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REPORT OF THE ACTIVITIES OF THE PETER BLUNDELL SOCIETY

It is now many years since the Peter Blundell Society fulfilled the role of main fundraising body for the School but it continues to receive a modest level of subscriptions and donations. This enables the Society to make small but effective financial contributions to the life of the School, favouring support for items of expenditure that, were it not for this help, would be delayed or might never take place.

The arrival of the pandemic in early 2020 prevented the committee from meeting and, other than donations of £2,400 towards individual house projects in late 2020, there have been no distributions made from the General Fund. We are now hoping to resume normal service and a meeting is planned for the near future.

In addition to this general support for the School the Peter Blundell Society continues to administer the ER Crowe Memorial Fund. Set up in memory of Ted Crowe this fund contributes towards fees for ER Crowe scholars. Regular donations amount to £7,600 per annum and this year the total amount donated towards school fees since 2009 will have reached £200,000.

Finally we have this year received a donation of £1,000 towards the School garden project and this has been passed over to the School.

E R CROWE WILL TRUST

In his Will Ted Crowe left his residual estate in trust for the benefit of Old Blundellians as represented by The Old Blundellian Club and the facilities of The Beale Centre and Ted Crowe Room at Taunton.

The Trustees are able to make grants of both income and capital. Since the Trust was set up in 2011 donations have been made to improve facilities at the Beale Centre and to contribute towards the major extension of the kitchen, toilets and Abram Room. We have also funded a number of social events both in the Beale Centre and the Taunton Room.

As with The Peter Blundell Society the pandemic has interrupted activities but the return to more normal life will see the Ted Crowe Trust become more active. We will in the very near future be making a major contribution to planned improvements to the Beale Centre IT connections.

Current investments (which are managed by stockbrokers in London) stand at a value at June 2022 of £166,297 (March 2019: £149,650) and generate income of £4,500 to £4,750 per annum.

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