



Zimbabwe Pensioners Support Fund
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We have been saddened this year to lose one of our founder trustees Mrs Heather Milner who sadly passed away on 22nd May 2023. Heather was instrumental in setting up the fund here in UK and worked tirelessly to support our beloved pensioners in Zimbabwe. She always thought of the golden oldies, as she called them, and her dying wish was that donations be given to the fund in lieu of flowers. We will miss her enthusiasm and drive but we know she is at last out of pain and resting peacefully. Her faith was a great comfort to her.

The fund has opened bank accounts in Europe, USA, Canada, New Zealand and Australia with Wise bank to facilitate people who wish to donate in those countries. These accounts are filtered through our UK account and all funds sent on to the head office in South Africa for the purchase of goods for the pensioners. The system has worked well so far, and we get better exchange rates and lower bank charges. We will continue to monitor the situation and follow our auditor's advice.

In November our chairman, Prof. Anthony Granger attended a Zane organized conference in London where various charities working in Zimbabwe made presentations.

As treasurer I have attended several online webinars organized by the Charity Commission. These have been useful in making sure we are complying with all legal requirements for charities. As a result, we have tightened up our handling of the fund and put in place tighter controls.

We have managed to send £84000 to South Africa this financial year. We continue to be amazed at how generous the diaspora is here in the UK despite the cost-of-living crisis.

My thanks to all the trustees for their continued support.