



The Brereton Memorial Fund

(Incorporating the Agnes Rolph Bequest)

INFORMATION FOR APPLICANTS

ABOUT THE FUND

The Brereton Memorial Fund was founded in memory of Philip and Gwen Brereton, of Rochdale, who died in December 2000.

Throughout their lives they gave up much of their free-time to work voluntarily for the Incorporated Association of Organists, the Royal College of Organists and the Oldham Rochdale and Tameside Organists' Association.

For many years Philip and Gwen were well-known as the Organisers of the IAO Annual Congress.

In particular they worked to help youngsters discover organ and choral music and were especially keen to encourage British organists to explore organ building and organ music throughout Europe and beyond.

AIMS OF THE FUND

The Brereton Memorial Fund aims to support:

- A local memorial project to commemorate the work of Philip and Gwen Brereton
- Music education projects both in the North West area and nationally
- The teaching of the organ at every level to students of all ages.
- The nurturing of choral music especially church music

HOW MUCH WE WILL FUND

The fund generally has in the region of £1000-£1500 per year to award to applicants, although this may vary from year to year.

- We will aim to offer at least two student bursaries per year to bona-fide organ students to attend the IAO annual Congress.
- We also hope to award a number of smaller grants per year.

- The trustees of the fund have agreed to consider the award of larger bursaries for far-reaching, more ambitious educational projects. Awards of this kind will generally not represent more than 10% of the overall value of the Fund. [currently limited to £2600]

WHAT WE WILL NOT FUND

We will not undertake to fund on-going costs.
We will not fund running costs for current activity.

HOW TO APPLY TO THE FUND

The trustees of the Brereton Memorial Fund welcome applications from individuals, charities or other societies/groups for projects which further the aims of the fund.

Please use the application form to make your application. Use a separate sheet to give us any further information you feel will help your application.

You can apply for a grant from the Brereton Fund if:

- A) you are a not-for profit group **and**
You have a constitution or a set of rules **and**
You have a bank or building society account which requires at least two signatures **and**
You can enclose your most recent annual accounts or statement of income and expenditure. These must be audited or signed as approved by your Chair, or other senior office holder

OR

- B) You are an individual:
wishing to take lessons on the organ –
or wishing to embark on a research project related to the organ -
or wishing to attend the IAO Congress as an organ student.

Applications should be made on the application form APPLICATIONS SHOULD BE SENT TO THE ADDRESS BELOW BY 28 February each year.

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