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Bursary Fund Fact-Sheet (updated January 2022)

To help mark the 100th Anniversary of the charity in 2013, the Trustees of the Association for Promoting Retreats (APR) set aside a special fund to which member Retreat Houses/Centres can apply, to subsidise retreats or Quiet Days for those who would otherwise be unable to afford the full cost.

The way our scheme works is that the APR Trustees consider applications from the Member Retreat Houses, on behalf of their guests, who do not themselves have to be APR members. We believe that Retreat Houses are best placed to know when individuals are in genuine need, and thus the APR has not introduced any specific 'hardship' criteria of its own. We will also consider applications direct from those interested in the APR's own occasional residential retreats.

The maximum grant for an individual is 50% of the total cost of one retreat (per year) priced at £400.00 or less. The cap for a grant for any more expensive retreat is £200.00. Member Houses/Centres may make up to three applications (irrespective of size), for three different applicants, in any one financial year (1 April – 31 March).

In July 2018, in response to a suggestion from one of our member houses, this was developed into a kind of two-tier system. Whilst all APR Member Houses remain eligible to make three (free) applications in each financial year, if they wish to make a donation to the Bursary Fund, the APR will be able consider more applications from that house (up to the value of their donation). Houses can make further donations at any time throughout the year to underwrite additional applications; likewise, if their donation remains unused, the APR will carry it forward into the next financial year. We will make no charge for the extra administration.

Should an application be received from someone with disabilities, who needs a full-time carer to accompany them in order to make their retreat, consideration will be given to both applications on a Two-for-One basis (ie, the APR may approve bursaries for both retreatants, up to a maximum of £200 per person, but count them as a single application in the Member House's annual quota of three applications per financial year).

We are always glad to advise individual guests on the application process. Please do not hesitate to contact our Administrator, Demelza Henderson, for help and guidance.

If, as an individual, you think this scheme could be beneficial to you, you would first need to identify a venue which is both an APR Member *and* able to offer you the type of retreat you are seeking, and then ask that venue to make a bursary application to us. We cannot receive applications from individual retreatants, unless it is for a retreat organised by the APR itself. Please bear in mind that not all venues will necessarily be able to offer you the type of experience you are looking for.

To help you in your search, please see our website, www.promotingretreats.org, for a map of all APR member houses, with links to their individual websites. Most of these will also be listed in

the *Retreats* handbook, which is published each December by the Retreat Association. There is also a list of APR Member Houses overleaf, but we suggest that you contact individual venues first to find out about the type(s) of retreat they offer.

When making your enquiry at your chosen retreat venue, ask them to make a bursary application to the APR on your behalf. It is perfectly acceptable for the retreat house to apply to us on a provisional basis, so that once the Trustees have notified them of their decision, you and the venue can commit to a firm booking in secure knowledge of the outcome. Our Trustees are able to consider applications at any time in advance, up to 10 days before the retreat, but naturally it helps everyone if enquiries are made as early as possible. The Trustees usually make their decision within 2-3 days of the application from the retreat centre. If in their discretion, the Trustees make a grant in your name, it will be paid direct to the venue, who will invoice the balance of the cost direct to you. Please note that due to the popularity of the scheme, we are unable to fund any one individual more frequently than once every other year.

Please contact us with any queries. Further, if anyone you know may be interested in joining us as a member, or in applying for an APR Bursary with one of our member houses, please do encourage them to get in touch with us.

www.promotingretreats.org/bursary-fund

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APR Member Houses in the Bursary Fund Scheme (updated January 2022)

Name	Telephone	Website	Disabled access	County
Community of Sisters of the Church	020 8940 8711	www.sistersofthechurch.org	Yes	Bucks
The Prophet's Chamber	01908 397267			Bucks
Epiphany House	01872 272249	www.epiphanyhouse.co.uk	Yes	Cornwall
Treargel	01503 598932	www.treargel.com		Cornwall
Rydal Hall	01539 432050	www.rydalahall.org		Cumbria
Cliff College	01246 584200	www.cliffcollege.ac.uk		Derbyshire
Whaley Hall Retreat & Conference Centre	01663 732495	www.whaleyhall.com		Derbyshire
Society of Mary & Martha	01647 253900	www.sheldon.uk.com	Yes	Devon
Othona Community Dorset	01308 897130	www.othona-bb.org.uk	Yes	Dorset
Society of St Francis, Hilfield	01300 341345	www.hilfieldfriary.org.uk	Yes	Dorset
St Antony's Priory	0191 384 3747	www.stantonypriory.org		Durham
Chelmsford Diocesan House of Retreat	01245 237251	www.retreathousepleshey.com	Yes	Essex
Othona Community (Essex)	01621 776564	www.othonaessex.org.uk	Yes	Essex
Wigwam Retreats	020 8491 0222	www.wigwamretreats.co.uk		Essex
The High House	01730 262520			Hampshire
House of Bethany	0239 283 3498	www.sistersofbethany.org.uk	Yes	Hampshire
The Living Well	01304 842847	www.the-living-well.org.uk		Kent
Borderlands Retreats		www.spiritualityadviser.com/retreats		Herefordshire
Whalley Abbey	01254 828400	www.whalleyabbey.org	Yes	Lancs.
Launde Abbey	01572 717254	www.laundeabbey.org.uk	Yes	Leics.
Community of St Francis, Metheringham	01526 321115	metheringhamcsf@franciscans.org.uk		Lincs.

Edenham Regional House	01778 591358	www.edenhamregionalhouse.org	Yes	Lincs.
Community of The Word of God	020 8986 8511			London
Royal Foundation of St Katharine	020 7790 3540	www.rfsk.org.uk	Yes	London
St Peter's Bourne	020 8445 5535	www.stpetersbourne.com		London
St Saviour's Priory	020 7739 9976	www.stsaviourspriory.org.uk		London
Guided Retreats Norfolk	01263 649038	www.guidedretreats.org.uk		Norfolk
Even Sparrows	0759 4592684	www.even-sparrows.co.uk		Northumbria
Friary of St Francis	01665 830213	www.franciscans.org.uk/where-we-are/retreat-or-stay/alnmouth-ssf	Yes	Northumbria
Shepherds Dene	01434 682212	www.shepherdsdene.co.uk		Northumbria
Sacrista Prebend Retreat House	01636 816833	www.sacristaprebend.wordpress.com		Notts.
St Katharine's Parmoor, Sue Ryder Prayer Fellowship	01494 881037	www.srpf.org.uk		Oxon
The Abbey	01235 847401	www.theabbey.uk.com		Oxon
St Mary's Convent	01235 774074	www.csmv.org.uk	Yes	Oxon
Reflections Rivendell Trust	01543 674474	www.reflectiongardens.org.uk		Staffs
St Chad's House	01538 382483	stchadsleek@gmail.com		Staffs
Shallowford House	01785 760233	www.shallowfordhouse.org	Yes	Staffs
WITH Community	01986 893466	www.bewith.community		Suffolk
House of Prayer	020 8941 2313	www.christian-retreat.org	Yes	Surrey
St Columba's House	01483 713005	www.stcolumbashouse.org.uk	Yes	Surrey
Wychcroft Retreat & Resource Centre	01883 743041	www.wychcroft.org	Yes	Surrey
Monastery of The Holy Trinity	01342 712074	www.servants-of-the-will-of-god-cswg-monastery-of-the.business.site	Yes	Sussex (W)
Sarum College	01722 424800	www.sarum.ac.uk	Yes	Wiltshire
'Peastwing'	01885 410431	www.sites.google.com/site/holidaysattheretreat/home		Worcs
Society Of St Francis	01299 896345	www.franciscans.org.uk/where-we-are/retreat-or-stay/glasshampton-ssf		Worcs
Holy Rood House	01845 522580	www.holyroodhouse.org.uk	Yes	Yorks. (N)
Wydale Hall	01723 859270	www.wydale.org	Yes	Yorks. (N)
House of the Resurrection	01924 483346	www.mirfield.org.uk	Yes	Yorks. (W)

Scotland

The Bothy & The Barn	01387 810280	www.elshields.co.uk		Scotland
A Dip into Serenity	07770 797778	www.dipintoserenity.com		Scotland
The Coach House	01463 731386	www.coachhousekilmuir.org	Yes	Scotland
College of the Holy Spirit, Island Retreats	01475 530353	www.cathedraloftheisles.org	Yes	Scotland
St Mary's Monastery & Retreat Centre	01738 624075	www.kinnoullmonastery.co.uk	Yes	Scotland
The Bield At Blackruthven	01738 583238	www.bieldatblackruthven.org.uk	Yes	Scotland
Whitchester Retreat Centre	01450 377477	www.whitchester.org.uk	Yes	Scotland

Wales

Society of The Sacred Cross	01600 860244	www.tymawrconvent.org		Wales
Ffald-Y-Brenin Christian Retreat Centre	01348 881382	www.ffald-y-brenin.org		Wales
Llangasty Retreat House	01874 658250	www.llangasty.com	Yes	Wales

Overseas

Katafiyio Retreat House	00357 22 671220	www.cypgulf.org/retreats		Cyprus
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Online

Christian Retreats	07770 719198	www.christianretreats.live		Online
Petite Retreats	07813 519092	www.facebook.com/priestwithoutportfolio		online
School of Contemplative Life	07952 917995	www.schoolofcontemplativelife.com		online