



National Association Of Retired Police Officers



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SUSSEX POLICE CHARITABLE TRUST

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Services for Retired Members

If you were a member of Sussex Police Charitable Trust* when you retired, you will remain a member of the Trust for life with no membership fee payable. As such the following services of the Trust are available to you and your dependant family members: *Previously SPCT was known as Sussex Police Welfare Fund or Sussex Police Staff Welfare Fund. If you are not sure if you are a member, please get in touch with us.

Support, Advice and Guidance:

Our Trust Advisers can meet with you in a place of their choosing in Sussex to provide free, confidential advice, support and guidance on any issues they may have. This includes, but is not limited to, housing, finances (including a benefits check and support with applications), health and wellbeing, accessing care and support services and signposting to other organisations if needed. We can also give this support over the telephone or via e-mail if that is more convenient.

Financial Assistance

As a member, you can apply for financial assistance in the form of non-repayable grants when in times of need, hardship or distress and facing an unexpected expense. Things we have been able to assist members with in the past include the cost of counselling, travel and parking expenses for hospital visits, alternative therapy treatments, accessing housing, accessing legal advice and specialist equipment. This list is by no means exhaustive, so if there is an unexpected expense that you are struggling with, please do get in touch with us. Cases for financial assistance are decided by our funding committee at monthly meetings.

Recuperative Breaks

We own a three bedroom bungalow in Dorset, which you can apply to use free of charge for a self-catering break when in need of recuperation. 'Recuperation' is taken in its broadest sense includes individuals and families who are affected by physical or mental illness, injury, disability and infirmity; bereavement; family difficulties; work related problems and trauma. There's a short application form to complete to apply to stay in the bungalow. We can support you with completing this if needed.

Contact details:

If you would like to get in touch with us, please do so via the contact details below.

Address: Sussex Police Headquarters, Church Lane, East Sussex, BN7 2DZ

Phone number: 01273 470101 extension 540703. E-mail: spct@sussex.pnn.police.uk

You can also follow us on Facebook - <https://www.facebook.com/SPCT.2>

PENSION OMBUDSMAN DETERMINATION IN RE-EMPLOYMENT AND TAX LIABILITY

This is an important decision if any of your members are facing tax liabilities as a result of re-employment by the Police. The Pension Ombudsman in a South Wales case has determined that the Police and Crime Commissioner had a duty of care, as an employer, to have informed the Applicant of the tax implications of re-employment on his retirement benefits. Its failure to do so has led to the Applicant incurring tax charges on his retirement benefits.

As a responsible employer the Commissioner had a duty of care to inform the Applicant of the tax implications of re-employment on his retirement benefits. I find that as a consequence of their failure to do so

that they should reasonably meet the tax PO-7096 liabilities incurred by the applicant in this regard. So, I agree with the stance taken by the Commissioner that it proposes to pay the tax liability for the applicant in relation to this issue on confirmation of the amount from HMRC.

Full case link: <https://www.pensions-ombudsman.org.uk/determinations/2015/po-7096/police-pension-scheme/>

CARE AND NURSING HOME INVESTIGATION (Info from NARPO HQ)

Six months ago, the Competition and Markets Authority (CMA) launched an investigation into the issues affecting the 430,000 older people in care and nursing homes in the UK. The CMA has been examining whether the care home industry is working well and treating residents and their families fairly. The CMA is now halfway through its process and has published an update report with its interim findings. The CMA has also opened a consumer protection case addressing concerns that some care homes may be breaking consumer law.

NFOP/CSPA/NARPO has been working through Later Life Ambitions to support the CMA in its inquiry to ensure that care homes are upfront and transparent about the costs that will be charged to people at all stages of their care. We have met with the CMA and will be submitting our views to their inquiry. We would like to hear whether any of our members have had a negative experience with the care home market. In particular, we would like to know whether you or a family member has experienced:

Large upfront payments charged for care home residents. Complexity of the complaints system

Fees for extended periods after the death of a resident. Uncertainty about the care options available.

If you would like to help us with our submission to the CMA, please email your thoughts and experiences to Fenella at laterlife@connectpa.co.uk. All information will be treated in confidence, and your details will be anonymised

‡‡ Obituaries ‡‡

I regret to inform you of the passing of

PC Roy “Bunny” WARREN, passed away suddenly over the weekend of the 1st and 2nd July. Roy joined Sussex Police in 1989 at Brighton. He subsequently transferred to Hastings and Rother where he became a response area officer and later joined the Roads Policing Department. The majority of Roy’s career however was spent walking the streets of Bexhill as a much loved Beat officer. Bunny was held in great affection by the community he so faithfully served. The last shift that Bunny completed he received a round of applause at a public meeting. This is such a fitting tribute for him.

Ken HUTCHINSON, aged 82 years who passed away on 17 July 2017. Ken joined East Sussex Constabulary in 1955 retiring in the rank of Chief Superintendent in 1990. He served in Eastbourne, Brighton & Hove, Sussex H.Q. Training and Discipline & Complaints

John WICKHAM, aged 94, a former Hailsham and Polegate Traffic Sergeant who passed away on 10 July 2017. John served at Cuckfield, Gatwick and Hailsham where he retired in the rank of Sergeant. He was a member of Eastbourne & District Branch of NARPO

Melvyn LINSKER, aged 76 who passed away on the 31 July 2017. Melvyn was a Brighton Borough Officer and then a Sussex Police Officer following amalgamation

Richard (Dick) STEWART, aged 72 years, Dick passed away on the 5th August. Dick joined Eastbourne Borough, and remained at Eastbourne for the majority of his service, retiring about 1989, in the rank of sergeant. He worked on 'B' Section for a number of years in the 1980s and briefly served with Community Relations, based at Hailsham, just prior to retirement. He has been living in Spain for some time.

Injury On Duty Pensioners Association

Our Grand Prize Draw October 2017 is now officially open and we are inviting our supporters to participate to be in with the chance of winning a multitude of brilliant prizes!

<https://iodpa.org/product/iodpa-grand-prize-draw-book-of-5-tickets/>

As we progress with our charitable purpose of providing assistance to retired police officers and serving officers who are in need, hardship or distress who are disabled as a consequence of being injured on duty, we need your support more than ever to ensure that we can continue to support the rights of injured officers.

Every £2 book of 5 tickets sold helps to make a real and lasting difference so enter our Grand Prize Draw today! Our fully functional internet shop has 900 books on offer. PayPal and credit cards are accepted.

Anyone can register as a customer at the shopping cart. Members can use their membership login to access the shop. Good luck!

Can you help please?

I am trying to find someone who would have been in the job in the early 50s. If that's you or you know someone who was, I am hoping you/ they may be able to help an author I am working with to advise her on misper procedures around that time. It's early days for her and just a few basic pointers is what she is after. Please contact me at graham.bartlett@policeadvisor.co.uk if you can help. Many thanks
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Public Engagement Opportunity from NIHR-Draft National Standards for Public Involvement in Research

National Institute for Health Research (NIHR) has asked Age UK to share the following public engagement opportunity. If you require assistance with any aspect of the survey please contact the Public & Patient (PPI) team at the NIHR Central Commissioning Facility at ccfppi@nihr.ac.uk/ or telephone 020 8843 8041.

Background:

During 2016/17, Health and Care Research Wales, the National Institute for Health Research (NIHR), the Chief Scientist Office in Scotland and the Public Health Agency in Northern Ireland have been working with public contributors as the 'Public Involvement Standards Development Partnership'. The partnership has been developing a set of national, core standards and indicators for public involvement (PI) in research that can be used by organisations, research projects and individuals to improve the quality and consistency of PI. Your opportunity to have your say: We now invite and welcome the involvement of as wide a range of interested groups, organisations and individuals as possible, to help us review and improve the draft standards and indicators. The consultation will be running until Friday 01 September 2017.

Please visit our project website for more detailed information about the consultation process and to access all the resources you might need: <https://sites.google.com/nihr.ac.uk/pi-standards/consultation>

You can also go direct to the survey: <https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/PIStandards>

NARPO Offers

You can view new car offers; washing machines; game show contestants wanted and more at www.narpo.org

SOCIAL

There were just 2 places left on the trip to Hampshire for a steam train ride, lunch and a visit to a gin distillery. Phone Ray on 01273 551349 to see if they're still available.

Where is he?

Mr Barrie MINNEY has moved, but we have no forwarding address. If you are in touch with him please ask him to contact our Secretary. **Now Cancelled he's been in touch.**

September Newsletter

Please don't get too upset, but the next newsletter will not be sent out until after my holiday; so towards the end of September.

And finally.....

No English dictionary has been able to adequately explain the difference between these two words. In a recent linguistic competition held in London and attended by, supposedly, the best in the world, Samdar Balgobin, a Guyanese man, was the clear winner with a standing ovation which lasted over 5 minutes.

The final question was: "How do you explain the difference between COMPLETE and FINISHED in a way that is easy to understand?" Here is his astute answer:

"When you marry the right woman, you are COMPLETE! When you marry the wrong woman, you are FINISHED!!

And when the right one catches you with the wrong one, you are COMPLETELY FINISHED!!!"

(Thanks to Mike O.)