

# Post Office Orphans Benevolent Institution

## Annual General Meeting 2018

David Chapman , Chairman



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# POOBI -- 2017

- Established in 1870
- A friendly society with charitable status (37-BEN)
- We support RM & POL employees' children
- 1340 members, the vast majority in Royal Mail
- Funded originally by members' donations
- Investment of £7.3m; income of £226,000
- Donations of £53,000
- Total charitable giving of £286,000 (a new record)



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# How did we help?

1. Regular Hardship Grants
2. University Bursaries
3. Rising Stars Awards



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# Regular Hardship Grants -- 2017

- Our long standing commitment
- Supported 85 families
- £2,000 over 2 years
- Paid in quarterly instalments
- Cases of hardship where children are impacted
- May be arising from chronic illness or disability, or the absence or serious illness of a parent
- Administered by RHF to POOBI specifications



# University Bursaries -- 2017



- Supported 122 young people
- £4,800 for a 3 year degree
- Students from RM/POL Families
- Paid in twice yearly instalments reducing hardship for families, and debt and anxiety for students.
- Assessed by Trustees , paid via RHF & RM Cashier
- Started in 2006, now supports 4 times the original planned number

# University Bursaries



**Jay studied economics at the University of Birmingham**

**Jay says: “ I’m hugely grateful to POOBI. I’d saved up since I was born to go to university, but I still couldn’t have afforded to go without the extra help. Had I taken a year out, I might have missed out on Capgemini’s placement scheme “.**



# Rising Stars Awards -- 2017

- Supported a record 32 Children
- Worth £750 in a lump sum
- Children with proven talent
- Dance, sport, music, theatre, special interests
- Supported with one-off payments for training, coaching equipment and other expenses
- Administered by POOBI Secretary





# POOBI Development -- 2017

- Significant website improvements
- Bursary and Rising Stars now securely on-line
- Trustees' Statement of Investment Principles
- Met HMRC Common Reporting Standard
- CSISCF Grant increased to £30,000
- Long standing Trustees and Vice Chair Retired
- New Trustees and Treasurer appointed



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# POOBI Development -- 2018

- Improve awareness across RMG ... all levels
- Enable Member Engagement; facilitate donations
- Increase grant and award values by CPI
- Action new Data Protection legislation
- Confirm new Trustees and Officials
- Modernise POOBI Rules and Governance
- Build towards 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary in 2020



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# Access to POOBI

- Website [poobi.org](http://poobi.org) – 2018 bursaries and Rising Stars has “Gone Live”; see also MyRoyalMail page
- Feeling First Class help line **0800 6888 777**
- Courier news stories, notices and inserts
- And via the Rowland Hill Fund people

[www.poobi.org](http://www.poobi.org)

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### How we can help

POOBI is a charitable organisation and we help Royal Mail Group & Royal Mail Ltd families with children who face hardship.

**We can help by making:**

**Regular grants**

These are sums of money paid quarterly that can help with for example, the cost of travelling to hospital appointments or could supplement income and benefits to provide additional help to children. For this scheme contact our Help Line via Feeling First Class support – this is a completely confidential advisory service, which is open 24 hours a day and 7 days a week on 08006 888 777.



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