

The Catenian Benevolent & Childrens' Fund

The Catenian Benevolent & Childrens' Fund is the older of our two Catenian charities and was formed to provide financial aid to any member or their families who are in distress.

The absolute watchwords of the Fund are discretion and confidentiality. Brothers may need financial support for all sorts of reasons, and if they do, then it is strictly a matter between them and the Fund.

However, to help, each Circle has a Benevolent Board of senior members, whose role is to watch out for the well-being of all the Circle members and their families and to discreetly enquire if they feel help might be needed. No one else in the Circle will ever know.

Each year, at the Circle AGM, the Benevolent Board will make a report.

It is a factor of our commitment "never to fail to aid a member in difficulty or need" that we ask all members to contribute financially, as they are able, to maintain our Benevolent Fund.



The words opposite are taken verbatim from a genuine thank you letter from a beneficiary of the Benevolent Fund. The only amendments made were to remove personal information to protect the writer's confidentiality. The letter is published with the writer's permission.

Your Circle Secretary or Charities Officer should approach you to tell you how to contribute. If for some reason they don't then all the details are to be found on the Fund's website at

<https://catenianbenevolence.org/>



Having had my life turned upside down, and in such a stressful manner, I found myself desperately trying to plan my future.

My first source of support, comfort, and advice was from Brothers of the Circle. At a time when I needed reinforcement emotionally, spiritually, practically, the Brothers rallied round in the true spirit of our amazing Association.

Notwithstanding the practical difficulties ahead, the greater problem was my mental wellbeing. I felt shame, failure, betrayal, and despair.

Visits from members of the Circle, along with messages, were of great comfort. Knowing that prayers were being said on our behalf, was beyond the worth of worldly treasure.

It was on one such visit that the Benevolent Fund was suggested to me. My fellow Brothers and their Wives had brought with them a heaven sent opportunity to stabilise my life and find a way forward.

Trusting to the love and compassion of Our Lord, and the intercession of Our Lady, they sent us our Brothers and Sisters in Christ to light the way forward.

When I joined the Catenians, and for a while afterwards, I was never quite sure what the Association was about. It has taken a number of personal hardships, and the loss of friends and loved ones to expose the love of Our Lord through my Brothers on Earth.

There are those that doubt the existence of God and demand evidence of his existence, and proof of his love. I would direct them to the Catenians who walk in His Light and find his love, not just when times are easy, but when times are hard.



Setting up a Standing Order to support the Benevolent & Childrens' Fund

Where possible, please set up standing order directly with your bank. This can be done via online banking, telephone banking or by visiting your local branch. Please see below guidance for setting up your standing order online.

Please ensure that you use your 5 digit membership number as your reference. This can be found on your membership Card in this pack, on the portal in your own record or you can contact your Secretary or Head Office for confirmation.

Depending on your bank, once you are logged in to your personal bank account, you should find an option similar to:

- Pay and Transfer
- Standing Orders and Direct Debits
- Move Money
- Manage your Payments

This should bring you to an option to 'Set up new Standing Order'. You will be asked to select a bank account the standing order will be made from. You will then need to enter the below bank details where prompted, along with your membership number as your reference, and confirm. This should then set up your new regular payment which can be monitored and adjusted by you at any time.

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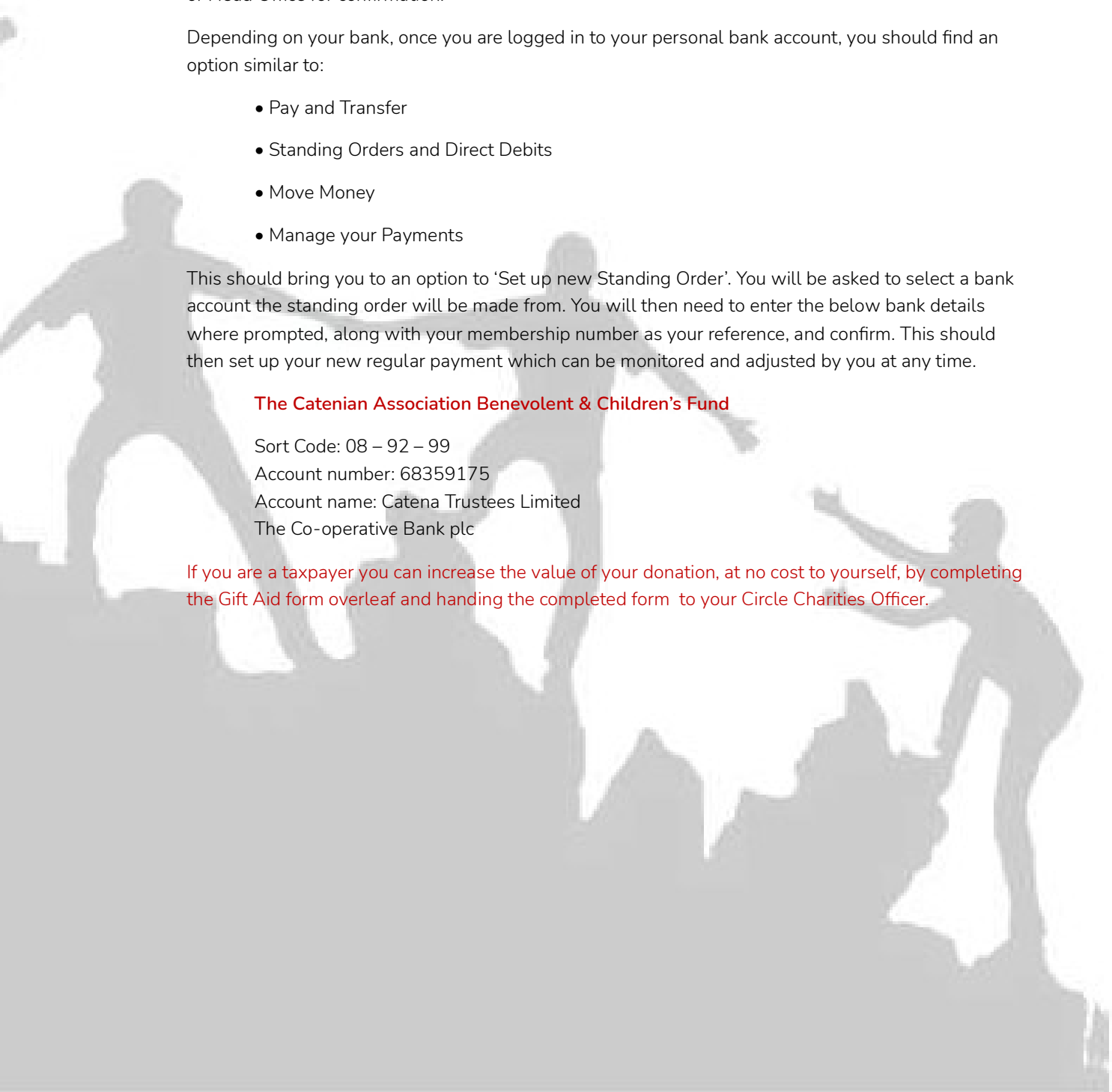
Sort Code: 08 – 92 – 99

Account number: 68359175

Account name: Catena Trustees Limited

The Co-operative Bank plc

If you are a taxpayer you can increase the value of your donation, at no cost to yourself, by completing the Gift Aid form overleaf and handing the completed form to your Circle Charities Officer.



Gift Aid Declaration

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Name of Charity	The Catenian Association Benevolent & Childrens' Fund						
Registered Charity Number	214244		Membership Number				
Full Name							
Full Permanent Address							
Postcode							
Circle Name & Circle Number							

To Gift Aid your donation you must tick the box below:

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I wish to Gift Aid my donation of £_____ and any donations I make in the future or have made in the past 4 years to Catena Trustees Limited

I am a UK taxpayer and understand that if I pay less Income Tax and/or Capital Gains Tax in the current tax year than the amount of Gift Aid claimed on all my donations it is my responsibility to pay any difference.

Signature

Date / /

Please note:

- If you wish to cancel your Standing Order, please contact your Bank.
- If you wish to change your personal details or you no longer pay sufficient tax on your income and/or capital gains and need to cancel your Declaration, please contact the Charity.
- If you pay Income Tax at the higher or additional rate and want to receive the additional tax relief due to you, you must include all your Gift Aid donations on your Self-Assessment tax return or ask HM Revenue and Customs to adjust your tax code