



## President's Appeal 2018



I have thoroughly enjoyed my Presidential year meeting and working with a variety of local community groups, explaining the support that The Dolphin Society offers and how we can help.

There is undoubtedly an ever-increasing elderly population and the need for our pendant alarm is getting ever greater.



My year in office has been dedicated to the memory of my beloved Aunty Muriel, who had a pendant alarm, which enabled her to live independently and safely in her own home.

This newsletter gives a brief overview of some of my activities during my year of office and the support that we have provided to people in our local community as well as to the organisations who provide services that match our priorities and ethos. As you can see my focus this year has been to encourage pendant wearing across our local communities.

We keep our overheads to an absolute minimum, with donated office space, employing a part-time Administrator and working with like-minded partners.

We have also extended our commitment to and support for the Older People's Alliance, which comprises a number of local agencies and funds. As a result of a comprehensive review of the current needs in the community resulting from the dramatic reduction in public funding, donations were made to Lifecycle (to promote cycling for the over 50's) and to the Harbour Project (to identify bereaved people who would benefit from counselling).

I hope you see that I feel passionately about these causes and that you share my enthusiasm.

I urge those reading this newsletter to give us your support (by the 13<sup>th</sup> November) and enable us to continue our important work.

Thank you

Vanessa Moon, President 2018

### How to Donate

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# What the Dolphin Society Does.....

The Dolphin Society helps older and disabled people on low incomes in the Bristol area to live independently and safely in their own homes.

We do this by:

- supplying pendant alarms free of charge to those who cannot afford to self-fund;
- paying Bristol City Council's Careline for 24/7 monitoring; and
- working with WE Care & Repair for telecare installations and repairs and for home adaptations.

The Dolphin Society relies almost entirely on the President's annual Appeal to fund its work. The Appeal is traditionally launched on 27<sup>th</sup> October and runs for two weeks, although donations and legacies are welcomed at any time of the year.



We work hard to keep our administration costs to a minimum: much of the work is done on a voluntary basis with one part time paid Administrator, whose valuable work will be funded by the Big Lottery Fund in the coming year. Typically, every £1 spent on the Annual Appeal raises £15 of donations.

Each year the President writes to a wide selection of friends, colleagues and past supporters asking for a donation to the annual appeal.

We would be very grateful if you are able to support us with a contribution that will reach us by the 13th November 2018.

We thank you in anticipation of your support.

From L-R  
Steven West, Vanessa Moon,  
David Powell



## Collaboration

I came prepared for my Presidential year, with lots of ideas for projects and groups with whom I wanted to be involved. Happily, even in such a short space of time, this has evolved and I have been fortunate enough to meet many splendid people working so hard for others in Bristol.

There has been great collegiate support from my fellow Presidents at Anchor and Grateful. I have thoroughly enjoyed the regular meetings with Steve West and David Powell. It has been hugely satisfying for us all to see the fruition of several years' work by past Presidents with the Bristol Older Peoples Funding Alliance under the Chairmanship of Very Revd. David Hoyle.

Having invited applications from local groups in need of funding we reviewed multiple submissions and after much consideration, Dolphin were very happy to join with the John James Foundation, Anchor and Grateful to each donate £1,350 to Lifecycle and with our sister Societies to each donate £3,395 to the Harbour Project.



*"This grant to Life Cycle UK will make a real difference to our 'Silver Cyclists' project. Your support will help ensure that we have the resources and equipment to help hundreds more people in Bristol to stay physically active and socially connected as they age. We are extremely grateful for your support for this life-enhancing scheme."* **Keith Bonham, Trustee**

*"The Harbour works to provide free counselling for those affected by life-threatening illness. We are delighted that The Dolphin Society has come together with other Bristol benefactors to support a new Harbour project which will offer support to those couples whose lives have been disrupted by stroke. Adjusting after a sudden health crisis often places huge stresses on the relationship between a career and their partner: the work funded by the Dolphin Society will enable us to help these couples to be close, resilient and to cope with a traumatic period in their lives."* **Colin Levine, Fundraising Manager**



**WE Care & Repair** have worked very closely with The Dolphin Society for many years, helping to install lifeline pendants, carry out urgent home repairs for older people on low incomes and on a pioneering falls prevention service.



**WE Care & Repair** scooped the Handyperson Service of Year title at this year's HIA Awards



## Supporting Others

The Dolphin Society recognises that life is about so much more than just feeling safe and supported in one's own home. This year I have been supporting a large number of local initiatives:

Funding the setting up of a new **Film Club** in Christ Church Parish Hall, Downend, building on the success of the Henleaze Film Club which was set up three years ago by John Moore, Director of **Home Instead**, North Bristol



*"At Film Club they can meet up with existing friends, make new ones or choose to be solitary. We are really pleased to be putting this on at Christ Church and so grateful for the support of Dolphin" – John Moore, Director*



Funding a **Midday Social Club** for the **Bristol Black Carers** in St Pauls, Bristol for individuals who are fifty and over, to help break isolation and loneliness. Working in the community has identified that there are individuals living on their own, due to various reasons. They hope to create a fun environment to share some nostalgia, create new memories and make new friends. They believe that society has become singular and want to revive the community hub of knowing each other on a friendly basis and thus rebuilding their wellbeing from inside.



*"I would like to say that the expressions of love and appreciation given by the individuals who have attended our support group or other events is what led to the development of the Midday Social Club. Thank you to Dolphin Society for helping us give this vision a kick start" – Anneloris Chacon, Manager*



Supporting an **Older People's Feasibility Study** with the **Children's Scrapstore**, who are a charity dedicated to improving play and creative opportunities for children, young people and adults. They are home to a thriving Art Shop, supermarket-style Scrap Warehouse, colourful Playroom and consultant Play Team.



*"We are all feeling inspired by this new support from The Dolphin Society – the Society's values align with our own drive to widen our audience and impact wellbeing. Having recently subscribed to the Age-Friendly Arts Standards, we are particularly excited about the intergenerational focus of the project. This funding has come at a crucial point in our development and will enable us to build a sustainable programme that forges connection between generations." – Louise Taylor, Events Assistant*

## Out and about in the community

Below are some of the communities Vanessa Moon and Mimi Avery have visited during the year:

- ❖ Malcolm X Centre in St Pauls
- ❖ Sammy's Pop Up Café in St Pauls
- ❖ Golden Agers Group at Parkway Methodist Church in St Werburghs
- ❖ BS3 Community at the Southville Centre
- ❖ The Evergreen Group at Easton Community Centre
- ❖ Bristol and Avon Chinese Women's Group at the Vassall Centre in Fishponds
- ❖ Bristol Black Carers in St Pauls
- ❖ Stapleton Community Group
- ❖ Avon Indian Community at the Casson Centre in Patchway
- ❖ Redcliffe Lunch Club
- ❖ Dhek Bhal in Barton Hill

*I would just like to say thank you so much for all your help with the pendant alarm. I am so grateful. JK*

With many thanks for the service you provide. I feel safer in my own home knowing that I just have to press a button to get help if I need it. Thanks again. **B P**

I am so grateful, I feel safe having my pendant and alarm fitted. Peace of Mind. Thank you. **M A W**

## Edward Colston & The Dolphin Society

The Dolphin Society has in previous Newsletters given a fairly lengthy history of our charity and its roots and beginnings. We have such a lot of good news to share so do not feel that this is necessarily an efficient use of space.

We were created by friends of Edward Colston 28 years after his death, to emulate his immense generosity to the poor and needy of the City of Bristol. Undeniably, some of this money stemmed from his involvement in the trans-Atlantic slave trade.

Since its inception, in **today's terms** the **Dolphin Society has raised over £19.5 million pounds to help the elderly and disadvantaged locally.** (*Calculation made using an online calculator using 2004 paper: 'Consumer Price Inflation Since 1750' for years 1751 – 1948 and from 1949 on, Office for National Statistics Percentage Change over 12 months'*)

**This level of support for local people is something we are proud of and of which, as President, I feel responsible to uphold.**

### Most Recent Presidents & their Annual Collections

1949	Sir A Havergal Downes-Shaw, OBE	2,291	1972	T C M Stock	4,688	1995	M R Hill	36,603
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1971	W G Beloe	5,119	1994	Sir Robert Wall, OBE, DL	36,582	2017	J Hollingdale	87,700

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