



The annual Report  
of the Civil Service  
and Post Office  
Life-Boat Fund

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1974

**LETTER RECEIVED BY THE CHAIRMAN FROM HIS ROYAL  
HIGHNESS THE DUKE OF KENT**

Dear Sir Louis Petch,

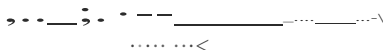
As President of the Royal National Life-Boat Institution, it gives me considerable pleasure to write and congratulate every member of the Civil Service and Post Office Life-Boat Fund, for the quite magnificent support they have given to the Institution over a period of more than 100 years.

I was informed at the end of 1974, the Institution's 150th Anniversary Year, that the Council of the Civil Service and Post Office Life-boat Fund had decided to mark the occasion of the Institution's Anniversary by defraying the cost of the third life-boat of the newly designed 'Arun' class. This is the 37th life -boat which has been provided by your Fund over the years, and your members and all their predecessors, have had every reason to feel deeply proud of the support they have given to our Institution.

I am also aware that in addition to providing money for these 37 life-boats, your Fund has also made regular payments for the necessary modification and maintenance of these boats and also for the payments of service allowances to their crews when they carry out services. This additional, and very practical help, is also very deeply appreciated by everyone concerned.

I would be most grateful if you would take a suitable opportunity of conveying to all your members my very sincere and grateful thanks for all the voluntary work they have done and are continuing to do to ensure that the **RNLI** provides a modern and efficient life-boat service around the coasts of these islands.

Yours sincerely,



*President*

# The Civil Service and Post Office Life-Boat Fund

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The Chairman, Deputy-Chairman, Honorary Secretary, and Honorary Treasurer are ex-officio members of the Executive Committee.

# Report for 1974

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The Council have pleasure in presenting the Annual Report for 1974 of the Civil Service and Post Office Life-Boat Fund .

The total sum collected during the year 1974 was £45,176. As in previous years, the figure includes a number of Departmental contributions which were made in response to the 1973 Appeal but were received too late for inclusion in last year's Accounts . These total £7,981, which is a relatively low figure for arrears. Moreover a number of contributions still remain to come in as a result of the 1974 Appeal. We can therefore hope that the 1974 Collection will ultimately prove to be the highest yet. Your Council wish to place on record their thanks to the Collectors and Contributors who have achieved this high level of collections during the 150th Anniversary Year of the Royal National Life-Boat Institution.

Response to the 1974 Appeal has been on a generous level and your Council would not wish to single out any Department. The results are heartening, but we cannot rest on our laurels . Over the last year the purchasing power of money has sunk by possibly 20%, while the requirements of the **RNLI** and the administration expenses of our Fund have increased. Thus, regrettable though this might be, it is not good enough that we should maintain the level of our collections; in spite of the very heavy demands on everybody's purse, your Council feel obliged to urge Members to bear this in mind and an extra penny or two from each of us would have an enormous effect in total.

A legacy from the late Miss Kathleen A. Spiller was received during the year, and the usual £15 from the Estate of the late Miss E. A. Close. A number of special donations have been received, including some in memory of deceased officers and these are set out in the Account.

An arrangement has been made with the Midland Bank whereby balances in the Sub-Accounts held by the major Departments will be transferred at the end of each month into separate Deposit Accounts. This will slightly increase the interest accruing to the Fund, which will be placed to the credit of the Departments concerned.

A further £37,000 was paid to the RNLI on account of our Life-Boat Fund and the present position is shown in the Account.

Mr. R. L. Osborn, M.B. E., our Honorary Treasurer, has decided that it is time for him to retire, and we regret to say that during his last months in Office he has been dogged by ill-health. Mr Osborn, who was originally a Collector in his Department, became a member of the Council and was appointed to the Executive Committee as long ago as 1948. He became Secretary of the Fund in 1953 and was appointed Treasurer in 1961, since when he has borne the burden of organising the collections throughout the Civil Service and Post Office during a very difficult time of reorganisation. The Fund is sorry to lose his services, and his knowledge and expertise will be greatly missed . It is hoped that he will continue as a member of the Executive Committee for many years to come. The Council is pleased to

be able to inform you that Mr. Osborn has been honoured by the RNLI and has been presented with a gold badge.

Mr. R. A. Brall has acted as Assistant Honorary Treasurer during Mr. Osborn's illness and his Appointment as Treasurer was confirmed at the Annual General Meeting. Mr. Brall has been a member of the Executive Committee for some years, and the Council welcomes him to his onerous task.

*Civil Service No. 36.* -The 'Eric Seal' which was reported last year as completed and on station at Eyemouth in Scotland was named by Lady Seal on August 3rd and many members were able to attend.

*Civil Service No. 37.* - This boat, the Edward Bridges, was on show at the Life-Boat Exhibition in Plymouth and visited by many members of the Fund and the general public at large. She is a fine boat and it is hoped that she will be allocated to a station this year.

Our boats have been launched 82 times and saved 53 lives, which makes a grant total of 3,400 lives since the foundation of the Fund.

On February 6th, the 'Charles H. Barrett' (*Civil Service No. 35*) went to the assistance of the trawler *St. Pierre* under the following circumstances.

## Storm tow

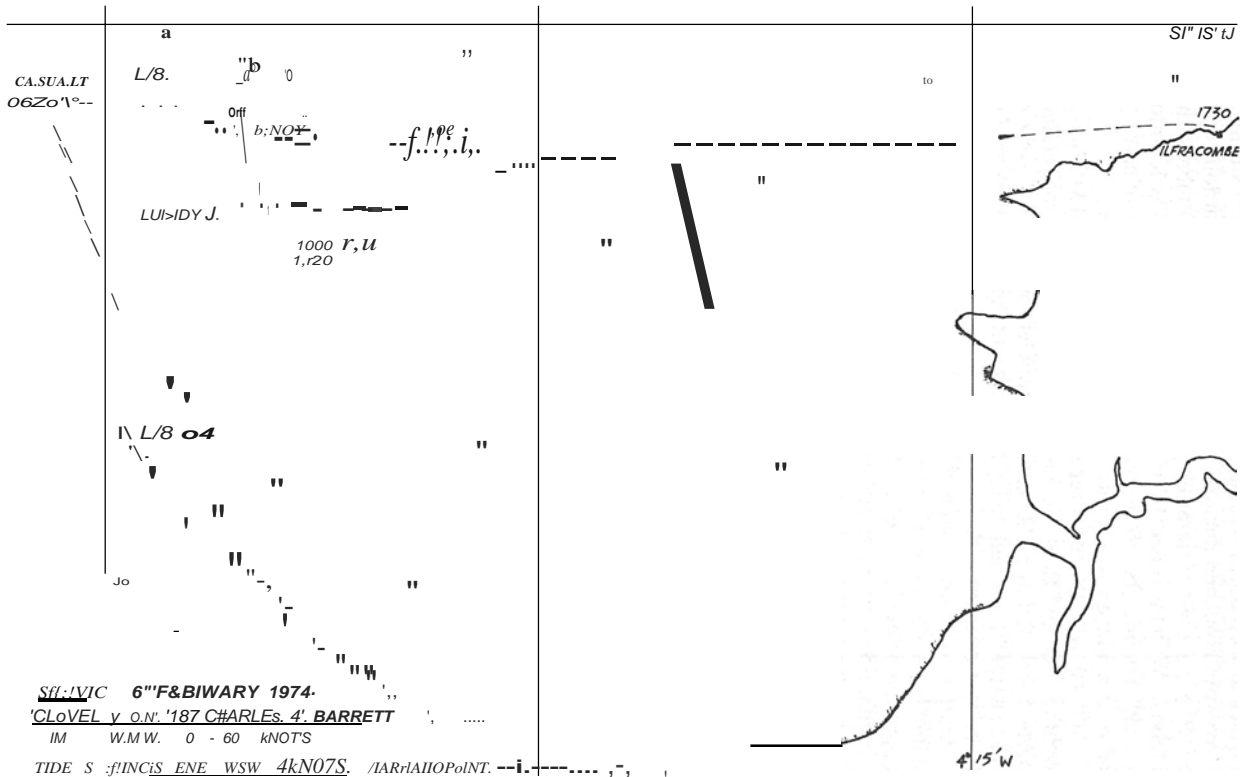
Hartland Point Coastguard informed lifeboat *70.001, Charles H. Barrett (Civil Service No. 35)*, at 0210 on February 6 that a trawler was sinking 281°T 26 miles from the Point. The lifeboat was under way by 0220 and 12 minutes later copied a mayday relay from Ilfracombe Radio to all ships which had been received by VHF at Hartland; it reported flooding, with the trawler's pump unable to cope, and giving a Decca position of the trawler, *St. Pierre*, which was on a course north.

Staff Coxswain Michael Houchen, in command of *70.001*, plotted this position and, allowing for *St. Pierre's* course of north, he set a course 290°M from Hartland Point at 0305 to intercept.

The wind on slipping from the moorings at Clovelly had been westerly force 6, but within an hour it had increased to force 8 and had veered slightly to west by north. The tide was in the third hour of flood and was setting the lifeboat back by about 1 knot, while the wind and sea accounted for another reduction of about 1½ knots. Thus, at full speed, the lifeboat was making good over the ground about 8½ knots.

Various messages were exchanged with the trawler, through Hartland Coastguard, until at 0435, when six miles west south west of South Lundy, *70.1* sighted a red flare from *St. Pierre* just forward of her starboard beam. She altered course towards it. Quarter of an hour later another red flare from the trawler was sighted and answered with a white parachute flare. Then *70.001* switched on her searchlight to show *St. Pierre* her position, at the same time making **VHF** contact with her.

At 0515 the lifeboat sighted the trawler. She was slightly smaller than *70.001*, being 54' overall and of about 20 tons, registered. She was heading about north by east with the wind slightly forward of her port beam, and appeared still to have plenty of freeboard and not to be in any immediate danger of sinking.



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COVEL V O.N. 187 CHARLES. 4. BARRETT

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By now the wind had reached force 10 to 11 and had veered slightly further to west north west accompanied by violent hail storms, and Staff Coxswain Houchen decided it would be a most hazardous operation for *St. Pierre's* crew if he attempted by any means to embark them in the lifeboat. With the object of trying to get the stricken trawler into the lee of Lundy Island, therefore, he prepared a tow, heaving-to while the lifeboat's mizzen was struck to get it out of the way.

At 0540, with the tow prepared, *70-fJOJ* approached *St. Pierre* from her weather side and Boat Mechanic Ivor Young fired a rocket line. It was a perfect shot, falling right across the trawler, but her crew were not able to reach it quickly enough to lay hold of it and the line slid clear of the rigging to be lost over the side.

Staff Coxswain Houchen now appreciated that it was going to be difficult for the crew of the casualty to help, so he decided to make an approach on her lee side, as close as he dare go, and endeavour to throw a heaving line into the hands of the crew. He therefore passed across *St. Pierre's* bow, turned starboard and approached directly upwind on to her starboard quarter. Although this would make the throwing of the heaving line a Herculean task, it was the only prudent and seamanlike approach with the lifeboat, having a higher profile, making more leeway than the trawler.

At the last moment it was realised that the crew of *St. Pierre* were not ready to receive the tow line, and so the approach had to be cut off and made all over again. As the lifeboat turned away and lay off while awaiting preparations on board the casualty, the crew noticed that when both boats were in troughs of the very heavy seas *St. Pierre* was completely disappearing.

At 0600, *70-fJOJ* approached again. With first-class ship handling Staff Coxswain Houchen brought her bows to within a few feet of *St. Pierre's* quarter and, with both boats ranging a good twenty or more feet, Fleet Mechanic Peter Crofts threw the heaving line hard into the wind; the waiting crew of *St. Pierre* had no difficulty in catching it. A warp (70 fathoms of 4!h" nylon) was now passed and the long tow began at 0620, making good about 4 knots.

Lundy lay about eight miles to the east south east and so course was set to pass round the north end of the island. The tide had turned by this time and was starting to run against the wind. *St. Pierre* had lost the use of her engines, but did not appear to be making a large amount of water although her crew reported that she was leaking.

All went without incident until about 0800 when the tow entered the northern fringe of the Lundy Race. Here the tide was now setting about 4 knots against the wind, which was still blowing force 10 to 11; the combined result was a phenomenal sea. The waves were high and precipitous, about 40' with very steep sides, so that at times Staff Coxswain Houchen was actually standing with his feet on the forward bulkhead of the wheelhouse as he tried to steer *70-fJOJ* down the face of a wave. Huge, vicious seas stove in the transom of the trawler and one wave broke completely across the lifeboat from port quarter to starboard bow so that jets of water spurted through the top of the wheelhouse door and soaked all within. The lifeboat crew believe that it was only their tow which saved



them from broaching-to and, likewise, the lifeboat's pull on the bows of the trawler that held *St. Pierre* from a similar fate. The staff coxswain said that had the tow parted at this point, it would have been the end for the trawler and her crew because he would have been powerless to save them.

However, the tow held and the Jee side of Lundy was reached by about 1000. Anchor was let go in Lundy Roads and at 1030 *St. Pierre* was brought alongside for pumping. By 1330 she was about 75 per cent pumped out and it was then discovered that the hose connections for the salvage pump suction hose were in fact leaking air, so that suction was impaired.

The wind had now moderated to about force 8 west north west and, the BBC TV weather forecast and synoptic chart having been seen on the lifeboat's new TV set, Staff Coxswain Houchen decided that it would be possible to continue to Ilfracombe with the tow.

Anchor was weighed and the tow got under way at 1420, arriving at Ilfracombe without further incident at about 1700. *St. Pierre* was towed to within heaving line distance of the jetty and the tow was slipped at 1715, both boats being secured alongside by 1730.

At 1825, however, *70-001* having parted two mooring lines, lost one fender and damaged the rubber D fender belting, Staff Coxswain Houchen decided to leave and return to anchor off Lundy once again to shelter from the now north west gale which was still force 8 gusting 9.

For this service a bronze medal for gallantry was awarded to Staff Coxswain Michael Houchen. Medal service certificates were presented to Boat Mechanics Ivor Young and John Leech, Fleet Mechanic Peter Crofts and Assistant Mechanic Peter Braund.

As you all know, the Fund was able to present an Arun III Life-Boat (Civil Service No. 37), 'Edward Bridges' to the RNLI to celebrate their 150th Anniversary.

Our Chairman, Sir Louis Petch, received a letter of thanks from His Royal Highness, the Duke of Kent, and a copy of this letter dated the 5th March is enclosed with this report.

Signed on behalf of the Council  
Louis Petch, *Chairman*  
John Chapman, *Honorary Secretary*

*Dated 20th March, 1975.*

## CIVIL SERVICE AND POST OFFICE LIFE-BOATS IN SERVICE

Thirteen life-boats out of 36 boats, the cost of which has been defrayed by the contributions of Civil Servants and Officers of the Post Office at home and abroad, remain in service at various stations in the British Isles. The list of Civil Service boats, at the time of going to press, is as follows:

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|---------------------|--|------------------------------|
| Civil Service No. 4 | The "Lady Scott"<br><i>Portrush, Co. Antrim</i>            | C. 11 1982                   |
| 7                   | The "Princess Royal"<br><i>Ark/ow</i>                      |                              |
| 8                   | The "Winston Churchill"<br><i>Blyth, Northumberland</i>    |                              |
| 9                   | The "St. Cybi"<br><i>Holyhead, Anglesey</i>                | sell 1980                    |
| 10                  | The "St. Andrew"<br><i>In reserve</i>                      | Lyham, sell 1980             |
| 11                  | The "North Foreland"<br><i>Margate, Kent</i>               |                              |
| 30                  | The "Greater London II"<br><i>Southend-on-Sea</i>          |                              |
| 31                  | The "Pentland"<br><i>In reserve</i>                        |                              |
| 32                  | The "Charles Dibdin"<br><i>Walmer, Kent</i>                | J::i:tsJ,4,vv..1 sell 80/87. |
| 33                  | The "Duke of Cornwall"<br><i>Lizard/Cadgwith, Cornwall</i> |                              |
| 34                  | The "Joseph Soar"<br><i>St. David's, Pembrokeshire</i>     |                              |
| 35                  | The "Charles H. Barrett"<br><i>Clovelly</i>                |                              |
| 36                  | The "Eric Seal"<br><i>Eyemouth</i>                         |                              |

The Fund contributes £5,000 per annum towards the maintenance of these boats and also refunds to the Royal National Life-boat Institution the allowances on service paid to the crews.

# The Record of the Civil Service and Post Office Life-Boats

during the year ended 31st December, 1974

Station	Life-Boat	Launches	Lives* rescued	Boats and Vessels saved
Blyth	'Winston Churchill' (Civil Service No. 8)			
Clovelly	'Charles H. Barrett' (Civil Service No. 35)	21	8	3
Eyemouth	'Eric Seal' (Civil Service No. 36)	3		
Holyhead	'St. Cybi' (Civil Service No. 9)	9	5	
Lizard/Cadgwith	'Duke of Cornwall' (Civil Service No. 33)	4	2	
Margate	'North Foreland' (Civil Service No. 11)	15	11	3
Portrush	'Lady Scott' (Civil Service No. 4)	6		
St. Davids	'Joseph Soar' (Civil Service No. 34)	3		
Southend-on-Sea	'Greater London II' (Civil Service No. 30)	3		
Walmer	'Charles Dibden' (Civil Service No. 32)	9	8	3
Reserve	'Princess Royal' (Civil Service No. 7)	3	7	2
Reserve	'Pentland' (Civil Service No. 31)	2	6	
Reserve	'St. Andrew' (Civil Service No. 10)	4	6	
		82	53	14

This brings the total of lives rescued since the foundation of the Fund to 3,400.

Lives are not claimed as 'rescued' unless there is strong probability that they would have been lost had no rescue been effected.

**CIVIL SERVICE AND POST OFFICE LIFE-BOAT FUND**  
**Receipts and Payments Account, 1 January 1974 to 31 December 1974**

RECEIPTS		
1973		1974
£		£      p
9,251	Balance brought forward, 1st January 1974	10,111.83
45,429	Subscriptions	45,176.11
265	Legacies	25.00
895	Interest on Deposit Account	835.07
0	Advertisements in Report	
£55,850		£56,148.01

We have examined the foregoing Receipts and Payments Account for the year ended 31st December 1974 with the books and vouchers. **We** have received all the information and explanations we have required. **We** certify that in our opinion it records correctly the transactions of the Civil Service and Post Office Life-Boat Fund for the year under review as disclosed by the books and in accordance with the information and explanations furnished to us .

11th February 1975  
 37 St. Margaret's Street,  
 Canterbury

(Signed) REEVES & NEYLAN  
*Chartered Accountants*

PAYMENTS		1974	
1973		£	p
£		£	p
5,000	<i>Payments to RNLI</i>		
1,523	Maintenance of Civil Service Life-boats	<b>5,000.00</b>	
	Allowances on Service 1973	1,222.71	
38,000	Advance payment for 'Civil Service No. 37'	37,000.00	
44,523		<u>43,222.71</u>	
	<i>Administrative Expenses</i>		
920	Printing, Duplicating and Stationery	1,238.12	
24	Postage, etc.	36.56	
4	Travelling Expenses	50.72	
5	Audit Fee	5.25	
262	Provision of Office Accommodation, etc.	562.00	
	Clerical Assistance	8.00	
	Retiring Honorary	1,000.00	
	C.S. Sailing Association - Trophies	<u>13.20</u>	
1,215			2,913.85
	<i>Balances on 31st December 1974</i>		
1,746	Deposit Account		
8,084	Current Account	8,640.74	
98	Cheques in transit on 31st December 1974	1,237.94	
175	Subscriptions, etc., received direct by RNL in year ended 30th September 1974	115.19	
9	Petty Cash	li'.58	
10,112			<u>10,011.45</u>
£55,850			<u>£56,148.01</u>

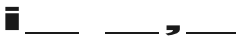
(Signed) **R. A. Brall**, *Hon. Treasurer*  
 (Signed) **L. Petch**, *Chairman*  
 (Signed) **R. C. Griffiths**, *Deputy Chairman*  
 (Signed) **K. G. Game**, *Member of Council*  
 (Signed) **D. Claugher**, *Member of Council*

### State of Deposits with the Royal National Life-Boat Institution

	£	£
31.12.73 Brought forward balance in hand	40,709	
Expenditure 1.1.74-30.6.74		
C.S. 36		12,656
C.S. 37		28,110
23.12.74 Deposit	37,000	
Expenditure Interest	97	
1.7.74-31.12.74		
C.S. 36		21,770
C.S. 37		73,899
	<u>£77,806</u>	<u>£136,435</u>

I certify the above to be a true account of the deposits of the Civil Service and Post Office Life-Boat Fund during the year ended 31st December, 1974.

(Signed) **R. M. S. PRIESTLEY**, F.C.A.

  
 Chief Accountant  
 Royal National Life-Boat Institution

## Summary of Contributions to the Fund

Received during the year ended 31st December, 1974,  
from the Departments listed below.

	£
Agriculture, Fisheries and Food, Ministry of.....	951.68
Agricultural Research Council.....	327.51
British Museum (Natural History).....	54.00
Charity Commission.....	56.10
Civil Service Department.....	327.67
Crown Agents for Overseas Governments and Administrations.....	55.84
Crown Estate Commission.....	66.00
<b>H.M.</b> Customs & Excise.....	1,529.59
Defence Ministry of (excluding £6.10 received direct by <b>RNLI</b> ).....	7,913.66
Employment, Department of.....	5,032.33
Environment, Department of the.....	3,697.15
Exchequer and Audit Department.....	142.20
Foreign and Commonwealth Office.....	136.11
Friendly Societies Registry.....	13.00
Government Actuary's Department.....	7.25
Health and Social Security, Department of.....	8.09
Home Office.....	1,209.33
House of Lords.....	24.50
Inland Revenue Department.....	4,100.00
<b>H.M.</b> Land Registry.....	178.75
Lord Chancellor's Department.....	897.13
National Debt Office.....	16.00
National Savings, Department for.....	118.90
Ordnance Survey.....	331.52
Overseas Development Administration.....	107.25
Paymaster General's Office.....	45.74
Population Censuses and Surveys, Office of.....	136.88
Post Office (excluding £24.00 received direct by <b>RNLI</b> ).....	9,670.43
Public Record Office.....	28.20
Public Trustee Office.....	57.00
Royal Courts of Justice, Admiralty Practitioners and Admiralty Registry per the Admiralty Marshal.....	161.00
Royal Mint.....	64.53
Science Research Council.....	129.31
<b>H.M.</b> Stationery Office.....	321.95
Trade and Industry, Department of.....	878.45
Treasury Solicitor's Office.....	53.00
<b>Wales</b>	
Welsh Office.....	125.26
Post Office.....	360.94
<b>Scotland</b>	
<b>H.M.</b> Exchequer.....	978.63
Port Glasgow Skillcentre.....	3.25
Post Office in Scotland.....	1,683.23
Registers of Scotland, Department of.....	48.60
Scottish Records Office.....	6.00
<b>Northern Ireland</b>	
Agriculture, Department of.....	269.41
Community Relations, Department of.....	16.75
Education, Department of.....	56.00
Environment, Housing, Local Government and Planning, Department of.....	114.33
Finance, Ministry of, and Central Secretariat.....	478.02
Health and Social Services, Ministry of.....	511.21
Manpower Services, Department of.....	182.31

Northern Ireland Office.....	£103.49
Northern Ireland Postal and Telecommunications Board.....	984.25
<b>Special Contributions</b>	
Subscriptions received direct by <b>RNLI</b> .....	100.79
Anonymous donation s.....	46.20
Belfast Telephone Manager's Office. Holiday Savings Club.....	30.64
Mrs J.C. Butcher.....	7.50
Civil Service Sailing Association.....	35.45
Coventry Telephone Area Benevolent Society.....	50.00
Group Captain <b>A. H. Jackson</b> .....	3.15
Miss O. Pappalardo.....	2.00
Patent Office Messengers' Christmas Party.....	10.00
Travaux Reading, DOE/PSA Sports Club.....	5.00
Wakefield Department of Health and Social Security Savings Club.....	17.80
Wayfarers Lodge (5740) Cosham.....	2.90
<b>Legacies</b>	
Miss E. A. Close.....	14.40
Miss Kathleen A. Spiller.....	25.00
Donation in memory of Ron Brown, Esq. (Crown Estate Office).....	12.00
Donation in memory of <b>W. Hodges, Esq.</b> (Department of Health & Social Security).....	61.05
Donation in memory of Mrs E. J. Whitbread.....	7.50
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	£45,201.11

Requests have been received from certain branches of the contributing offices to show separately the amounts collected by them. These amounts, which are stated below, are included in the total of £45,201.11 shown in the Summary of Contributions received during the year ended 31st December, 1974.

	£
<b>HM Customs and Excise VAT Office</b> .....	4.50
Headquarters, Chester Garrison .....	7.55
Post Office Data Processing Service.....	210.46
Royal Air Force, Locking. Civil Administration.....	13.05

*Royal Courts of Justice, Admiralty Practitioners and Admiralty Registry per the Admiralty Marshal:*

Mr. S. C. Sheen, Q.C. Chambers .....	7.00
Mr. J. F. Willmer, Q.C. Chambers.....	10.00
Mr. D. H. Hene, Barrister.....	2.50
Norton, Rose, Botterell and Roche .....	25.00
Clyde and Co .....	20.00
Wm. A. Crump and Son.....	5.00
<b>Hill, Dickinson and Co.</b> .....	15.00
Holman, Fenwick and Willan.....	10.00
Ince and Co .....	10.00
Ingledew, Brown, Bennison and Garrett.....	6.00
Middleton, Lewis and Co .....	5.00
Richards, Butler and Co.....	10.00
Constant and Constant .....	5.00
Bentleys, Stokes and Lawless .....	15.00
Andrew M. Jackson and Co.....	10.00
Office Staff .....	5.50

**Appendix**

The contributions recorded below were received in the period from 1st January to 31st March, 1975, in response to the 1974 Appeal and will be included in the Accounts for the year ending 31st December, 1975.

	£
Agriculture, Fisheries and Food, Department of.....	4.38
Agricultural Research Council.....	19.70
British Museum (Natural History) .....	26.50
Cabinet Office.....	81.00
Civil Service Department.....	373.15
<b>H.M. Customs and Excise</b> .....	868.98
Defence, Ministry of.....	843.04
Education and Science, Department of .....	307.52
Employment, Department of .....	387.67
Environment, Department of the .....	174.31
Foreign and Commonwealth Office .....	5.00
Government Actuary .....	8.00
Health and Social Security, Department of .....	4,203.75
Home Office.....	172.30
Information, Central Office of.....	119.92
Lord Chancellor's Department.....	5.00
National Savings Department.....	224.28
Overseas Development Administration .....	152.25
Post Office .....	2,016.64
Price Commission.....	11.50
Trade and Industry, Department of .....	23.51
Treasury Solicitor .....	57.00

*Scotland*

Scottish Office .....	11.00
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Northern Ireland £  
Environment, Housing, Local Government and Planning, Department of 631.85 -

*Special Contributions*

Bintly Royal Ordnance Factory.....47.74

**R.N.** Depot, Coulport.....46.53

£10,822.52



# The Civil Service Benevolent Fund

**The Civil Service Benevolent Fund** spent over £251,000 in 1974 helping more than 2,800 widows and dependants of civil servants, and nearly 1,400 sick and disabled civil servants.

**The Fund** is managed by a Committee of serving civil servants helped by over 5,000 voluntary representatives and 100 local committees in the United Kingdom and Northern Ireland.

**Are YOU helping?** You can do so by simply completing a form authorising the deduction of only a few pence each week from your pay. Forms can be obtained from the Fund's local agents or direct from the Civil Service Benevolent Fund, Watermead House, Sutton Court Road, Sutton, Surrey.

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## THE ROWLAND HILL MEMORIAL AND BENEVOLENT FUND

**THE ROWLAND HILL BENEVOLENT FUND** exists to relieve distress of Post Office operational staff and their dependants. In 1973/74 almost 1,000 individuals were assisted by means of free grants or interest-free loans. The majority of these were the widows of former Post Office staff whose only income was that provided by the Department of Health and Social Security. The assistance that the RHBF can give in these cases makes quite a difference to their happiness and comfort. In addition, the fund is now able to assist Post Office pensioners to obtain sheltered accommodation.

**WILL YOU HELP** to provide the cash to enable the RHBF to continue to do its job? There are many former colleagues or their dependants who are much worse off than you are. A subscription of a few pence per week is all that is required. Subscribers' forms can be obtained from your local Post Office, RHBF representative or direct from the Secretary, Rowland Hill Benevolent Fund, Room 113, Armour House, St. Martin's-le-Grand, London, EC1A 1HQ. Individual donations are also welcome.

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# The Post Office and Civil Service Sanatorium Society

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Patron: Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth The Queen Mother

CANCER TREATMENT ... Operation fees paid and hospital charges met in accordance with the Rules. Fees and charges in excess may be authorised. Domestic expenses defrayed.

TUBERCULOSIS and RESPIRATORY ILLNESSES ... The Society provides treatment at its modern chest hospital at Benenden, Kent, and its Children's Unit at Seaford, Sussex.

SPECIALIST'S CONSULTATION FREE

HEART CONSULTATIONS FREE

TRAVELLING AS NECESSARY FREE

EARLY TREATMENT essential

BENEFIT FREE after 6 months in the Society

SUBSCRIPTIONS deducted from pay

ENROLMENT is open to EVERYONE under 60 in the Post Office and in the Civil Service at 6p per week.

The Society brings the best possible treatment within the reach of all staff at small cost. Wives/Husbands, Children and Dependents may be enrolled if under 60 years of age.

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For further particulars about the Society and as a measure of precaution, write to the Secretary at 63 Catherine Place, London, SW1E 6HE. Telephone 01-834-5022.