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Nick Hornby, President 2026 is married and has lived at Hodges Barn, Shipton Moyne, Gloucestershire for over 50 years. He has three children in their twenties. He is the founder and senior partner of Cerno Capital, a London based investment management firm. Nick began his investment career at Cazenove & Co as a research analyst, initially based in Hong Kong and later in Singapore.

In Gloucestershire, Nick is involved in the village community of Shipton Moyne as Treasurer of the PCC and the Friends of Shipton Moyne. Recently, Nick was Deputy Chair of the Board of Governors at Downe House School. He also acts as a trustee for a number of UK families, including the Cecil Estate Family Trust at Burghley.

Registered Charity No 203159

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It is an honour to be asked to serve as President of this wonderful and ancient Society. Formed over 300 years ago by the merchants and townspeople of Bristol it continues to fulfil the original aim of relieving hardship within the historic county of Gloucestershire. Sadly, poverty and desperation still exist and our core value is to be able to act quickly where this need arises.

We distribute funds through a wonderful team of volunteers, The Welfare Committee, and cases are referred via accredited agencies throughout the region. Our grants are relatively small, usually between £200 and £450, and for a range of things from security alarms for those in fear of domestic violence to replacing essential white goods when funds are not available elsewhere. We are a charity of last resort and pride ourselves on the speed of our response.

By keeping our running costs very low we aim to distribute nearly all of the funds raised. We are supported by a number charitable Trusts and many generous individuals and have increased our income significantly over the past 5 years in response to the growing need. Our income is generated entirely through an annual appeal and we have been able to increase the total year on year. This has in turn allowed us to increase the scope and size of our grants enabling us to help over 600 families and individuals last year alone totalling over £210,000. As the need continues to increase so must our fundraising efforts.

Your help to allow us to continue this vital work is so important. Thank you if you are already a supporter but if not, I hope you may consider including us in your charitable giving. There are many ways to donate and to help us provide a lifeline to those in great hardship and it will be greatly appreciated.

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By post

Please send a cheque to
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the enclosed reply paid envelope.

Gift Aid will make your donation go further. A Gift Aid form is enclosed.

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Presidents Appeal 2026

Each year our aim is to increase the funds raised through our Annual Appeal. We seek and have support from many charitable foundations and organisations which recognise us a charity bringing vital relief to many worthy cases within Gloucestershire. This has allowed us to significantly raise the amount we distribute year on year. However, to continue our response to growing need we rely on contributions from generous individuals such as you.

A relatively small amount, often only £150 or so, can provide a lifeline when all other avenues have been exhausted and prevent crisis.

Our request is simple, that we, as the fortunate, should assist our less fortunate neighbours in the county. I am therefore asking you to give what you can, to allow us to continue this work by considering making a regular monthly or one off donation to The Society.

This is what some those we have helped have said:

“On behalf of P3, we would like to extend our heartfelt thanks for your extraordinary generosity over the past few months towards many of the people we support.

Each individual we work with has experienced significant trauma in their lives, which has shaped their current circumstances. For every application submitted, you have not only read their stories with genuine care, but you have also responded swiftly, with deep kindness and compassion.

The impact of your support has been truly profound. Your generosity brings dignity, warmth, and hope to people at some of the most difficult moments in their lives, and it makes a lasting difference to their wellbeing and future.”

“Thank you so much! X who suffers severely from social anxiety and barely speaks has just broken down in tears that you are helping them. If there is anything myself or the residents can do for you to let Gloucester City know how amazing you are please let me know. “

“The help that your organisation has provided to my clients and the clients of other colleagues is immense, and we often discuss how fantastic your services are between ourselves. We are forever grateful for the service that you offer, and we are pleased to have you available to us in order to help safeguard our vulnerable clients. I can very confidently say that your organisations and the funds it has provided have offered such a significant safety net to those at extreme risk of serious harm or death by their abusers, and I have no doubt that you have helped to save lives and reduce significant harm. “

“A direct quote from my client ‘K’ who very recently got a grant for surveillance equipment having been in fear of domestic violence “Wow! I’m in shock but I’m so blimming grateful that’s absolutely amazing, I will feel soooooo much safer!!!! You have helped so much absolutely massive thank you! And say thank you to the grant people too! I can’t believe it”

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Over the past year we have helped in over 600 individual cases including:



An elderly person leaving a 6 week hospital stay after a fall to discover her flat had been flooded due to burst pipes. Severe damage to many items and no insurance to cover damage.
£110 granted to replace bedding and vital items.

A mother of 5 fleeing domestic violence had been rehoused but had no funds to provide necessary furnishing.
£150 granted to help towards beds for the children.



A child of 14 forced to sleep on the floor of his grandmothers room for the past 4 years. He now has a room of his own and needed a bed with mattress and a desk for schoolwork.
£200 granted.

A father struggling with the sole custody of his child after the death of the mother.
£200 granted to provide necessary clothing and equipment.



A child suffering from multiple behavioural and educational needs.
£150 given to purchase sensory equipment.



A retired lady caring for her granddaughter who is suffering from cancer.
£270 given to replace a broken washing machine.

A disabled mother who is wheelchair bound and her baby is now crawling.
£80 given for safety catches for cupboards.

A prison leaver struggling with mental health and depression offered a property for a new start but with no money for necessary household equipment.
£180 given.



The annual church service for supporters of the Society is an important tradition and has been held each year since our foundation. This year the service will be held at The Church of St Michael and All Angels, Badminton GL9 1DB at 11.00am on Sunday 17th May.

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