

MWA Home and Overseas Paper for July and August 2022

In this paper are some details of the projects MWA have already donated money to:

CANINE PARTNERS (www.caninepartners.org.uk)

Canine partners train assistance dogs for adults (18 and over) who have a physical disability or condition which affects their ability to function in day to day activities. The recipients of the dogs can be civilians or former service personnel. Canine Partners works with Help for Heroes and Royal British Legion as well as other organisations helping veterans to provide assistance dogs.

The main dogs which the charity works with are Labradors and golden retrievers and they are chosen for their temperament. It takes two years to train the dogs and they begin training as puppies. At the end of the training, the dogs spend two weeks with their future human partner in a residential setting so that dog and human can bond and the human can learn more about their future canine partner.

The dogs are trained to open and shut doors, empty washing machines and other tasks which assist their human partner to function on a day to day basis.

MWA have sent this organisation £250.

ACTION FOR CHILDREN (www.actionforchildren.org.uk)

In the words of the charities' website: "We protect and support children and young people, providing practical and emotional care and support. We ensure their voices are heard, and campaign to bring lasting improvements to their lives."

Action for Children runs family support hubs, nurseries, children's centres and children's homes. They also run fostering and adoption services. In addition, the charity campaigns on behalf of children. Because of their campaigns, sustained emotional abuse is now a crime in England and Wales.

£250 was given to Action for Children by MWA earlier this year.

Peter Doody Foundation (www.peterdoodyfoundation.org.uk)

Peter Doody died in 2019 aged 17 from Sudden Unexpected Death in Epilepsy (SUDEP). 21 epilepsy-related deaths occur each week in the UK, nearly half of these are due to SUDEP. The charity was set up by his family and provides alarms which can detect a seizure enabling help to be obtained for the person with epilepsy. The foundation also provides money for research into epilepsy.

MWA gave £250 to the Peter Doody Foundation.

Thank you to all of you for raising the money which we have been able to donate to these organisations doing such important work. Thank you also to those of you who suggest the projects, Central Committee realise that these suggestions are often dear to the hearts of MWA members and we do our best to distribute as much money as we are able to the projects suggested.