

**Professional Drivers**

**Foundation**

**Supporting Drivers**

# The

Winter 2013

**TrucknetUK adopt the PDF as their Charity once again!**



Rikki Chequer, the auctioneer, and his wife Lucy almost came to blows as she refused to allow him to keep any of the goodies for himself!

The Professional Drivers Foundation would like to extend our heartfelt thanks to [TrucknetUK](#) for holding their annual Charity auction to raise an amazing £2300 for the only organisation dedicated to helping lorry drivers.

With a couple of items sold separately online, including an LGV driving training course donated by [Peter Smythe Transport Training](#), the auction raised £3,130 in total and is an all-time record.

The event, now in its 10th year, took place at [Longford House](#) in Cannock, Staffs, on Saturday 23rd February 2013.

Approximately 50 drivers and TruckNet members attended, bidding on anything from models and books to branded jackets and watches.

[Road Transport Media](#) kindly provide the funds for a free bar and cajoled everyone to donate auction items.

This year saw more merchandise than ever before from [Nynehead Books](#), [Volvo Trucks](#), [Scania](#), [Renault](#), [Iveco](#), [Isuzu](#), [Mercedes-Benz](#), [Michelin](#) and [MAN](#).

[Steve Parrish](#), who is the Patron of the PDF, donated autographed items to add his on-going support.

For more information on The Professional Drivers Foundation, which provides financial and advisory help to HGV drivers in need, visit [www.pda-uk.org](http://www.pda-uk.org).

**Thanks also go to..**



[www.hgvlgvtraining.co.uk](http://www.hgvlgvtraining.co.uk) who make a regular monthly donation to the PDF. Find all the advice and information you need in one place to become a lorry driver.

## **How your donations help....**

It's been a busy year for the PDF with a steady stream of claims passing through our hands. Every case is looked at carefully and help given where it is most needed. In spite of the amazing generosity shown by lorry drivers in supporting us we can't help everyone. Some fall outside our criteria, others are better served by seeking help elsewhere. If other avenues are available alongside ourselves we always ensure that the information is passed on, sometimes advice is more useful than just money.

Some just need someone to listen.

Among many, this year we've given assistance to a driver who found himself homeless following divorce. He'd wound up sleeping in his car along with his son, but the PDF helped them into rented accommodation.

Another driver was feeling the cold following a heart attack and had gotten behind with the bills. The PDF was able to assist in getting the arrears reduced while he got better.

One more notable task we became involved with was aiding a driver who'd gotten behind on his rent following the loss of his wife. The PDF worked with the council to take care of the problem and allow the gentleman concerned to look forward again without the shadows of the past hanging over him.

These represent only a small part of what the PDF does with the fund. **It only happens because you donate.**

## **The PDA Christmas Raffle**

Please find enclosed a few books of Raffle Tickets for the PDF Christmas Raffle.

We would like to ask if you could help with selling a few of them for us. The Raffle is one way you can raise funds to help us continue to help others.

We thank you in advance and ask that all ticket stubs sold be returned with a cheque to:

Professional Drivers Foundation  
10 Eastmoor Lane  
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**BY Monday December 16<sup>th</sup> 2013 please.**

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## **Last but not least!**

Are you hard working, caring, generous with your time, practical, sensitive, not easily offended, internet savvy and have a bit of time on your hands? If so....

**The PDF needs you as a Trustee!**

Contact us on the details above please!