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# BT BENEVOLENT FUND

## CHRISTMAS CARD COMPETITION

As members know, every year we fundraise by selling a Christmas card. Traditionally this features a red phone box, in a suitably Christ-massy setting.

We usually buy an image from a photo library but these can be quite expensive to purchase, and it's becoming harder to find suitable pictures.

So we're now asking our members to help by letting us have photos of red kiosks, preferably in a picturesque snowy setting. With winter approaching we hope that some chances to take the ideal picture will arise.

As an incentive we're offering £50 in Amazon vouchers for any image donated which is used on a future card. Photos should be emailed to [debbie.terry@bt.com](mailto:debbie.terry@bt.com) by 30<sup>th</sup> March 2016.



## GIVE AS YOU LIVE

You can now help support the Fund for FREE just by shopping online.

You can shop via Give as you Live at over 4,000 top online retailers, and when you do Give as you Live will donate a percentage of every pound you spend to us!

Start shopping now at:

<http://www.giveasyoulive.com/join/btbf>



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## The Fund's Work in 2015

During the first three quarters of the year, we've:

- Made grants amounting to £475,000;
- Assisted 56 current BT people;
- Assisted 321 former BT people, or their dependents;
- Made substantial grants towards bathroom adaptations for 23 people with disabilities;
- Paid for 24 new boilers for elderly people who would otherwise have been without heating;
- Supplied 73 domestic appliances such as cookers, washing machines and fridges;
- Made contributions towards the funerals of 36 former BT people, including a lady of 101 who started work as a GPO telephonist in 1946;

As well as making many other grants for urgent needs including debts relating to housing and purchase of essential items.

**Without your support, none of this would have been possible — thank you.**

**Remember, you can give one-off amounts to the Fund through GAYE, PayPal or via BT MyDonate.**

This eNewsletter is being emailed to employee members of the BT Benevolent Fund, as well as some pensioner members. Please do let us have any feedback:

[benevolent@bt.com](mailto:benevolent@bt.com)

## MEMBERSHIP



**At a time when many charities are struggling to get new members, the Fund's constant focus on this vital source of income continues to pay off.**

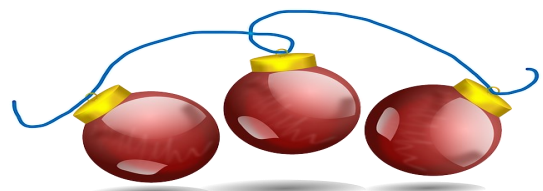
So far this year we've recruited over 500 new pensioner contributors as well as 113 current BT people who've either joined or increased their tax-effective Give As You Earn donations, with the result that total membership at 30.9.15 was 18,752.

It takes only minutes to sign up to make, or increase, a monthly donation through Give As You Earn at:

[www.btbfgivingonline.org.uk](http://www.btbfgivingonline.org.uk)

**Please tell your colleagues that they could make a real difference to the lives of others for the price of a cup of coffee.**

**A very Happy Christmas and peaceful New Year to all our members.**



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