

HOW YOU CAN HELP US

People approach us for one of two reasons. Either they want help or they want to help us help others.

Other pages explain how we may be able to help you and your dependants. This one is about how you may be able to help us in our work.

Most of our income comes from members' contributions. These cover the costs of providing benefits, running the charity and recruiting new members. We also try to put some money aside for the future (more about this on our Reserves and Investments page).

All these activities are made much easier by others getting involved. Here is how you may be able to help:

- ✚ By offering to serve on a Local Committee, recruiting new members, keeping existing ones in touch and seeing what help they need.
- ✚ By volunteering to recruit members in other areas - or maybe just providing an introduction to a manager or union representative you know.
- ✚ By coming to the office occasionally to help us with administration or organize special initiatives. You won't be putting anyone out of job, but you will be offering real help.
- ✚ By making regular or occasional gifts over and above your contributions - there may be tax advantages and all donations are acknowledged in our annual report. You may make on-line donations through www.allaboutgiving.org
- ✚ By suggesting to your company that it makes donations (or passes us sums received from passengers or customers when they write to say 'thank you').
- ✚ By telling your staff newspaper what you think of TBF (be careful not to identify anyone helped).
- ✚ By remembering us in your will.

A suitable form of wording would be "I give £..... to the Transport Benevolent Fund (Registered Charity 1058032) for its general charitable purposes and I declare that the receipt of a proper officer of the Transport Benevolent Fund for the time being shall be a full and sufficient discharge for the said legacy.". It is also possible to make a gift before you die, free of inheritance tax.

We are always pleased to discuss what help someone feels they can offer TBF - and it is very rare for us to refuse to accept it!