

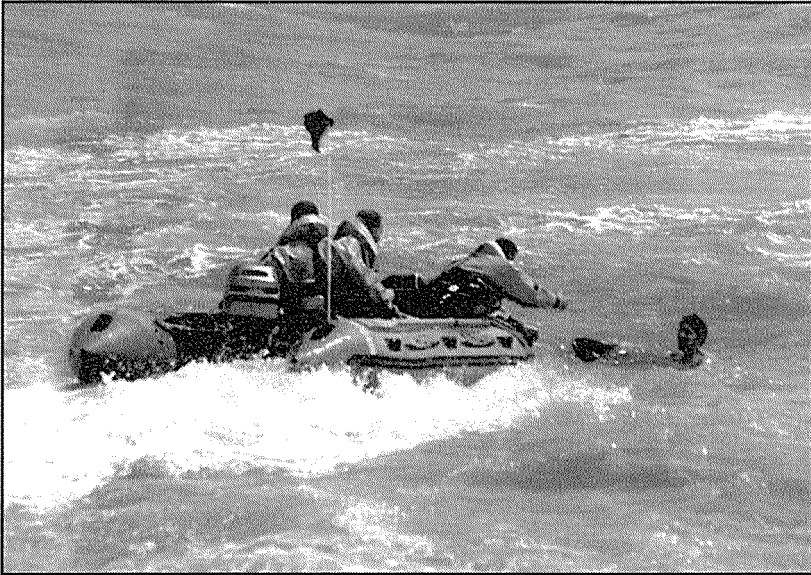


Lifeboats
Royal National Lifeboat Institution

The Civil Service, Post Office
& British Telecommunications
(CISPOTEL) Lifeboat Fund

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Founded 1866 - Registered charity number 248421

The Civil Service, Post Office and British Telecommunications Lifeboat Fund (CISPOTEL)

Registered charity number 248421

Trustees' Report 2000

TRUSTEES

The Civil Service, Post Office and British Telecommunications Lifeboat Fund is comprised of a Council and its governing document is its Constitution. The Council appoints the members of the Executive Committee who act as the charity's trustees. The members who served on the Executive Committee during the year ended 31 December 2000 are shown below with the Department or body that they represent:

Name	Office	Dates acted, if not for whole year
Dame Valerie Strachan DCB	Chairman	
Sir John Bourn KCB	Deputy Chairman	
Mr T P Grant	Hon. Treasurer	
Mrs LC Jones	Hon. Secretary	
Mr A C Bradshaw	Civil Service Pensioners	
Mrs J Brett	DSS	
Mr R Flanigan	Lord Chancellor's Dept.	
Mr CHenn	Without portfolio	
Mrs C Ringshaw-Dowle	Home Office	
Mr D Screeche-Powell	MOD	
Mr P Walls	HM Customs & Excise	
Mrs C Wardle	Post Office	

OBJECTIVES

The object of the Fund is to raise money to further the work of the Royal National Lifeboat Institution (RNLI) by providing from time to time the cost, in whole or in part, of replacement of Civil Service, Post Office and British Telecommunications lifeboats, or additional lifeboats at other stations. The Fund seeks to achieve this object by issuing an annual appeal to Civil Servants, and Post Office and BT staff. Also, Payroll and Pension Payroll Giving are actively promoted.

ORGANISATION

The Council oversees the strategy, and the Executive Committee administers and manages the Fund. Day to day business of the charity is conducted by the Honorary Secretary and Honorary Treasurer under the direction of the Executive Committee.

The principal address of the Fund is Culver House, Beaconsfield Road, Bickley, Kent, BR1 2BL.

Auditor: Reeves and Neylan, 37 St Margarets Street, Canterbury, Kent, CT1 2TU.

Banks: HSBC, Ridgeland House, 167 Dyke Road, Hove, East Sussex, BN3 ITX.
Girobank plc, Bootle, Merseyside, GIROM.

ACTIVITIES AND ACHIEVEMENTS DURING 2000

Fundraising

Annual Appeal

The Fund's main activity continued to be its annual appeal for contributions from both serving and retired civil servants, and employees of the Post Office and BT. Supporters are encouraged to fundraise in many forms depending on the inventiveness or entrepreneurial abilities of local representatives. The traditional circulation of a subscription form is the way in which most money is collected from serving Civil Servants and Post Office staff which had an added significance in 2000 because of the changes in Gift Aid (see below).

Retired Civil Servants and BT staff mainly subscribe through pension payroll and payroll giving, respectively. The Government gave a boost to payroll giving in 2000 by adding 10% to all donations between 2000 and 2003. CISPOTEL gained over £4,000 during 2000 as a result.

Sporting Appeal and Badge Appeal

The Flora London Marathon took place on 16 April 2000, and Nigel Hanson, who is with the Immigration Service at Stansted airport, ran a very good race completing in 4 hours and 50 minutes. Nigel raised a tremendous £1,021.11. The Fund expresses grateful thanks for his efforts in the Marathon and his success in raising such a marvelous sum for CISPOTEL from friends and colleagues.

The CISPOTEL Sporting appeal is advertised when the main appeal is launched and sports enthusiasts are encouraged to participate in a favourite sport and raise money for the CISPOTEL Lifeboat Fund; an attractive Sporting Appeal trophy can be provided if desired. Money collected this way is shown as received in the main appeal unless otherwise stated.

The Fund continued to promote the sale of badges which have proved a popular way of encouraging the main appeal in certain Departments, namely HM Land Registry.

New Gift Aid

Important tax changes to charity giving meant that from April 2000 the Fund could reclaim tax on all donations if the donor made a simple declaration that they paid sufficient income tax and that they wished their donation to be made under the Gift Aid Scheme. In practice, this involved the revision of the subscription list to include this declaration and completed forms were used to reclaim tax. For each £1 donated on a properly completed subscription list the Fund could claim 28p. In 2000, the Fund reclaimed £1,257.

Payroll Giving and Pension Payroll Giving

As detailed above the Government's 10% supplement to all donations in approved payroll giving schemes started in 2000 and will continue until 2003. CISPOTEL is actively encouraging donations in this way and is designing forms to be held in Government Departments to simplify support for the Fund. The processing Agents (Charities Trust, Charities Aid Foundation and South West Charitable Giving) also have their own forms which can be used and the CISPOTEL Lifeboat Fund should be quoted if supporters wish to give to the Fund in this way.

Website and e--mail links

The Fund purchased a computer to facilitate e-mail links, internet access and the creation of a website; the Dell equipment was purchased together with a Hewlett Packard printer/copier/scanner, at a cost to the Fund of £1572.74 and is in the custody of the Honorary Secretary. The Dell computer loaned to the Honorary Secretary was returned to the DETR and the Department is thanked for this loan.

Work started on the CISPOTEL website; a domain name of www.cispotel.org.uk was established and the site went live at the end of April. The Honorary Secretary can be reached at cispotel@bigfoot.com. The Fund enjoyed free internet access courtesy of Quip and lineone until September when, unfortunately, this service was switched off. The website was designed and built by the Honorary Secretary and Mr Richard Jones, Unisys, at no cost to the Fund except payment for the File Transfer Protocol (FTP Terrapin).

CISPOTEL Lifeboat Record

There are currently two CISPOTEL boats in the RNLI active fleet: the Princess Royal at St Ives and the Windsor Runner at Blyth. The relief fleet includes the Fund's latest boat, Fraser Flyer, St Cybi II and Richard Evans. Percy Garron (an inshore inflatable) which had been in service since 1976 joined the Finnish Lifeboat service at the end of 1999. During 2000, CISPOTEL lifeboats were launched xx times, saving x lives and giving assistance to a further xx people.

Three other CISPOTEL lifeboats are in a unique RNLI museum in Kent. The Edward Bridges (at Torbay until 1994), St Cybi (at Holyhead until 1980) and the North Foreland (at Margate until 1978) are all on display in the Lifeboat! Gallery at the Historic Dockyard, Chatham, Kent.

FINANCIAL REVIEW

In 2000, the Fund collected £188,000 to the RNLI, an increase of £8,000 from 1999. The main sources of these donations were:

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| • pension payroll giving | £74,000 |
| • legacy from Miss Wilkinson, an ex MOD employee | £75,000 |
| • traditional appeal (including the 'Marathon' collection of £1,021) | £25,500 |
| • payroll giving | £11,500 |
| • miscellaneous including one single donation of £1,300 | £2,000 |

This is the second year running in which CISPOTEL has benefited from a substantial legacy and it is most appreciative of those retired public servants who remember the Fund in their wills.

In previous years, payroll giving and the result of the traditional appeal have been reported as one figure (£40,000 in 1999). Breaking them down in this way shows that support from the traditional appeal continues to decline, while payroll giving is increasing, but solely in BT.

The cost of collecting these subscriptions was £4,700, or about 2.5 per cent. Of this, more than half relates to the administration fees charged by those organisations that collect and distribute pay and pension payroll giving on the Fund's behalf.

The RNLI holds all CISPOTEL donations in a restricted fund that accrues notional interest until there is sufficient to purchase a new lifeboat under the sponsorship terms agreed with the RNLI. As we reported last year, in January 2000 CISPOTEL was delighted to hand over formally £879,750 to the RNLI in payment for its 43rd lifeboat. Since then, this year's donations, together with £13,000 of notional interest and the balance left after paying for the new lifeboat, have accumulated to almost £224,000 in the restricted fund at 31 December 2000.

The Fund's financial statements and a summary of contributions are annexed.

REMUNERATION TO CHARITY TRUSTEES

No remuneration or other benefits were paid from the charity to a charity trustee.

FUTURE PLANS AND EVENTS

The Fund will continue to encourage support through Pension Payroll and Payroll Giving. The Fund will take the opportunity of writing to all retired Post Office employees, enlisting support for CISPOTEL, when P60 advices are issued in April. The Fund will also write to recently retired Civil Servants in the summer to attract support for pension payroll giving by those who did not receive a leaflet in 1997. Significant costs will be incurred for both the mailings and full details will be published in the next report.

The Fund will continue to encourage donors participating in the main appeal to make their donations under the Gift Aid Scheme so that tax can be reclaimed. The Fund will remind supporters how a legacy can help lifeboat crews long into the future.

RELATIONSHIP WITH OTHER CHARITIES

Since its foundation in 1866, the Civil Service, Post Office and British Telecommunications Lifeboat Fund has been and still is the biggest single supporter of the Royal National Lifeboat Institution. The RNLI is a registered charity that exists to save lives at sea by providing, on call, the 24-hour service necessary to cover search and rescue to 50 miles out from the coast of the United Kingdom and the Republic of Ireland. It depends entirely on voluntary contributions and legacies for its income, and for volunteers to man its lifeboats.

The RNLI pays for all substantial expenditure by the Fund out of restricted funds, held as explained above, subject to the approval of the Fund's Executive Committee. The RNLI provides the Fund with a Statement of Account at the end of the Fund's financial year.

CISPOTEL's Chairman, Dame Valerie Strachan, is a member of the RNLI's Committee of Management and Executive Committee.

Valerie Strachan
Chairman
on behalf of the Trustees

13 February 2001

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MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL (excluding the Officerst:

The Council of the Fund comprises representatives from Departments of the Civil Service, Consignia and British Telecommunications plc, and from other organisations, who act on a voluntary basis.

Mrs M Evans, Agricultural Payment Agency
Mrs J Dacosta, DEFRA
Mr M Davis, Cabinet Office
Mr M Dorman, Central Office of Information
Mr N. Kelleher, Crown Estate Office
Mr S Hawkins, HM Customs and Excise
Mr D. J. Screeche-Powell, Defence, Ministry of
Ms A O'Neil, Department of Agriculture for Northern Ireland
Mr G Starkey, DTLR
Mrs L Clemitson, Foreign and Commonwealth Office
Ms J Brown, Government Communications Headquarters
Mr V Rodriguez, Department of Health
Mrs C. Ringshaw-Dowle, Home Office
Mrs M Pieroni, House of Lords
Mr D Felix, Board of Inland Revenue
Mrs A. McDermot, HM Land Registry
Mr R. Flanigan, Lord Chancellor's Department
Mr D. Kennedy, National Audit Office
Mr B Toward, National Investment and Loans Office
Mrs Williamson, Northern Ireland Office
Ms A O'Neill, Northern Ireland Social Security Agency
Mrs D Cameron, Office for National Statistics
Mr S. J. Hurrell, Parliamentary Commissioner's Office
Ms C Wardle, Consignia
Mrs S Bundock, Public Record Office
Mrs J Brett, Department for Pensions and Work
Mr J Burnett, Treasury Solicitor's Department
Mrs W Ellis, Scottish Court Service
Mrs C. Wilkinson, Department of the Environment, Northern Ireland
Mrs A. O'Neil, Northern Ireland Social Security Agency

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 15 MARCH 2001

The Annual General Meeting was held on Thursday 15 March at 2.30 pm in the Board Room of the Crown Estate Office, 16 Carlton House Terrace, London, SW1. The Guest speaker from the RNLI was Mr Hugh Fogarty, Staff Officer Operations (Inshore Lifeboats).

Chairman's opening remarks

WELCOMES

The Chairman greeted and thanked everyone for attending. A warm welcome was extended to the visitors from the RNLI, Mr Stephen Baker, Mrs Jennifer Bush, and the guest speaker, Mr Hugh Fogarty.

APOLOGIES

Apologies had been received from Sir John Bourn, Deputy Chairman; Mrs Jayne Brett, DWP; Ms Clare Wardle, Consignia; and Mr Alan Bradshaw, CSPA.

CISPOTEL'S FUTURE PURCHASE

The Chairman informed the Council about discussions taking place with the RNLI about CISPOTEL's next purchase and the delegation to RNLI HQ in Poole that took place on 19 January where the CISPOTEL delegates heard about a new lifesaving initiative about to be launched by the Deputy Prime Minister, John Prescott.

The Chairman went on to explain that following studies commissioned as a result of the Marchioness disaster where 51 people died, Search and Rescue on the River Thames was to be improved with the creation of three lifeboat stations which would provide a rescue service within 15 minutes to any point on the tidal Thames. The RNLI were to provide three lifeboat stations (probably at Gravesend, Tower Pier and Chiswick), five new lifeboats and housing for the boats plus crew accommodation - all by voluntary contributions.

The Chairman was very pleased to announce to the Council that CISPOTEL had agreed to Fund the lifeboat, lifeboat station and crew accommodation for the Tower Pier station. The Chairman was not able to provide precise details of the cost of this project, but a new lifeboat would cost in excess of £81,000 and the housing and crew accommodation would cost many times the cost of the lifeboat.

The new lifeboat station was expected to be in operation by the beginning of 2002 and the Chairman said that this would be a high profile and important project for CISPOTEL and every opportunity should be taken to publicise the Fund's involvement.

OTHER FUNDING

CISPOTEL delegates to Poole had heard about other new initiatives being investigated by the RNLI including the deployment of Hovercraft for lifesaving activities and they were very interested in these trials. The Council was assured that the traditional provision of sea going craft was to be continued and that an Atlantic 75, likely to be available in about 2004, had been allocated to CISPOTEL at a likely cost of £82,000. CISPOTEL and the RNLI would continue to work closely together so that CISPOTEL boats were provided regularly and played an important part in the RNLI fleets.

Treasurer's Report

The annual accounts for 2000 were circulated and considered. The Honorary Treasurer reported that subscriptions overall amounted to £191,213.00 (see the Trustees Report above for how this figure is reached) and £1257.50 tax had been reclaimed through the Gift Aid Scheme. Subscriptions last year included a legacy of £75,000 from the late Miss Edale Wilkinson who was associated with the Ministry of Defence. The Treasurer pointed out that CISPOTEL had benefited from a generous legacy in 1999 as well and remarked how such legacies could transform the fortunes of the Fund. He hoped that legacy giving could be encouraged in a sensitive way.

Final Payment for RNLB Fraser Flyer was made on 31 January 2000 and amounted to £879,750. Funds remaining and notional interest received in 2000 on Restricted Fund balances held with the RNLI provided an end of year balance with the RNLI of £223,773 which reflected a successful year.

Expenditure for fundraising and publicity in 2000 was about £4,000.

The accounts for 2000 included the part time salary for the donated services of the Honorary Secretary for the first time. A Computer had been provided for the use of the Honorary Secretary and was also shown.

The financial statements for the Fund and summary of contributions are annexed.

TRUSTEES REPORT

The Council approved the report of the Trustees which appears at the front of this report.

Secretary's report

NEWS OF CISPOTEL LIFEBOATS

The Honorary Secretary reminded the Council of the lifeboats in RNLI's active fleet (details are given in the TRUSTEES REPORT). The CISPOTEL boats were called out 51 times in 2000, saving 2 lives and assisting a further 63 people. During the long association with RNLI, the CISPOTEL boats had been launched over 6,000 times saving over 4,400 lives.

CREW OF FRASER FLYER RECEIVE A LETTER OF CONGRATULATIONS

Fraser Flyer was called out from Harwich in May 2000 to assist the Aldeburgh lifeboat in a rescue. A yacht was in difficulties in appalling weather conditions which caused Fraser Flyer to broach several times in a 20 foot swell. Four crew were in bad shape on

the pitching yacht and so the craft was abandoned and the crew saved; three men were rescued by the Aldeburgh lifeboat and Fraser Flyer stood by to rescue the skipper. It was an excellent example of flank station co-operation and everyone was praised for the successful outcome of the service.

2001 ANNUAL APPEAL

The Honorary Secretary said that the focus for the appeal would be the provision of the lifeboat and lifeboat station on the Thames. She reminded the Council that the 2001 appeal would be vital to meet commitments for the new lifeboat station and encouraged support for the Appeal. Campaign material would be designed to draw attention to the new project.

Gift Aid would still be important revenue for the Fund and a poster cum subscription sheet would still operate. It was hoped that the amount of tax reclaimed could be improved in 2001.

The Honorary Secretary explained that following the CISPOTEL delegation to Poole, a fundraising sub-committee had been formed to look into ways of recruiting new supporters, retaining loyal supporters and evolving new ways to raise money for the Fund.

LONDON MARATHON

The Honorary Secretary reported the successful Marathon race in 2000 by Nigel Hanson who worked for the Immigration Service at Stansted Airport. In his first London Marathon, Nigel completed his race in 4hrs 50 minutes. He managed to raise a splendid £1,021.11 for the Fund and the Council congratulated him on his fine achievement.

WEBSITE

The CISPOTEL website went live in April 2000. This simple site would require more work but was another tool for CISPOTEL to raise awareness and seek support.

PENSION PAYROLL GIVING

Retired members of Consignia (formerly the Post Office) would be receiving a leaflet from CISPOTEL encouraging them to support the Fund through Pension Payroll Giving and the leaflets were to be issued from April 2001. It was the first opportunity for CISPOTEL to write directly to retired Consignia employees and it was hoped that a good response would be received.

CISPOTEL was also hoping to write to Civil Servants who had taken retirement since the earlier mailing of 1997 with a letter issued by Paymaster. The Council was advised that careful consideration had been given to this exercise as all costs would fall to the Fund. The Trustees were persuaded to pursue this mailing as no other way to write directly was available to the Fund.

The Honorary Secretary advised that costs to write to 165,000 retired Consignia employees would be about £10,000 and about the same cost if 24,000 letters were sent to recently retired Civil Servants; costs would increase for each letter posted for Civil Servants. Full details would be reported in future Annual Reports.

Election of Officers

Dame Valerie Strachan was re-elected Chairman; Sir John Bourn was re-elected Deputy Chairman; and the Honorary Secretary and Honorary Treasurer were re-elected into office for a further year.

Confirmation of Executive Committee

Mrs C Ringshaw-Dowle, Home Office; Mrs J Brett, Department for Work and Pensions; and Mrs C Wardle, Consignia; and Messrs. Screeche-Powell, MOD; Flanigan, Lord Chancellor's Department; and Bradshaw, representing Civil Service pensioners, were all re-elected to the Executive Committee.

Mr Charles Henn stood down from the Executive Committee without replacement. Mr Steven Hawkins was elected to stand to represent HM Customs and Excise to replace Mr Peter Walls who had retired.

The Chairman warmly thanked the Committee for their service over the past year. She particularly thanked both Mr Charles Henn for his valuable contribution to the Fund and Mr Peter Walls, in his absence, for his commitment to CISPOTEL over the years. Mr Hawkins was warmly welcomed to the Committee.

Guest Speaker

Mr Hugh Fogarty, Staff Officer Operations (Inshore Lifeboats)

Mr Fogarty made a presentation to the Council on a range of topics including providing details of the next generation of lifeboats currently being developed - the FSB 2 and FCB 2, the successor to the Atlantic 21 and 75 inflatable lifeboats; and the next generation D class - 1B1. He went on to highlight some of the other initiatives being considered by the RNLI namely, a beach rescue pilot involving 4 local authorities on 20 beaches using seasonal lifeguards and volunteers; the pilot would run for the summer of 2001 and be evaluated at the end of the year. There was to be an inland waters pilot on Lough Erne, the Norfolk Broads and in the Lake District. The RNLI were also trialling at Poole HQ the use of hovercraft using a Griffon 450 TD. Mr Fogarty explained that there were training and maintenance implications for the deployment of Hovercraft and there could be operational limitations such as the weather and terrain.

Mr Fogarty also referred to the Thames lifeboats to improve search and rescue on the tidal Thames which the Chairman had mentioned above in her opening address. He confirmed that the lifeboat stations were likely to be at Gravesend, Tower Pier, and Chiswick to provide a response time of 15 minutes anywhere in that stretch of the river. He explained that there would probably be a mixture of full time staff and volunteers at the new lifeboat stations. He said that while the type of lifeboat was to be investigated it would likely be a water jet driven boat being able to be permanently afloat and able to go at 40 knots. He explained that there would be different requirements for this lifeboat from those of an inshore lifeboat.

He concluded by saying that none of the initiatives being considered could be pursued without the vital work of the fundraisers and he thanked CISPOTEL for their continued commitment to helping the RNLI save lives.

Chairman's closing address

The Chairman said that she was sorry that Sir John Bourn had not been able to join the meeting and that she had always valued his encouraging words at the CISPOTEL AGM's and appreciated his support for the Fund's activities. In Sir John's absence, the Chairman thanked all the many people who worked so hard to raise money for CISPOTEL. She recognized that fundraising was always a challenge and was very conscious of this now having been involved with the many charities seeking help from the National Lottery Charities Board of which she was Deputy Chair. She went on to say that the many local and specialist charities clamouring for support put pressure on CISPOTEL, and the RNLI, to find fun and exciting ways to tempt support as well as tried and tested methods.

The Chairman called on those present to come up with good ideas for an event for CISPOTEL and, as an example, she referred to a sponsored silence that one Department had organized the previous year. She called on supporters to be innovative in their quest to help the valuable work of the RNLI. She wished all the representatives luck with the 2001 annual appeal and hoped that retired Post Office employees and Civil Servants would respond positively to the mailings from CISPOTEL.

Close of Annual General Meeting

The Chairman drew the AGM to a close by thanking Hugh Fogarty for his excellent presentation. She thanked the Executive Committee for their work over the past year, and extended thanks to everyone for all their support throughout the year. She also extended heartfelt thanks to everyone, both serving and retired, for their generous contributions and to the legacy gifts which enabled the Fund to continue to support the work of the RNLI.

Independent examiners report of the trustees of Civil Service, Post Office and British Telecommunications Lifeboat Fund

we have examined, without carrying out an audit, the accounts for the year ended 31 December 2000 set out on pages 2 to 6.

Respective responsibilities of trustees and independent examiner

As described on page 4, the trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts, and they have elected under section 42 Charities Act 1993 (the Act) that the accounts be subject to independent examination. It is our responsibility to examine the accounts and, based on our examination, to report our opinion, as set out below, to the trustees.

Basis of opinion

We conducted our examination under section 43 and in accordance with the directions of the Charity Commissioners under section 43 (7) of the act.

The examination was not an audit conducted in accordance with Accounting Standards. Accordingly, we do not express an audit opinion on the accounts. Therefore our examination does not provide any assurance that the accounting records and the accounts are free from material misstatement.

Opinion

In our opinion nothing has come to our attention which gives us reasonable cause to believe that In any material respect:-

- a accounting records have not been kept in respect of Civil Service;Post Office and British Telecommunications Lifeboat Fund In accordance with section 42 of the 1993 Act; or
 - ii the accounts do not accord with those records; or
 - iii in the case of an examination of accounts a statement of which has been prepared under section 41 (1) of the Act, the statement of accounts does not comply with any of the requirements specified in paragraph 1 of Part III of Schedule 1 to these Regulations.
- b no matter has come to our attention in connection with the examination which, in our opinion attention should be drawn in our report, in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Chartered Accountants
Canterbury
27 February 2001

**Civil Service, Post Office and
British Telecommunications Lifeboat Fund**

Statement of financial activities
for the year ended 31 December 2000

	Note	Unrestricted fund 2000 £	Unrestricted fund 1999 £
Income and expenditure			
Incoming resources			
Subscriptions	3	191,213	184,020
Cistopel expenses incurred direct by the RNLI		2,952	2,675
Investment Income		109	18
Donated services	11	13,653	13,316
Total incoming resources		<u>207,927</u>	<u>200,029</u>
Resources expended			
Direct charitable expenditure	4	186,856	180,259
Fundraising and publicity	5	3,885	5,313
Management and administration of the charity	6	14,465	14,044
Total resources expended		<u>205,206</u>	<u>199,616</u>
Net Incoming/(outgoing) resources for the year		2,721	413
Balances brought forward at 31 December 1999		913	500
Balances carried forward at 31 December 2000		<u>3,634</u>	<u>913</u>

The above statement of financial activities includes all recognised gains and losses.

The notes on pages 4 to 6 form part of these financial statements.

Civil Service, Post Office and British Telecommunications Lifeboat Fund

Balance sheet
at 31 December 2000

	Note	Unrestricted funds 2000 £	Unrestricted funds 1999 £
Fixed Assets	7	1,179	
Current assets			
Cash at bank and In hand	8	2,455	966
Current Liabilities			
Creditors	9		53
Net current assets		<u>3,634</u>	<u>913</u>
Funds			
Unrestricted		<u>3,634</u>	<u>913</u>

The notes on pages 4 to 6 form part of these financial statements

Approved by the trustees on 13 February 2001 and signed on their behalf.

T P Grant
Honorary Treasurer

Dame Valerie Strachan
Chairman

Additional note

The RNLI hold the money collected by Cispotel and passed to the RNLI In restricted funds accruing interest until there is sufficient to buy a lifeboat. At 31 December 2000, the position of these accrued funds was as follows:

	2000 £	1999 £
Balances held in RNLI Restricted Funds for Cispotel at 1 January 2000	906,610	680,298
Less: payment for 43rd Lifeboat	(879,750)	
Cispotel donations passed to RNLI in 2000	186,856	180,259
Notional interest received in 2000 on Restricted Fund balances held by RNLI	13,009	48,728
Less: Cispotel expenses paid direct by RNLI	<u>12,952</u>	<u>(2,675)</u>
Balance held in RNLI Restricted Funds for Cispotel at 31 December 2000	<u>223,773</u>	<u>906,610</u>

Civil Service, Post Office and British Telecommunications Lifeboat Fund

Note to the financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2000

1 Responsibilities of the trustees for the preparation of the financial statements

The trustees are responsible for preparing annual financial statements, for maintaining proper accounting records, for safeguarding the assets of the charity and for taking reasonable steps to prevent and detect fraud and other irregularities

2 Accounting policies

(a) Basis of accounting

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with Accounting Standards applicable to the United Kingdom including the Statement of Recommended Practice No 2 'Accounting by Charities' issued in 1995 under the auspices of the Accounting Standards Board.

(b) Donations received :

Income is accounted for when received.

(c) Other resources

The financial statements do not reflect non-cash resources, including the time of volunteers, donated to the charity

(d) Depreciation

Fixed assets are held at cost and depreciated as follows:

Computers and other office equipment - on a straight line basis over four years

3 Subscriptions

	2000 £	1999 £
Subscriptions received gross of cost of distributing payroll and pension-giving costs	104,042	110,498
Legacies	75,000	
Donations received direct by RNLI	12,171	73,522
	<u>191,213</u>	<u>184,020</u>

4 Direct charitable expenditure

	2000 £	1999 £
Donations passed to RNLI	174,685	106,737
Legacies received direct to RNLI		62,259
Donations received direct to RNLI	12,171	11,263
	<u>186,856</u>	<u>180,259</u>

Civil Service, Post Office and British Telecommunications Lifeboat Fund

Note to the financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2000

5 Fundraising and publicity

	2000	1999
	£	£
Cost of distributing payroll and pension-giving donations	2,841	2,885
Cost of distributing appeal leaflets	35	323
Printing etc by RNLI	1,009	2,105
	<u>3,885</u>	<u>5,313</u>

6 Management and administration of the Charity

	Note	2000	1999
		£	£
Miscellaneous		269	481
Printing and distribution of annual report		150	247
Depreciation		393	
Donated services	11	13,653	13,316
		<u>14,465</u>	<u>14,044</u>

7 Tangible fixed assets

	Computers & other office equipment
Cost	
At 1 January 2000	
Additions	<u>1,572</u>
At 31 December 2000	<u>1,572</u>
Depreciation	
At 1 January 2000	
Charge for the year	<u>393</u>
At 31 December 2000	<u>393</u>
Net book value	
At 31 December 2000	<u>1,179</u>
At 31 December 1999	<u> </u>

8 Cash at bank and in hand

	2000	1999
	£	£
Bank accounts	2,422	920
Petty cash	33	46
	<u>2,455</u>	<u> </u>

Civil Service, Post Office and British Telecommunications Lifeboat Fund

Note to the financial statements
for the year ended 31 December 2000

9 Creditors

2000	1999
£	£

Amounts falling due within one year

<u> </u>	<u>53</u>
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10 Trustees' expenses

During the year, one trustee was reimbursed £113 for sundry petty cash items.

11 Donated services

A government department meets the following part time salary and associated costs of a member of Cispotel's staff

2000	1999
£	£

Salary	12,656	12,196
Employer's National Insurance contributions	849	807
Cispotel telephone costs	148	313
	<u>13,653</u>	<u>13,316</u>

The Hon. Independent Examiner also donated their services free.

A poem dedicated to the CISPOTEL Lifeboat Fund

By Ken Latham, Sandwich, April 2001

This poem was inspired by a leaflet CISPOTEL sent to retired Post office employees detailing a particular rescue by RNLB Windsor Runner in Blyth, Northumberland. The poem was written by someone who belongs to the 'Deal Hoodeners' who support the Walmer Lifeboat Station in Kent.

"Orange and Blue"

Oh a welcome sight, when sad your plight,
 See it, wild waves pushing through.
So take heart now lads, for here she comes:
 The lifeboat orange and blue.
 Our lifeboat, orange and blue.

Too oft' known fishermen's trouble,
 Fouled propellor, drifting now;
And seems those cruel rocks beckon.
 Oh they must be saved somehow.

A 'Force 7' it was howling,
 The broken waves rolled high,
That day, just off Blyth Harbour.
 Oh don't let those poor men die!

Then, at speed, through the wild tossed sea
 The 'Windsor Runner' came;
And this lifeboat got a line across,
 And pulled her clear again.

So was saved that fishing vessel,
 With her thankful crew of three;
And the 'Lily of the Valley' now,
 Can fish another day.

So now you all in your offices,
 Or travelling, on your round.
You linesmen, out there at your tasks,
 Would you just pay a mind?

Perhaps you could spare a coin or two,
 To help those lifeboatmen?
As comrades, for more than a hundred year
 Did provide, and help maintain.

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 See it, wild waves pushing through.
So take heart now lads, for here she comes,
 The lifeboat, orange and blue.

Our lifeboat, all orange and blue.

SUMMARY OF CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE FUND

Recorded during the year ended 31st December 2000

	£
Agriculture, Fisheries and Food, Ministry of	1,529.00
Customs and Excise, HM	2,207.90
Defence, Ministry of	2533.30
DETR	221.50
Education and Employment, Department for	166.32
GCHQ	641.61
Health, Department of	94.90
Home Office	2,187.21
Inland Revenue	6,109.14
Intervention Board	303.00
Land Registry, HM	637.19
LordChancellor's Department	422.00
National Audit Office	632.00
National Investments and Loans Office	5.00
National Savings Department	80.00
Public Record Office	41.53
Social Security, Department of	1,932.39
 NORTHERN IRELAND	
Agriculture for Northern Ireland, Department of	707.24
DETI	277.93
Finance and Personnel (NI), Department of	811.83
NI Office	159.76
NI Social Security Agency	1,032.03
Department for Regional Development	1,816.40
Department for Social Development	71.00
 PAYROLL GIVING (including £10,032.24 from BT)	 11,544.52
 PENSIONERS' PAYROLL GIVING	 73,808.27
 OTHERS	 1,834.82
 LEGACY (in memory of the late Miss Edale Wilkinson) ...	 75,000.00
 TAX RECLAIM ON GIFT AID DONATIONS	 1,257.50

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