

# THE GURNEY FUND

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## “I’m Doing My Dream Job”

**Caitlin’s father Stewart died from motor neurone disease in 2015. She speaks about how The Gurney Fund has supported her.**

“My father happily served Leicestershire Police for 21 years

received from paramedics left me in awe of their work and I knew that was the job I wanted to do. It was my ambition during secondary school, sixth form and then I began my dream journey when I started

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and absolutely loved his job. After he died, the Police Federation put my mum in touch with The Gurney Fund to help support me through my education.

“Ever since I was 12 years old, when my dad first got ill, I dreamed of becoming a paramedic. Seeing my dad poorly and the help he

received from paramedics left me

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“The Gurney Fund is amazing and I can’t thank the people enough – they’ve well and truly supported me through the darkest time in my life, and I’m eternally grateful.”

# A Gurney Helping Hand

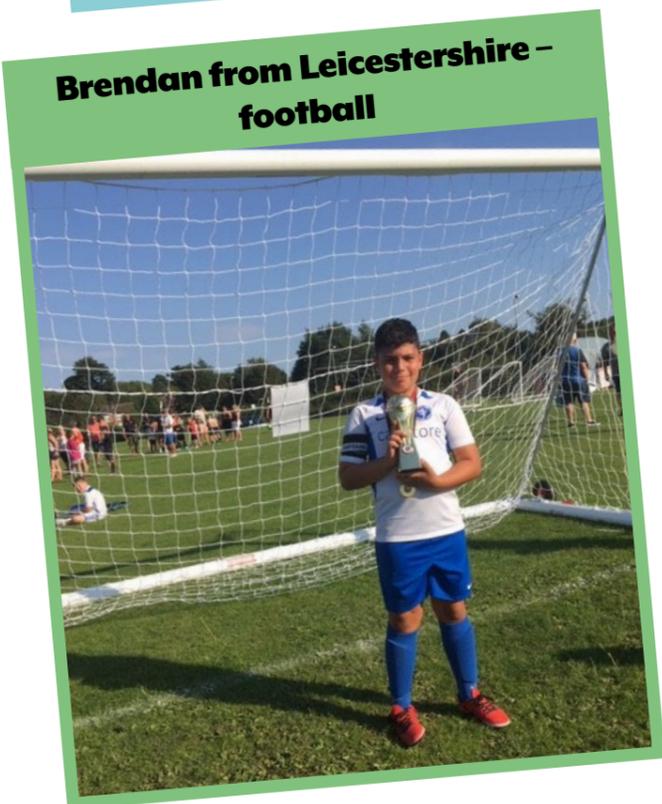
These are just some of the children who have taken part in activities that The Gurney Fund has helped support.



Tom from Sussex – army cadets



Nerine from Cornwall – Brownies



Brendan from Leicestershire – football



Imogen from Leicestershire – artistic roller skating



It's great to see some of the recipients of The Gurney Fund doing so well in their education.

Lottie from Hampshire (pictured above) is doing an engineering cadetship at Blackpool Maritime Academy. Lottie is doing extremely

well and was asked to carry the flag during a graduation ceremony.

Meanwhile, Ross from Somerset is studying Paramedic Science at UWE Bristol. He said: "I would like to show my gratitude for the continued financial assistance and



support provided by The Gurney Fund, which has been vital during my continued development towards qualifying as a professional paramedic.

"I'm continuously grateful for the hard work and important service

those overseeing The Gurney Fund provide to myself and others in similar positions, having a positive impact by providing opportunities and support that would not otherwise be available. Keep up the great work you're all doing."

## Excellence In Learning

## Gearing Up For The Holidays

All places are now filled for the 2020 holidays and we are excited to be venturing to a new location for the activity holiday, Calshot Activities Centre in Hampshire.

Some of our younger Gurney Kids, Leo and Rose (right) are getting in the holiday mood too!



# Busy Times On The Board

## February is a busy time of year for the Board of The Gurney Fund, with its annual review.

This year applications from six families were considered and annual review forms from 138 families discussed, including 36 requests for assistance with equipment for college courses, school trips, laptops and sports equipment.

For the remainder of the year, meetings take place in May, August and November – here the emphasis is on new applications and ensuring that the needs of existing Fund families are addressed.

In addition, Trustees never know what might crop up in terms of

changes in legislation or recommendations from the Fund's advisers. Every effort is made to follow best practice for all areas of Fund administration.

In May the Trustees will be reviewing safeguarding; August focuses on the end of year accounts; and November is the start of the higher education reviews.

Keeping up to speed with developments in the charitable world is no mean feat for Trustees, but they all embrace it diligently.

There is currently an NPCC vacancy on the Board – please contact the Fund Manager if this would be of interest to you.



## Well-Deserved MBEs

**Congratulations to Colonel Patrick Cairns, CEO of The Police Treatment Centres and St George's Police Children's Trust, and Reverend Canon David Wilbraham, National Police Chaplain. They were both awarded MBEs in the New Year's Honours list.**



*At the February meeting, The Gurney Fund Trustees awarded just over **£18,000** towards **university costs, books, driving lessons, computers** and **school trips**. Applications from six new families were considered for The Gurney Fund.*

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