



**Providing a helping hand
If the unimaginable happens**



Summer 2018 Update

St George's Police Children Trust started 2018 with the introduction of new benefits. These were;

Widening Eligibility

The eligibility was widened to include children of Police Families where the Partner of a Police Officer has lost their life.

New Beneficiary Grant

The Registration Grant, renamed as the New Beneficiary Grant, was increased from £100 to £1000 to provide more immediate financial relief. .

Driving Lessons Grant

A new Driving Lesson Grant was made available to beneficiaries from the age of 17 up to 25, to help with the cost of learning to drive. The support is capped at £1000 per child.



Child Counselling Grant



A new Child Counselling Grant offers financial support to all beneficiaries who wish to access counselling to support a child or family through a bereavement or difficult time. This support can be accessed at any time, up to the age of 25, and not only immediately after the specific event.

In order for us to be able to offer this extra provision, the weekly donation rate to the St George's Police Children Trust was increased from 20pence to

35pence or **£1.50** per month.

These new benefits are available alongside the existing grants;

Weekly Support Allowance

A means tested on-going weekly sum paid for each child in the family throughout their education until the age of 19.

Seasonal Gifts

An additional gift at Christmas, to help with this difficult time of year. Sometimes a second gift in summer may be granted.

Higher Education Grant

£1,500 per year to support towards a course of study in higher education.

Ex-Gratia Grant

Support can be provided for one off needs.

Holiday Home

The Trust can provide a one week free respite stay annually at our Harrogate Holiday Home. If you have not requested your week for 2018 and you would like to, please contact us!

2018 So Far

We currently have 196 beneficiaries, 18 of which are new in 2018.

Since the introduction of the new benefits, one family have used the Child Counselling Grant and four families have used the Driving Lesson Grant.

Remember...if your children are coming up to 17 they too can apply for a driving

lesson grant!

We have 40 students currently receiving our Higher Education Grant. If your children have finished school and are thinking about further education, don't forget that we may be able to support them.



This year has also seen new forces throughout the country join the constituent forces of SGPCT. These include Isle of Man Constabulary and Police Service of Northern Ireland. Officers from both of these forces can donate via direct debit and will be eligible for our support.

Take a look at our 2017/2018 Impact Report online to find out more about what the Trust has achieved over the last 18 months; <http://www.stgeorgespolicechildrentrust.org/about/agm/2018AGCM>

Fundraising



So far this year we have had a father and son duo take on the Tough Mudder in May to raise funds for SGPCT.

This is the first time Harry who is 14 has ever done the event. The pair raised over £350!

If you are interested in fundraising for SGPCT, or know someone who would be, please get in touch and we will support you throughout your journey.

St George's Old Boys and Girls Reunion

The Northern Police Orphanage was founded in 1898 by Miss Catherine Gurney OBE, for the care of police force children who had lost one or both of their parents. It was later renamed St Georges House.

The home supported 644 children between 1898, when the first child was welcomed, and its closure in 1956, due to the declining number of children in need.

April 21st 2018 marked the final reunion of the St George's Old Boys and Girls. The attendees met at the Majestic Hotel in Harrogate during the weekend and were also invited to look over some memorabilia at St Andrews.



The Old Boys and Girls recognised the continued need for SGPCT for the support of police families and will be supporting the Trust in the years to come. A video of the reunion has been produced, which also links the original idea of the home for children with the kind of support provided for children and young people today.



St Georges Old Boys and Girls Final Reunion 2018

If you have any queries about the Trust, would like to find out more or have any feedback please do not hesitate to contact us.