CILIP BENEVOLENT FUND. Registered charity number 237352

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Annual report 2025

Report compiled by John Vincent, Chair of the Benevolent Fund Trustees.

Trustees and Officers

Chair: John Vincent BEM
Vice-chair: David Stewart MBE
Honorary Treasurer: Richard Osborn
Trustees: Stephanie Kenna, Ayub Khan MBE., Sian King, Judy (Judith) Smith-Blow, Jo Webb
Administrator: Maria Grant

Background to 2025

Working Arrangements

The Trustees of the CILIP Benevolent Fund continued to use Zoom to conduct business during 2025 (as this was a cost-effective way for the Board to meet).

Resolutions and other business

The Benevolent Fund continued to work under the following parameters.

- An 'Availability of Trustees and contingent action' should anyone fall ill.
- Business of the CILIP Benevolent Fund was undertaken by electronic and telephone means.
- A limit on the timeframe for receipt of documentation to support an initial claim. Outstanding claims with no activity after the customary follow up calls from the administrator, would be dropped after two years.

The Trustees continued to work with 'Better with Money' to provide debt advice directly to individual applicants (as required).

Financial Matters

Honorary Treasurer, Richard Osborn maintained scrutiny and management of the Benevolent Fund's accounts.

Donations	£725 from individual donations
	£200 from Christians in Library and Information Services
	£1,090 from the UK eInformation Group
Legacies	£25,000 from the estate of Ms Christine Hogg
Gift Aid	The issue of claiming Gift Aid for the Benevolent Fund is being pursued by the Honorary Treasurer in liaison with CILIP's Operations Director.

The statement of accounts is appended to this report.

Promotion and Publicity
The Web Team at CILIP continued to support, amend and refresh the Benevolent Fund section of the CILIP web site during 2025. Judy Smith-Blow continued her role of liaison with the CILIP Web Team.

CILIP continued to help promote the Benevolent Fund via its regular newsletters (eg CILIP Ireland Newsletter), and in *Information Professional*.

Outsourced services used by the Benevolent Fund

Independent Examiner:	Mr Oscar Dodd FCA
Bank:	Unity Trust Bank, Four Brindley Place, Birmingham B1 2JB
	CCLA, PO Box 12892, Dunmow, CM6 9DL
	M&G Charities, PO Box 9038, Chelmsford CM99 2XF

Administrator: Ms Maria Grant.

Registered address: CILIP, c/o 27 Old Gloucester St, Holborn, London WC1N 3AX.

Legacy Awareness service: MiExact, 4 Valentine Place, London SE1 8QH.

Summary of applications, receipts and payments

Applications to the fund	15 (of which 8 ineligible)
Outstanding as of 31 December 2025	0
Granted	4

Four awards were made including support of a term-time school librarian to clear credit card debt while caring for family members who were out of work due to ill-health, an award to support someone transitioning from maternity leave payments to universal credit, and replacing an absent bathroom tap washer to finalise a water leak damage award.

The 8 ineligible applications include:

- 7 from people who were not members of CILIP, Library Association or ISI.
- 1 from someone who had had a previous award within the last three years.

In addition, there were three applications that were not pursued for other reasons:

- 2 where there was no reply from the applicant (and the applications may possibly have been spam)
- 1 withdrawn by the applicant.

John Vincent BEM, Hon FCLIP
October 2026

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ACCOUNTS for the year ended 31st December 2025

	2025	2024
INCOME		
Donations from individuals	725	2,111
Donations from organisations	1,290	200
Gift Aid	-	-
CILIP Grant	1,000	1,000
Legacies	25,000	100
Interest on investments	7,590	6,210
Dividends	3,534	3,366
	39,139	12,987
EXPENDITURE		
Grants	4,905	12,716
Fees to administrator	1,400	1,500
Webinars	-	900
Bank charges	1	1
Subscriptions	249	633
Miscellaneous	50	-
	6,605	15,750
RESULT for the year	**+ 32,534**	**- 2,763**
Surplus brought forward	247,450	
Plus increase in value of M & G investment	+ 9,541	
SURPLUS carried forward	**289,525**	
These funds are held as follows :		
Unity Trust current account	39,585	
COIF Charities deposit account	185,197	
M & G Charifund investment	64,604	
	289,386	
Plus Debtors	139	
	289,525	

As requested by Richard Osborn, I have carried out a review of the financial transactions of the CILIP Benevolent Fund for the year ended 31st December 2025. From this review, no matters have come to my attention which gives me reasonable cause to believe that the accounts and accounting records do not present a fair reflection of the Fund for the year.

Oscar Dodd FCA