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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.

Current projects include providing funds to upgrade the outdoor furniture in the quad outside the masters' dining room.

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.

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.

Expenditure in the last year includes providing financial support towards the setting up of a Heritage Website being organised by the School Archivist. The Trust has also contributed funds for the new cricket scoreboard on Big Field.

Current investments (which are managed by stockbrokers in London) stand at a value at June 2024 of £171,905 (March 2023: £168,588) and generate income of £4,500 to £4,750 per annum.

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PBS Treasurer