

# Royal Humane Society Annual Report 2010



Recognising bravery



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**In 2010, 451  
awards were made  
to people whose  
brave deeds  
saved more  
than 250 lives.**

THE STANHOPE GOLD MEDAL



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## Medal recipients 2010

### STANHOPE GOLD MEDAL

Frank Skelhorn  
Nominated by Liverpool Shipwreck  
and Humane Society

### POLICE MEDAL

Police Constable Robert Condry-Young  
Devon & Cornwall Constabulary

### SILVER MEDAL

None awarded

### BRONZE MEDAL

Danielle Beale  
Robert Condry-Young  
Joseph Fellowes  
Ricci Foreman  
John Graham  
Alan Kellers  
John-Paul Kimble  
Andrew Smith

### IN MEMORIAM TESTIMONIAL

John Gilbert  
Caroline McGovern  
Carly Swift  
Anton Turner



Frank Skelhorn

## Foreword by HRH Princess Alexandra



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During the past year, I have had the pleasure of presenting a number of awards to people who have saved lives. Sometimes, this is inevitably tinged with sadness when attempts to save a life have failed or when the rescuer has perished in the attempt. Sadly, this year four *In Memoriam* Testimonials have been presented to relatives, two of which were for young people. You will read accounts of these in this Annual Report.

In most cases, the life saved has been a total strangers not expecting to find themselves in, or close to, a life threatening situation. The Society is committed to honouring those who save, or attempting to save, the lives of others.

This year has seen more awards made than ever before in recent years, which hopefully reflects a wider awareness of the existence of the Society. May this success continue in 2011.



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## Recognising the saving of human life since 1774

2010 has been a very busy one for the Society with more awards than for many years. At 451, there were almost 50% more than 2009. We are pleased that so many cases are coming before us and would like to encourage more people to send us nominations.

Sadly, as many as four of our awards in 2010 have been to people who have died in their efforts to save the lives of others and it is a great privilege to ensure that their deeds have been suitably recognised. Their stories are recorded elsewhere in this report and I encourage you to read them.

This has been the first complete year in the new office. A great benefit has been its proximity to the Apothecaries' Hall. We are very grateful to the Master

and Wardens of the Worshipful Society of Apothecaries of London, who allow us the use of their hall for our Committee meetings. This year, we not only held our awards and strategy meetings there but also the Stanhope Medal selection meeting. Our President, Her

**We are, as ever,  
very grateful to all  
who contribute  
financially towards our  
running costs.**

Royal Highness Princess Alexandra, kindly presided over the meeting, where Frank Skelhorn was selected, from entries from Commonwealth Humane Societies, to be awarded the Stanhope Gold Medal. This was partic-

ularly pleasing as it is the first time the medal has gone to a nominee from Liverpool Shipwreck and Humane Society.

During our Annual General Court, our President presented awards from 2009 including the Stanhope Gold Medal to Mike Sharpe, who travelled from Alberta, Canada, to receive his medal. Bronze Medals were presented to Police Constable Colin Swan, who was subsequently awarded the Police Medal, for saving 66 people on a blazing double-decker bus and Garth Greyling, a pilot, who received his medal accompanied by the parachutist he cut loose from the rear of his aircraft. An In Memoriam Testimonial was presented to the son and daughter of John Gilbert, who lost his life saving a fellow diver. We are grateful to the

Master and Wardens of the Haberdashers' Company for again allowing us the use of their splendid hall for this event.

Once more, we were honoured to have a presentation at Buckingham Palace, when some of our award recipients and their families were presented to our President, who gave them their awards.

Major General Pat MacLellan retired from the Committee during the year. We are very grateful for his wise counsel during the 30 years he spent as a trustee. We welcome Mark Dumas and Rupert Uloth both of whom bring broad and valuable experience to our Committee.

In 2010, the Secretary and our Deputy Chairman, John Grandy, attended the Association of Chief Police Officers' (ACPO) conference, where we were given the opportunity to present the

Police Medal for 2009 to PC Colin Swan of the Metropolitan Police Service. We were introduced by Sir Hugh Orde, President of the Association, during the first morning of the conference. This gave us an excellent opportunity to talk about the Society to an audience of very senior police officers, shortly before the Home Secretary took the stage. We are grateful to Simon Ash, Chief Constable of Suffolk, who is police advisor to the Committee and who actively encourages ACPO members to support us.

We are, as ever, very grateful to all who contribute financially towards our running costs. We have recruited a number of Governors this year and their number now stands at 83. They provide a regular and predictable income and support for the Society. We are very grateful to all our donors and to those who have remembered us in their will. Our in-

vestments are well managed but, inevitably, in the current financial climate, the income produced is not as much as we have enjoyed previously.

**Richard Titley**  
Chairman  
*March 2011*



## Aims of the Society

The Royal Humane Society makes awards for acts of bravery in the saving of human life and for the restoration of life by resuscitation.

Nominees must have done one or more of the following:

- put their own life at risk in saving or attempting to save another person
- made a significant contribution to the saving of a life, even without any risk to themselves
- carried out a successful resuscitation

### THE AWARDS

**Stanhope Gold Medal** (annual award)

**Police Medal** (annual award)

**Silver Medal**

**Bronze Medal**

**In Memoriam Testimonial**

**Testimonial on Vellum**

**Testimonial on Parchment**

**Certificate of Commendation**

**Resuscitation Certificate**

Our aim is to recognise brave and selfless people who put others before themselves, despite the risk. By bringing their deeds of bravery to public notice, we believe that a single act of humanity becomes both an example and an inspiration.

Bravery awards are made according to the level of risk taken. A committee of 17 people assesses nominations four times a year: in January, April, July and October.

## How to make a nomination

**Do you know someone who has put his or her life at risk to save, or attempt to save, another person?**

**Or someone who has carried out a successful resuscitation?**

Anyone can make a nomination to us and we would like to hear from you, whether you work for the emergency services or are a member of the public.

After we have received your nomination, the Committee will decide, at its next, quarterly meeting, which level of award should be made.

**Nomination forms can be downloaded from our website:**  
[www.royalhumanesociety.org.uk](http://www.royalhumanesociety.org.uk)

Click the 'Making a Nomination' button on the home page of the website. Download the nomination form. Having completed it, email it to: [secretary@royalhumanesociety.org.uk](mailto:secretary@royalhumanesociety.org.uk)

Please make sure that you read our guidelines, available on the website, before submitting your nomination.

Or, contact us by email, letter or phone to request a nomination form and guidelines.

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## Stanhope Gold Medal 2010 – Frank Skelhorn

Nominated by Liverpool Shipwreck and Humane Society

Frank Skelhorn has been awarded the Stanhope Medal 2010 for his outstanding bravery in saving the life of a mother and her baby after their house caught fire in the early hours of 2nd December 2008 in Liverpool.

A family of six, two adults and four young children, were all asleep, when their house was deliberately set on fire. The first any of them knew was when the two parents were awakened by smoke and the fire alarms. The father opened the bedroom door to thick black smoke and flames at the bottom of the stairs. It was already very difficult to breathe. The father jumped out of the bedroom window intending that the baby, who slept in their room, be dropped out of the window to him. Unfortunately, when he jumped he injured his ankles and feet and could not walk properly. He managed to make his way round to the front of the house to try and rescue the three other children. Frank Skelhorn arrived and,

upon being told the family was still inside, kicked down the burning door and went up the blazing and smoke filled stairs into the back bedroom. The mother and baby were standing at the open window gasping for breath. Frank smashed the non-opening window and persuaded the mother to pass the baby to him. He then leant out of the window, lowering the baby and, finally, dropping her to one of the neighbours. He then persuaded the mother to get out of the window, lowering her as far as possible before dropping her to the ground. Frank himself then jumped out of the now blazing bedroom. Two of the other three children managed to get out of the house before the fire-fighters arrived. The other child, a three year old girl, was rescued, unconscious, by the fire fighters but died, three weeks later, after suffering burns to 85% of her body. Fire fighters described the scene as chaotic and one of the worst that many had attended.

Frank Skelhorn received Liverpool Shipwreck and Humane Society's Silver Fire Medal and Parchment for 2010.

The Stanhope Medal was introduced in 1873 in memory of Chandos Scudamore Scudamore Stanhope (1823-71). The first recipient was Captain Matthew Webb for his attempted rescue of a man who had fallen into the Atlantic Ocean from the rigging of a ship.

In 1962, it was decided that the award should be open to all Commonwealth Humane Societies and, so, nominations from the UK, New Zealand, Australia and Canada are now eligible. This is the first time the award has been made to a nominee of Liverpool Shipwreck and Humane Society. This society was formed in 1839 and performs a similar function to the Royal Humane Society in the areas of Liverpool, Merseyside, Lancashire and Cheshire.

## Stanhope Gold Medals since 1962

<b>Graham Morris Jorgensen,</b>	Australia	1962	<b>Rupert Novis</b>	RHS	1988
<b>Frederick John Knight,</b>	Australia	1963	<b>Trevor Allan Viney,</b>	Australia	1989
<b>Teehu Makimare,</b>	Australia	1964	<b>Elaine Walsh</b>	RHS	1990
<b>Lieutenant Barry John Campbell,</b>	Australia	1965	<b>W.P.C. Lesley Allison Moore</b>	RHS	1991
<b>Chief Petty Officer Paul Greengrass</b>	RHS	1966	<b>Rodney Stephen Peters,</b>	New South Wales	1992
<b>Junior Engineer Jack Milne Easton</b>	RHS	1967	<b>Beryl Ellen Smith,</b>	Australia	1993
<b>Robert John Ryan,</b>	New Zealand	1968	<b>Aaron John Ledden,</b>	New South Wales	1994
No award		1969	<b>Douglas Fader,</b>	Canada	1995
<b>John Christopher Broekmeulen,</b>	Australia	1970	<b>Ian Maurice Boughton,</b>	New South Wales	1996
<b>Thomas Nicol</b>	RHS	1971	<b>Anthony Shane Day,</b>	Australia	1997
<b>Malcolm Aspeslet,</b>	Canada	1972	<b>P.C. Ian Peter Standerwick</b>	RHS	1998
No award		1973	<b>Vanessa Bailey,</b>	Canada	1999
<b>Abraham Starr,</b>	Canada	1974	<b>David Calnan,</b>	Canada	2000
<b>Terry Haydon Gleeson,</b>	Australia	1975	<b>Dr. Richard Morris</b> )		
<b>Graham Thomas Robson,</b>	Australia	1976	<b>Paul John Featherstone</b> )	New South Wales	2001
<b>Randy Sherman Davey,</b>	Canada	1977	<b>Christopher Valan Wilkinson</b> )		
<b>Ian Richard Howard</b>	RHS	1978	<b>Michael McGuinness</b>	RHS	2002
<b>Bruce Wallace McPherson,</b>	New South Wales	1979	<b>Marine Darren Swift</b>	RHS	2003
<b>Station Officer John McNab</b>	RHS	1980	<b>Thomas Bangert,</b>	Canada	2004
<b>Dulcie Kalms,</b>	New South Wales	1981	<b>Dr Lee Gordon-Brown,</b>	Australia	2005
<b>Joseph Kaleak,</b>	Canada	1982	<b>Oguz Tasken,</b>	New South Wales	2006
<b>Stephen Jury,</b>	Australia	1983	<b>Mathew Vizbulis,</b>	Canada	2007
<b>Victor Leonard Golding</b>	RHS	1984	<b>Adrian Heili</b>	RHS	2008
<b>David Michael Garner</b>	RHS	1985	<b>Mike Sharpe,</b>	Canada	2009
<b>Gordon William Sonnichsen,</b>	Canada	1986	<b>Frank Skelhorn</b>	Liverpool Shipwreck	2010
<b>James George Smith</b>	RHS	1987			

## Police Medal 2010

At a Committee Meeting on 8 August 2000, having obtained the agreement of the Association of Chief Police Officers, it was resolved that there should be a new Royal Humane Society medal, in silver gilt, given annually 'for the case of greatest gallantry by a Police Officer of the United Kingdom during the year.'. This year marks the presentation of the 11th Police Medal award.

**Robert Condy-Young** was awarded the Royal Humane Society's Bronze Medal by the Committee in January 2010 for his outstanding bravery in saving the life of a woman trapped in a burning car on 5th April 2009. The Committee later assessed his actions as the most courageous by any police officer nominated during the year and awarded him the Police Medal for 2010.



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Robert was the first member of the emergency services to attend a serious road traffic collision on Bridge Road near Shaldon in Devon. He was confronted with a harrowing scene, involving a woman passenger who had lost consciousness and was trapped in the vehicle. Thick, black and acrid smoke was billowing from under the bonnet and the vehicle looked as though it would go up in flames at any moment. Robert climbed into the vehicle and fought to free the trapped woman. He succeeded in lifting the woman out of the car and to safety where he assisted her until the arrival of the other emergency services. Then Robert went on to arrest the suspected driver of the vehicle, who had left the scene.

## 2010 Award recipients

**Danielle Beale**, who was 16 at the time of this event, on the 16th July 2009, was asleep in a house in Manchester in which there were twelve people. Ten of them were children and young people, all of whom were sleeping. At about 5.00 am a fire was started in a first floor bedroom by an adult who was intoxicated. On hearing the shouts of "fire", Danielle woke up. She grabbed a young girl from the adjacent bed and a young boy from the next room and escorted them from the house. Having cleared her lungs of smoke, she then went back into the house. She retrieved a bucket from the downstairs lavatory, filled it with water and went to the first floor to try and extinguish the fire. She did this five times but, eventually, she was forced to stop by the worsening conditions. Danielle was treated in hospital for smoke inhalation. There were temperatures in the house in excess of 800°F and thick black smoke.

Outside she saw **Carly Swift**, who was looking up to the second floor, where her young brother was calling for help. No-one saw her re enter the building but there is evidence that Carly made a determined attempt to reach her brother and half brother, who were trapped on the top floor. She managed to reach the top floor but was overcome by smoke on the landing. The two boys, who were rescued by the fire services, died of their injuries in hospital, after their life-support machines were switched off.

Danielle Beale was presented with the Society's Bronze Medal by HRH Princess Alexandra in October 2010 at Buckingham Palace. An In Memoriam Testimonial to Carly Swift was presented to her mother, Susan Owen, at the same ceremony.

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Susan Owen and Danielle Beale

## 2010 Award recipients

**Joseph Fellowes & John-Paul Kimble** were working on a fishing vessel, off the French coast, in very rough seas, on 6th November 2009, when a man fell overboard. Joseph was working with fishing gear on the starboard side, when he heard a shout. He turned to see that James Grindy, who had been working on the other side, had disappeared. Joseph immediately jumped into the water to help. Whilst he was struggling with the lifeless body, he was joined by John-Paul Kimble. Neither Joseph nor John-Paul was wearing a life jacket when they entered the water and they had no floatation aids. A crewman threw a lifebelt when he saw them in the water. After a considerable struggle, and with the help of the waves and two other crew members, they got James back onto the deck. Joseph immediately commenced CPR, assisted by John-Paul and the skipper. They continued

to work on him until the helicopter from France arrived. Although James Grindy was thought to be alive when he was put in the helicopter, he was pronounced dead by the doctor on the naval vessel to which he was taken.



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Joseph Fellowes and John-Paul Kimble were each presented with the Royal Humane Society's Bronze Medal, at Buckingham Palace in October 2010, by HRH Princess Alexandra, in the presence of their families.

**Ricci Foreman** was asleep in his flat, at 4.30 am on 25th April 2009, when he heard a serious disturbance from the flat below. He ran downstairs and tried to enter the flat. The door was blocked on the inside but he persisted and managed to gain entry. He saw a young woman engulfed in flames and a man, whom he recognised as the woman's boyfriend and occupant of the flat, ran out. Ricci poured water over the woman repeatedly in an effort to douse the flames. She fell to the floor in the hallway and he struggled to remove her from the flat, which was now engulfed in smoke. He was aware that her skin was becoming detached as he dragged her to safety. Once outside the flat, he ran to warn neighbours, before collapsing from smoke inhalation. The woman's boyfriend had thrown petrol over her before igniting it and had then held the bedroom door shut when she tried to escape. She had burns to 85%

of her body and died in hospital. Ricci Foreman was praised by the officer in charge of the case, not only for his bravery at the scene but for his conduct in court. The perpetrator was sentenced to life imprisonment. Ricci Foreman was awarded the Royal Humane Society's Bronze Medal, which was presented to him by the Lord Lieutenant of Angus, Mrs Georgiana Osborne, at a ceremony in Dundee in November 2010.

**Police Constable Andrew Smith** responded, with another officer, on 13th November 2009, to a call for assistance to an elderly man who had fallen in his flat and was trapped behind locked doors. A crowd had gathered outside the block and a woman told the officers that the man, known to have mental health problems, had fallen in his kitchen and a fire had started. When they got to the outside of the ground floor flat, they found smoke

and flames coming out. The door was double-locked and bolted and the only possible access was through a large double-glazed window at the side. Andrew smashed the window but the fire had worsened considerably and he could not see in, due to smoke. Nevertheless, he climbed into the flat and made his way to the kitchen. Despite the heat and almost nil visibility, he found the man and pulled him into the hall. He then unbolted the door but still could not open it, as it was double-locked. At this point more police arrived and forced the door, allowing Andrew to pull the man to safety. He then directed colleagues to evacuate other residents in the block. Andrew was treated for cuts to his hands and for smoke inhalation. Andrew Smith has been awarded the Society's Bronze Medal, which will be presented to him in May 2011 at the Annual General Court.

## 2010 Award recipients



Scene of John Graham's rescue by kind permission of Celtic Harvester owner, Brian Cunningham

**John Graham** was working in the engine room of a boat moored in the harbour at Warrenpoint, Co Down, on 30th October 2009, when a fire started. He had been working with welding equipment and was being assisted by Enrico Kaniki. It appears that fumes had collected and were

ignited by a spark, causing a fire. The whole area became alight and a drum of paint-thinner exploded. John climbed the ladder and escaped but saw Enrico was still below. John went back down the ladder into the engine room and, after a struggle, was able to push Enrico up the ladder to safety. By

this time, the steps where the fire was had become unbearably hot and John fell back, unable to get himself out. He retreated to the furthest corner, believing himself trapped. Other crew members soon arrived with fire extinguishers and were able to get him to safety. Enrico had burns to 40% burns of his body and required skin grafts during two months hospital treatment. John Graham was treated in



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hospital for burns to his hands, arms and face as well as for smoke inhalation.

John Graham received the Royal Humane Society's Bronze Medal from HRH Princess Alexandra, in October 2010, at Buckingham Palace.

**Alan Kellers** was driving down the A303 near Amesbury on the 11th May 2009, when he came across a serious accident that had just happened. A Transit van and a car had collided head on. Alan was one of the first on the scene and immediately pulled the woman driver from the burning car. He then forced entry into the van, which was burning ferociously, and rescued a trapped and extremely badly injured man. Despite the intense heat and the great risk of explosion, he then attempted to reach the injured van driver but was driven back by the severity of the fire.



Alan Kellers received the Royal Humane Society's Bronze Medal, from

HRH Princess Alexandra, in October 2010, at Buckingham Palace.

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## 2010 Award recipients



Joanna Seymour and Scott Gilbert receive In Memoriam Testimonial.

**John Gilbert** was a highly qualified and experienced diver and he was diving as part of one of two pairs on 8th August 2009. He was one of five members of the Metropolitan Police Sub Aqua Club who were on a planned dive to the

Ramsgarth wreck, 30 metres deep, off Littlehampton. One man remained at the surface as boat skipper. The purpose of the dive was to familiarise Christopher Read with using two cylinders and with deeper dives. John was Christopher's

instructor and they had an uneventful dive to the wreck, each switching to the second cylinder at the appropriate time. They then began their ascent, which went without incident until, during a decompression stop at 7 metres, Christopher's air supply in his second tank expired. He attempted to revert to his first tank but experienced breathing difficulty and was choking uncontrollably. John took control and was able to provide air to Christopher from his own equipment. Christopher's breathing returned to normal. During this emergency they both sank almost to the bottom and, with their air supply dangerously low, John decided to remove Christopher's weight belt. As Christopher felt John doing this, he managed to remove it himself and rose to the surface rapidly. He then realised he had some air in the first tank and used it to inflate his suit. John surfaced moments later complaining loudly of

PHOTO: ROGER PEARSON, UK LAW NEWS

pain. As Christopher was motionless, he was given priority but he soon recovered when he was pulled into the boat. John was then found to be unconscious and blue in the face. CPR was commenced immediately in the water and continued until the paramedics arrived in a helicopter 20 minutes later. John Gilbert died the following morning from lung tissue injury caused by decompression illness. Subsequent enquiries concluded that John carried out two actions that contributed to Christopher's survival. Firstly, when he supplied oxygen at 7 metres and, secondly, when he initiated the removal of the weight belt, sending Christopher to the surface.

John Gilbert was awarded the Royal Humane Society's In Memoriam Testimonial, which was presented to his son, Scott Gilbert, and daughter, Joanna Seymour, at the Annual General Court in May 2010 by HRH Princess Alexandra.

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**Caroline McGovern**, aged 13, was asleep in a house in Omagh, County Tyrone, Northern Ireland, on 13th November 2007. With her, were

members of her family, including two adults and five children, aged 10 months to 13 years. Police were called to a serious fire at the house in the early hours of the morning. Unfortunately, despite the efforts of neighbours and the emergency services, all seven members of the family perished. Police initiated a murder enquiry and established that the father (who also died in the fire), had started the fire by spreading a flammable liquid at the bottom of the

stairs, trapping the whole family upstairs. As part of the police enquiries, the calls to the emergency services were examined and it was discovered that Caroline McGovern had made one of the calls and, in this, she was heard trying to tell the operator where they were. She also attempted to tell the operator who started the fire and is heard to tell someone (thought to be one of the younger children) to run. She continued to give directions to others until overcome by smoke. Her mobile telephone was recovered from under her body.

Caroline McGovern was awarded the Royal Humane Society's In Memoriam Testimonial, which was presented to her grandparents at a ceremony in Clogher, Co Tyrone, in November 2010, by the Justice Minister for Northern Ireland, Mr David Ford MLA.

## 2010 Award recipients



**Anton Turner** was working as chief guide on an expedition in the Mbarika Mountains in Tanzania. The purpose of the expedition was to film a children's series following the journey of Dr David Livingstone. At the time of the incident, on 30th October 2009, Anton

was in the lead and armed with a gun. He was accompanied by two trackers armed with spears. Behind, were members of the party, including the expedition leader and three children, a production crew, porters, a hunter, an armed game scout and Dr Fiona Cresswell, the expedition doctor. About mid-morning they saw two bull elephants ahead on the track. They halted and saw the elephants take a trail to the right, so they continued silently along the left hand trail. About 20 minutes later, a young bull elephant unexpectedly charged the group at very close proximity, out of the foliage on the left of the trail. The charging elephant was spotted by the two trackers in the advance party, who shouted and ran. This alerted the rest of the group, who ran off the right-hand side of the path behind bushes and trees. The elephant was in full charge and clearly angry, with its trunk drawn

close to its body. Despite the charge, Anton stood his ground and shouted at the elephant in an attempt to frighten it off. He remained in the path of the charging elephant in order to protect those sheltering behind him. He grabbed hold of the elephant's trunk in an attempt to divert it, before being thrown to the ground. The elephant was then shot twice by the hunter. It then turned and attempted to attack another member of the party before fleeing along the path. Anton had been fatally injured. His efforts certainly bought time for other members of the group to act and no-one else was hurt.

Anton Turner was awarded the Royal Humane Society's In Memoriam Testimonial, which was presented to his father, Major Tim Turner, at Buckingham Palace, in October 2010, by HRH Princess Alexandra.

## Annual General Court 2010

The 236th Annual General Court was held at Haberdashers' Hall, London EC1, on Wednesday, 19th May 2010. Mr Richard Titley, Chairman and Honorary Treasurer, was in the Chair.

The guest speaker was Sir Hugh Orde OBE QPM, a former Chief Constable of the Police Service of Northern Ireland



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and current president of the Association of Chief Police Officers. In his speech he gave a short history of the Society, mentioning famous recipients of our awards. He spoke about recent police awards and commented that, despite changes in society, the values promoted by our founders still hold true today.

Mr Richard Titley and Mr John Grandy were re-elected as Chairman and Deputy Chairman and Mr Richard Corfield, Mr Mark Dumas, Mr Rupert Novis, Mrs Lynda Rose, Sir Nigel Southward, Mr George Staple and Mr Rupert Uloth were re-elected as Trustees of the Society.

Messrs Ridley, Marreco and Co were re-appointed as the Society's Auditors.

HRH Princess Alexandra presented awards to the following :

### STANHOPE GOLD MEDAL 2009

Michael Sharp

### BRONZE MEDALS

PC Colin Swan

Garth Greyling

PC Robert Condy-Young

### TESTIMONIALS ON VELLUM

Aneurin Campbell

Calum Gardner

Katie Broome

Jennifer McCourt

### IN MEMORIAM TESTIMONIAL

John Gilbert

*Presented to Joanna Seymour and Scott Gilbert*

## Historical notes

- 1774** Dr William Hawes (1736-1808) and Dr Thomas Cogan (1736-1818) found the “Humane Society for the recovery of persons apparently drowned”.
- 1783** King George III becomes Patron and in 1787 permits the Humane Society to style itself “Royal”.
- 1794** Old farmhouse in Hyde Park is used as a Receiving House for the “apparently dead”.
- 1806** Alexander I, Tsar of all the Russias, is awarded a Gold Medal for saving the life of a peasant.
- 1828** Isambard Kingdom Brunel is awarded a Silver Medal for his part in rescuing five men during the building of the Thames Tunnel.
- 1835** A new Receiving House is built in Hyde Park. The first Duke of Wellington lays the foundation stone.
- 1837** The Bronze Medal is introduced.
- 1838** Grace Darling and her father, William, received specially minted Gold Medals for rescuing the survivors of a shipwreck off the Farne Islands.
- 1873** The Stanhope Gold Medal is introduced. The first recipient (1874) was Captain Matthew Webb for the attempted rescue of a sailor from the Atlantic Ocean.
- 1954** The Hyde Park Receiving House, which had suffered wartime damage, is demolished.
- 1959** The Society is incorporated by Royal Charter.
- 1974** 200th anniversary of the founding of the Society is marked by a Thanksgiving Service at St Paul’s Cathedral. HRH Princess Alexandra becomes President. Reception held at Haberdashers’ Hall attended by Her Majesty The Queen.
- 2000** The first Police Medal is awarded to PC Wayne Martin (Bedfordshire).
- 2008** The Society’s archives are sent to the London Metropolitan Archive for safekeeping and proper cataloguing.
- 2010** In October, the number of cases reviewed since the Society began reached 86,000.

## Committee and Officers

Trustees of the Royal Humane Society during 2010

### CHAIRMAN & TREASURER

Mr Richard Titley

### DEPUTY CHAIRMAN

Mr John Grandy

### COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Mrs Meri Benham

Lieutenant-Colonel Gordon Birdwood

Mr Richard Corfield

Colonel Giles Crisp

Mr Mark Dumas (from 14 April 2010)

Mrs Didy Grahame OBE MVO

Major General Patrick MacLellan  
CB CVO MBE (to 19 May 2010)

Mr Rupert Novis

Mrs Jennie Peel

Mrs Lynda Rose MBE

Sir Nigel Southward KCVO

Mr Julian Spicer OBE

The Lady Louisa Spicer

Mr George Staple CB QC

Mr Rupert Uloth  
(from 14 April 2010)

Mr Tom Walduck

### POLICE ADVISER

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Suffolk Constabulary

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Gurney, Hertfordshire Constabulary

### SECRETARY

Mr Dick Wilkinson TD

### AWARDS ADMINISTRATOR

Mrs Mary Nayler

## Committee biographies

**Meri Benham** (1994) until recently, was Executive Officer of the Royal Society of Portrait Painters. She was a guide at the Tate for many years. Founder of the Rotherwick Gift Fair in 1984, she ran it for 11 years. Married, with 3 daughters, she lives in London and the Isle of Wight. Her interests are sailing, golf, art and the ballet.

**Lt Col Gordon Birdwood** (1999) served in the Blues and Royals from 1969 to 1992 and now works for a facilities management company. He is married, with two young daughters, and lives in Hampshire. He is a Member of the Royal Household and Gentleman Usher to Her Majesty The Queen. He is, also, a member of the Order of St John. He enjoys all country sports and is a very keen skier.

**Richard Corfield** (2008) retired as Chairman of a large insurance brokers

in 2007, at the age of 52. He is married, with three children, and lives in Gloucestershire. His interests are art, wine, skiing, shooting and fishing.

**Colonel Giles Crisp** (2001) served in the Coldstream Guards and now runs a small herd of Red Poll cattle in Suffolk. He is married, has three children and his interests are shooting, fishing and dendrology.

**Mark Dumas** (2010) worked for commodity trader E D & F Man for many years. He then worked in the commercial and residential property markets and is currently on the supervisory board of a publicly quoted Polish house builder. He works in the CAB as an advisor and is a financial capability trainer. He was a trustee of the Parkinson's Disease Society for eight years and its Chairman from 2004 to 2009. He has been a trustee

of the Prostate Cancer Research Centre since 2001.

**Didy Grahame OBE MVO** (1997) has been Secretary to the Victoria Cross and George Cross Association since 1970. She is also involved with the Royal Green Jackets Museum, Winchester, the World Pheasant Association, the Royal Geographical Society and the Commanderie de Bordeaux. Interests include ornithology, travel, music, family and friends.

**John Grandy** (1987) has a background in Army and civil helicopters. He is semi-retired and works part time for Westland. He has a consultancy business which advises clients on yacht racing and is Chairman of Cowes Week. He is married and lives in Somerset. Other interests are golf and shooting. He became Deputy Chairman in May 2009.

**Rupert Novis** (2008) received the Stanhope Gold Medal in 1988. He served in the Coldstream Guards and now has a career in commodities trading focused on the Middle East. He has three children and lives in London and Hampshire. His interests include ball-games, water sports and winter sports through to country sports.

**Jennie Peel** (1997) was a governor of Ashdown House School for 7 years. She assisted with the Riding for Disabled Group in Buckingham Palace Mews, and subsequently Knightsbridge Barracks, for 15 years and was on the Committee for the HomeStart Carol service at the Guards Chapel for 6 years. She has also been on various other charity committees for one-off events. At present she is a Trustee for PAPAA, which is a charity she founded to research a cure for and help psoriasis sufferers. She has eight grandchildren.

**Lynda Rose MBE** (2008) was Commandant of the FANY (Princess Royal's Volunteer Corps) from 1998 until the end of their centenary year, 2007. She is a governor of a local school in Dorset and involved in various charities. As well as a husband and two married daughters, her interests include riding, sailing and opera.

**Sir Nigel Southward KCVO** (2006) was formerly Apothecary to the Queen and other members of the Royal Household. He retired in 2003 to spend more time sailing. His other interests are golf and skiing. He is married, with three children.

**Julian Spicer OBE** (1974) His uncle R T Hawes (a past chairman) was a direct descendent of Dr William Hawes, one of the founders of the Society. He was Chairman from 2002 to May 2009.

**The Lady Louisa Spicer** (2002) has previously served as a visitor at Winchester prison. She has also been a Soldiers, Sailors, Airmen and Families Association case worker and a volunteer with the Cancer Care Trust.

**George Staple CB QC** (2007) was a partner in a leading City law firm and Director of the Serious Fraud Office 1992-1997. He is a member of a number of professional and regulatory bodies. His interests are cricket, walking and gardening.

**Richard Titley** (1989) is currently on the Board of Glencairn (insurance) companies. He is also non executive Chairman of XL London Insurance Companies. He has a keen interest in shooting, fishing and golf. He is married to Nancy, who is Canadian. He became Deputy Chairman in 2002 and Chairman from May 2009.

## Committee biographies

**Rupert Uloth** (2010) is Deputy Editor of Country Life magazine. He served in The Life Guards for six years. He has written for the Daily Telegraph, Sunday Telegraph, Evening Standard and the Literary Review. He is on the council of the Royal Bath and West of England Society and lives in West Sussex with his wife Louisa and their three children. He hunts, shoots, skis and travels widely.

**Tom Walduck** (1995) is Executive Director and Joint Managing Director of Imperial London Hotels Limited and has a number of other directorships. He is a Governor of Harrow School. He is married with two sons and a daughter and his other interests include skiing, shooting, historic rallying and cruising.

**Inspector Rob Gurney** acts as our police adviser on behalf of Chief Constable Simon Ash, Suffolk Constabulary, who has been the Association of Chief Police Officers' representative on the Committee since November 2006. Inspector Gurney has been with Hertfordshire Constabulary for twenty two years and has held many appointments including Staff Officer to the Chief and Deputy Chief Constables. He is involved in fund raising for a number of charities.

## Donors 2010

We are most grateful to the following individuals, companies, charitable trusts and police forces for their generous donations and support:

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Bedfordshire Police  
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Durham Constabulary  
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## How to become a Governor

The Royal Humane Society is run by a Committee, who are the Trustees of the charity. Becoming a Governor of the Society provides an opportunity for those who are supporters of the Society to become a little more involved.

Governors are invited to the Annual General Court, where they will meet Committee Members and fellow Governors as well as some of the Society's award recipients whose awards are being presented. Governors' names are printed in the Annual Report, of which they will be sent a copy, in recognition of their interest. Governors also receive priority invitations to our biennial fundraising event.

Our Royal Charter, granted in 1959, stipulated a subscription of one guinea a year to become a Governor or ten guineas for a Life Governor. Unfortunately we now have to charge a little more, as follows:-

<b>Life Governor</b>	<b>£1,000</b>
<b>Joint Life Governors</b> (for a couple)	<b>£1,500</b>
<b>Governor</b> (per annum)	<b>£80</b>
<b>Joint Governor</b> (per annum)	<b>£120</b>

You may pay by cheque but please consider paying by Standing Order. There is a form for this on page 32.

If you'd like to become a Governor please complete the Standing Order or the Gift Aid Declaration section of the form on page 32.

## Financial overview

Incoming resources for the year amounted to £102,174. Last year, incoming resources amounted to £130,976. Adjusting for income from the fundraising event in 2009, income shows an increase of £4,387 on the previous year. Although donation and investment income has decreased there is a net increase in income because of substantial legacy income amounting to £41,155.

Expenditure was £83,028 (compared with £114,404). Adjusting for the event costs of £14,601, there was a decrease of £16,775 in expenditure during the year. This is mainly due to the reduced costs of the new offices so this reduction will continue in the future.

SUMMARY OF INCOME	2010	2010	2009	2009
	£	%	£	%
Investment income	29,709	29	35,762	27
Donations	31,059	30	35,191	27
Legacies received	41,155	40	26,045	20
Bank and other interest	38	0	704	1
Income from events	–	0	33,189	25
Other sundry income	213	0	85	0
<b>Totals</b>	<b>102,174</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>130,976</b>	<b>100</b>

The market value of our investments increased by £93,351 during the year. This was due to a continued recovery in the financial markets and effective decision making by trustees. The

general fund, which is unrestricted, increased by £75,522 over the year. Included in this figure is an unrealised profit on revaluation of investment assets at the year end.

SUMMARY OF EXPENDITURE	2010	2010	2009	2009
	£	%	£	%
Awards and presentations	2,233	3	2,501	2
Cost of staging events	–	0	14,601	13
Rent and rates	7,336	9	17,578	15
Salaries	55,708	67	53,145	46
Management and administration	13,715	17	22,110	19
Investment management	2,978	4	2,501	2
Public relations and media	1,058	1	1,968	2
<b>Total</b>	<b>83,028</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>114,404</b>	<b>100</b>

Net incoming (outgoing) resources	19,146	(16,572)
Realised and unrealised (loss)/gain on investments	56,377	(89,173)
<b>Increase (decrease) in funds</b>	<b>75,523</b>	<b>(105,745)</b>

### Auditors

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Dove House, Mill Lane  
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OX15 0RH

### Bankers

Drummonds at the  
Royal Bank of Scotland  
London SW1A 2DX

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47/49 High Street  
Redbourne  
Herts. AL3 7LW

### Investment Managers

Ingenious Asset Management Ltd  
15 Golden Square  
London W1F 9JG

## 2010 in figures

In 2010, 451 awards were made to people whose brave deeds saved a total of more than 300 lives:

<b>Silver Medals</b>	0
<b>Bronze Medals</b>	8
<b>In Memoriam Testimonials</b>	4
<b>Testimonials on Vellum</b>	45
<b>Testimonials on Parchment</b>	140
<b>Certificates of Commendation</b>	91
<b>Resuscitation Certificates</b>	163

The awards were made as follows:

<b>Members of the public</b>	226
<b>Police officers</b>	225

We also gave two annual awards:

<b>Stanhope Gold Medal</b>	1
<b>Police Medal</b>	1

## Ways of donating to the Society

Please support us, by making a donation, in our work of honouring brave people who put the lives of others before their own.

### CHEQUE

A cheque should be made out to "Royal Humane Society".

### BANK STANDING ORDER

If you would like to commit to regular payments, a Standing Order form is on page 31. This should be returned to the Society.

### GIFT AID

Under the Gift Aid Scheme, we can claim back tax at the standard rate. This means that every pound you donate is actually worth £1.25 to us. Just complete the Gift Aid form and return it to us.

### CHARITY AID FOUNDATION

As a registered charity we can accept CAF vouchers as long as they are a donation and not a payment for goods or services.

### LEGACIES

All gifts and bequests to the Society by Will are exempt from Inheritance Tax and gifts of assets (shares, works of art etc) are not liable to Capital Gains Tax.

### DONATION IN MEMORY OF A LOVED ONE

Supporters frequently ask family and friends for donations to charity, in place of flowers or other gifts, at a funeral. If you wish, your funeral director will be happy to collect the donations on your behalf and forward them to us.

### BECOME A GOVERNOR

If you do decide to become a regular donor you may like to become a Governor. Please see page 27, where you will find information about Governors' privileges.

## Standing Order

To: The Manager

Bank \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Postcode \_\_\_\_\_

Please pay the sum of £ \_\_\_\_\_

each  month  quarter  year

To the Royal Humane Society,  
Drummonds at Royal Bank of Scotland,  
49 Charing Cross, London SW1A 2DX

Sort Code 160038

Account 10321074

From my Account No.

Sort Code

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My Name \_\_\_\_\_

My Address \_\_\_\_\_

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Signed \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

## Gift Aid Declaration

When you have chosen in which way you would like to support us, please complete the relevant section and return to us with your payment if appropriate.

I am a UK taxpayer and would like the Royal Humane Society to treat all donations in the four years prior to today's date, and in future, as Gift Aid donations. If I cease to be a taxpayer, or the amount of tax I pay falls below the amount reclaimed by the Society, I will inform you accordingly.

**Title** \_\_\_\_\_

**Forename(s)** \_\_\_\_\_

**Surname** \_\_\_\_\_

**Address** \_\_\_\_\_

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\_\_\_\_\_

**Postcode** \_\_\_\_\_

**Signed** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date** \_\_\_\_\_

The illustration is of a button worn on the uniform of the Society's staff. There were safety officers working in Hyde Park from approximately 1825 until 1954.

The emblem of the Society shows a cherub blowing a torch in an attempt to re-kindle it. The Latin inscription reads 'Lateat scintillula forsan', meaning 'Perhaps a tiny spark lies therein'.



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