

## **Message from the Regional Office for members of Solihull Branch about the bequest from the late Mrs Norma Hone**

**18 June 2018**

Members of the Branch will know that a generous bequest was made to the charity by the late Mrs Norma Hone. The Committee has worked with Parkinson's UK to put together a spending plan for half the bequest over 3 years and half over 6 years. The plan has now been approved. An interim payment has already been made from the bequest with a further payment currently being processed. This means that the Committee of Solihull Branch will be able to use the funding from the bequest for activities described in the plan including:

- Holidays and outings and meals (half of the bequest will be allocated to these)
- Financial assistance scheme and day care
- Complementary therapies
- Conductive education
- Singing

A portion of the bequest will also be used to help the Branch run fundraising activities. This will help to ensure that the Branch can continue to run its programme of support for people with Parkinson's into the future.

Maggie Smith, Chair of Solihull Branch, said 'Norma was a popular and much-loved member of the Branch. She and her husband Raymond attended most of the social functions, including short holidays, arranged by the Branch. They were almost an institution and were great friends to many of our members'.

Katherine Crawford, Director of Support and Local Networks at Parkinson's UK, said 'Parkinson's UK really appreciates the generosity of this gift and is pleased that we've agreed a plan together with Solihull Branch. The Branch volunteers and supporters do so much amazing work to benefit people with Parkinson's in the area and this bequest means that this vital support can be extended.'

The Branch's activities are open to anyone affected by Parkinson's, and details about the branch and its contact information can be seen on the branch website: <http://www.solihullparkinsons.org.uk> " Emma Cooper (Regional Manager)