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SUPPORT THROUGH COURT APPOINTS A NEW CHAIR OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Bridget Blow, CBE has been appointed Chair for the Board of Trustees of Support Through Court taking over from Professor Peter Crisp, the current Chair, who steps down in September 2021 having completed six years in his role with the charity.

Previously Chief Executive of ITNET plc, a Birmingham based IT and Business Services company, Bridget was the first female President of the Birmingham Chamber of Commerce in 2009 as well as setting up the Greater Birmingham and Solihull Local Enterprise Partnership Board in 2010/11. Bridget was awarded a CBE in the Queen's Birthday Honours 2014 for services to Business in the West Midlands and was awarded an Honorary Doctorate of Science from Aston University in 2015. Currently Chairman of GTP3 LLP and the Senior Independent Director of England Netball, Bridget's previous non-executive roles have included Chair of the City of Birmingham Symphony Orchestra, Deputy Chair of the Coventry Building Society, Chairman of Harvard International plc and Non-executive Director of the Bank of England.

Bridget has been volunteering with the charity, delivering support to Litigants in Person at our Nottingham Support Through Court base.

Bridget's skills and knowledge will bring Support Through Court a wealth of experience as the charity enters a transformative new five-year strategy taking the learning from the pandemic to build a robust multichannel service that supports Litigants in Person to navigate the civil and family court systems.

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About Support Through Court

Support Through Court is an award-winning organisation with around 550 dedicated volunteers. It operates from 20 courts in 16 different cities across England and Wales.

It was founded in 2001, as The Personal Support Unit, with the aim of reducing the disadvantage of people facing the civil and family justice systems without a lawyer, enabling them to access justice.

The charity has traditionally relied on funding from the Government, Trusts, corporate sponsors and donations from friends and individuals. In 2020/21, its annual revenue was £1,587,927.

Trustees include: Stephen Adler, Angela Camber, Peter Crisp, Elisabeth Davies, Caroline Field, Samantha Gargaro, Elisabeth Long, Kirit Naik, Tim Nash, and David Wilkin,

Patrons include: Martin Lewis OBE, The Rt Hon The Baroness Hale of Richmond (former President of the Supreme Court), The Rt Hon Sir Terence Etherton (Master of the Rolls), The Rt Hon The Lady Butler-Sloss, The Rt Hon The Lord Clarke of Stone-cum-Ebony, The Rt Hon Lord Dyson, The Rt Hon The Lord Neuberger, The Rt Hon The Lord Phillips of Worth Matravers, The Rt Hon The Lord Thomas, The Rt Hon The Lord Woolf, The Rt Hon The Lord Judge.

For more information on Support Through Court, please see: www.supportthroughcourt.org

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