



The Catenians

*Strengthening family life
through friendship and faith*

CATENIAN ASSOCIATION BENEVOLENT &
CHILDREN'S FUND

Phil Roberts, Clerk to the Trustees

NOVEMBER 2022 NEWS:

The Trustees of the Benevolent Fund meet six times per year and the most recent meeting was on 15th November 2022. Eight Trustees were present and there was one apology for absence.

Nine awards were made, with grants totalling £45,291 and loans £106,100: total £151,391. There were three applications requiring the attention of the Emergency Committee since the previous meeting. Six of the awards were made to beneficiaries living in Britain and three were made in local currencies to beneficiaries in Circles outside Britain.

Thirteen 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 22 cases were considered, either as a result of actions arising from previous meetings or correspondence being received. Three loans had been repaid in full.

Four "thank you" letters were received from beneficiaries that the Trustees had helped at previous meetings. The Trustees are always pleased to receive such letters. 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.

The next meeting of Trustees is on Tuesday 17th January 2023.