



# BUCHANAN TRUST

Registered Charity No. 235867

## PRESS STATEMENT

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### **The Buchanan Trust and John Barron**

The Trustee of the Buchanan Trust, Herefordshire Council and John Desmond Barron are pleased to report that the dispute relating to the granting of a new tenancy at Beaconhill Farm has been resolved.

Last year Mr Barron enacted the appeal procedure under the new policy for the Management of Buchanan Trust Estate which was put in place following advice received from the Charity Commission. Mr Barron was successful in his appeal and the Trustee agreed to grant him a further tenancy.

A new tenancy was drawn up in line with the Estate's policy and submitted to Mr Barron's advisers, the Tenant Farmers Association, (TFA), for approval. The terms of the tenancy agreement were negotiated and agreed save in respect of two specific items relating to the level of rent and the length of the tenancy agreement. The Trustee had agreed at the outset that if there were any points of difference between the parties the Trustee would arrange and pay for an independent mediator to be appointed in order to seek to resolve any outstanding points on the tenancy agreement.

The mediation was held at the International Dispute Resolution Centre in London on 3 February 2011 and the appointed Mediator was Francesca Quint, Barrister at Law.

The following is a summary of the points which were agreed:-

1. The Trustee recognises Mr Barron is a beneficiary of the Buchanan Trust on a permanent basis so long as he remains in charitable need. Therefore, the Trustee agreed that as and when the tenancy of Beaconhill Farm comes to an end the

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Trustee will provide suitable alternative accommodation for him, provided that he is still in charitable need at that time.

2. The tenancy was granted to Mr Barron and his partner, Kate Hart, jointly.
3. The tenancy was granted for a term of six years with an option for Mr Barron to renew this for a further six-year period provided he is in charitable need and has complied with the terms of the tenancy agreement at that time.
4. A rent was agreed.
5. The Trustee agreed to carry out various works of repair within a six to twelve month period.

The Mediator praised the parties and their advisers for the way in which the mediation had been conducted.

The Parties would like to thank the Mediator for her assistance and ask that her wish not be contacted in connection with the matter be respected.

The Parties also would like to thank the Charity Commission for the advice and guidance provided to the Parties during this difficult period.

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John Desmond Barron

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Katherine Hart

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Signed for and on behalf of the Buchanan Trust