

District 105W – Lions Clubs International
The Winning Team

THE MERVYN BENNETT MEMORIAL TRUST

Some things we take for granted - other things we need to have a memory jogger. This is such a memory jogger.

If you were a Lion in this District in 1981 and attended the Convention in Hereford you will know all about this Trust, since this is where it all began.

This Trust was set up by decision of Convention in March 1981 as a fitting memorial to our second PDG Lion Mervyn Bennett.

It was sparked by the tragedy at Aberfan, which profoundly upset Mervyn, and he was keen to see a fund established which would be available for the District to use in such similar circumstances in the future. Following his early and sad death and appeal was made to Clubs in the District and some £3,000 was donated by Clubs to start it going. The fund now stands at over £25,000.

The purposes, outlined in the Trust Deed are as follows:-

- To provide grants to Clubs for emergency relief (not though as first providers) - such assistance can usually be met by a Lions Clubs International Foundation (LCIF) Emergency Grant.
- To provide loans to Clubs in order to hasten completion of a project, where because of the time it takes to raise the amount required, the project has to be delayed.

The Trustees comprise two permanent Trustees, two elected annually by Convention, and three “ex-officio” Trustees, being the serving District Governor, District Secretary and District Treasurer, making a total of seven Trustees.

They meet at least twice a year or more frequently if required.

Since Convention agreed to set up this Trust it is please remember that it is YOUR TRUST - so please use it.

Visits can be arranged to Zone Meetings to explain its purpose, and we would welcome any such invitations.

We hope that this explanation and reminder will help longer standing and newer Lions to realise just how “We Serve” our District.

Lion Brian Dawson
Chairperson of the Mervyn Bennett Memorial Trust
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