

# The Edridge Fund is celebrating its 75th anniversary. It exists to provide money and support to people in need in the Probation Service and Cafcass.

The Fund was set up in 1934 in memory of Sydney George Edridge OBE, the founder and first General Secretary of Napo, and is now an independent registered charity. The Fund remains as necessary as ever, and Edridge currently receives about 120 applications a year and gives approximately £40,000 a year in grants.

Eligibility to benefit from the Edridge Fund extends to anyone in the Probation Service or Cafcass who is eligible to be a member of Napo, and their dependents. This includes retired staff.

For more information on the Edridge Fund see our website [www.edridgefund.org](http://www.edridgefund.org)



The Trade Union and  
Professional Association  
for Family Court and  
Probation Staff



In 1945 the annual conference of Napo instituted the Constitution and Rules which require the NEC to maintain a fund known as the Edridge Benevolent Fund. The hope was that all probation officers would pay five shillings per year into the fund to support those in need. Although funding was less than hoped, the fund has been maintained.

In 1969 there was a possibility that Napo might join forces with British Association of Social Work and it was decided that the funds of Edridge should be wholly administered as a charitable trust so that it would be a separate independent charity.

In the early years of the fund grants made were largely to retired police court missionaries and probation staff who had not benefited from pensions. Gradually, particularly with the influx of student Probation Officers, funds have been expended on serving staff.



**July 27th 1934** scheme was...  
**Name:** The...  
**Objects of the F...**  
**Membership:** Probation officers who are (a) members of the Association of Probation Officers (b) Members who through prolonged service in need of special help.  
**Finance:** Funds shall be raised by the following means: (a) by subscription not exceeding 1/- per year, (b) by contribution or levy whenever a grant is made, (c) by special appeal for specific cases as and when suggested.  
 In the name of the National Edridge Memorial Fund, and shall...  
 ing of members of the Association...

...the...  
 ...men...  
 ...the...  
 ...J.R.M.



**EDRIDGE BENEVOLENT FUND**  
**UNUSUAL ATTRACTIVE SPECIAL EVENT**  
 Church House, Westminster  
 on Tuesday, 6th November at 6  
 Reception followed by a meal  
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**Sometimes we need help too!**



**Benevolent Fund helps in... Now the is YOUR**

Probation Officer – High legal costs following marital break down.

**Edridge gave £400.**

*'I was really grateful for the help especially as it came from my peers. I do now realise the importance of Edridge, having been a user'*

Trainee Probation Officer – Overwhelmed by bills, particularly council tax.

**Edridge gave £250, and suggested an approach to CAB.**

*'Thank you so much for the money, which cleared my Council Tax arrears. I also contacted CAB who have helped'*



Retired Probation Officer – Needed assistance to adapt home as a result of disability.

**Edridge gave £500.**

*'I am very grateful for the recent grant; it has made a tremendous improvement to my life.'*

Cafcass Practitioner – Debt problems.

**Edridge gave £450. The Edridge Representative also gave advice and support.**

*'Thank you so much, it has been a great help in relieving the pressure'*

# Giving assistance – case histories

Senior Probation Officer – Financial problems following lengthy sickness.

**Edridge gave £300, and the local Edridge Representative made contact.**

*'It was a time of real need and you responded so quickly – your local rep was really helpful'*



Probation Officer – Financial problems after an acrimonious relationship break down, and complete lack of financial support from ex partner.

**Edridge gave £400.**

*'I appreciated the financial help especially as the money had been donated by Probation and Cafcass people. I was so pleased someone listened to my circumstances'*

*Please note that there is an Edridge representative in each Napo branch to offer support to applicants, and to help fund raise and publicise the Fund.*

Napo makes a substantial grant to Edridge which covers nearly half our needs

We fundraise through varied events, including marathons, walks, talks, legacy funding etc

Some individuals give regularly via salary or standing orders, which is usually enhanced by Gift Aid.

# How we raise funds

## RUNNING FOR EDRIDGE



**Rob Thomas, former Chair of Napo, and Chris Martin, who is son of Edridge Fund Secretary Richard Martin, will be running in the 2006 London Marathon to raise money for Edridge. They would very much welcome sponsorship from Napo members.**

**Many members will be familiar with the important welfare work performed the Edridge Fund, which provides money support and help to Probation and CARCASS practitioners in time of need.**

Rob Thomas, says: "My training is going well. Now up to 30 miles a week including 13 miles for my long run. Keep reminding myself that I need to drink pints of water to replace all that lost fluid – not beer. Confident I can make 26 miles as long as I keep injury free, but not the incentive of knowing that my run will help out benevolent fund Edridge and the mental health of Palms". Both are really worthwhile causes. I will all be prepared to sponsor me. It will be me going and to meet our target of £8,000.

If you want to pledge money, simply fill in the form below. Better still, why not bring it up front by enclosing a cheque.

Return the form below to:  
Lynn Road, Gayton

## Snowdonia Expedition

**23-24 October 19...**

Your climbing colleagues are excited to reach the peak of condensation summit up, the rock of condensation success stands is a challenge.

Sponsorship forms available from your local club. If you are absent...

Edridge

The Edridge Fund supports Probation and Cafcass staff at times of stress and financial crisis. We need your help to carry on this vital work. Please support your fund by becoming a Friend of Edridge. You will then be supporting your colleagues who are in difficulties, at a time when help is much needed.

We aim to raise an extra £10,000 this year to give even more support to those colleagues in need.

Membership of Friends is achieved by either a regular donation or a single donation to the fund, which we would ask you to Gift Aid.

The Edridge Fund of Napo  
Registered Charity No 803 493  
**[www.edridgefund.org](http://www.edridgefund.org)**

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# Join us now – become a Friend of Edridge

Please complete this form and return it to us  
I would like to help the Edridge Fund by:

## **Making a regular donation**

*Edridge will contact you with further  
information to set up a Standing Order*

£  per month

## **Making a one-off donation**

I enclose a cheque made out to  
'The Edridge Fund'

£

Name

Address

Postcode

Tel no

Email

I am willing to Gift Aid my donation

Signed



Anthony Douglas,  
Cafcass



Jonathon Ledger, Napo



Brendan Barber, TUC



Christine Lawrie,  
Probation Association

# Congratulations

'Congratulations to Edridge on the occasion of its 75th anniversary of providing financial support to those in need in the Probation Service and Cafcass. We wish Edridge well in continuing its important work in years to come'



Phil Wheatley, NOMS



Desiree Leete, National  
Disabled Staff Network



David Quarmby, National  
Disabled Staff Network



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Thompsons work with trade union members and their families, helping those who need us most.

Thompsons is dedicated to helping Napo members and their families with a range of legal services.

We are proud to support the Edridge Fund and of our joint commitment to providing practical and professional support.

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