &  
CHILDREN'S FUND

Phil Roberts, Clerk to the Trustees

## May 2023 News

**The Trustees of the Benevolent Fund meet six times per year. The most recent meeting was on 23<sup>rd</sup> May 2023, the first meeting of the new financial year 2023/24.**

**An apology for absence was received from one Trustee.**

**Six awards were made, with grants totalling £10,000 and loans amounting to £427,995; total £437,995. Two of the applications had required the consideration of the Emergency Committee in advance of the meeting.**

**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.**

**A further 17 cases were considered, either as a result of actions arising from previous meetings or correspondence being received.**

**Four "thank you" letters were received. Sometimes they come from a brother or other beneficiary who has recently received help: some come as a follow up to full repayment, either as a lump sum or in instalments. They come as letters, cards and emails. All are genuine expressions of thanks and some are quite moving. They are always a delight to receive.**

**A change to the Governing Document of the Charity was approved in principle to change the Appointing Body.**

**Correspondence was noted between the Clerk to the Trustees and the Information Commissioner's Office regarding a complaint received from a brother about the potential misuse of his data. The complaint was rebutted and the matter was quickly closed by the ICO.**