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## *Dear Friends and Supporters*

Can I first **thank you so much for your generous support over the years** which has enabled those with even the most complex and profound disabilities to experience the joy and life-enhancing benefits of the 'Calvert experience'. As a charity entirely dependent on non-government funding the Calvert Trust is reliant on the generosity of those who believe in our cause. We genuinely could not continue to offer the standard of service we do or ensure we remain affordable to our visitors, without your help.

Sadly, we have had to temporarily close all the Lake District Calvert facilities. Equally disappointing, is the postponed opening of Calvert Reconnections, our new Centre for people with Acquired Brain Injury. We were expecting our first arrivals in April.

Rest assured we are taking every step possible to ensure the Trust will weather this crisis, look after its staff as well as being ready to re-open as soon as current restrictions and our finances allow. Our annual costs exceed £1.5million, with two thirds of our income generated from subsidised visitor fees. We are cutting costs to the bare minimum. We have retained essential staff to ensure we can re-open swiftly. Most of the other staff are being supported through the Government Furlough scheme.

We are also keen to assist our local community, offering our facilities for use where needed and we are working with various external bodies to identify the best way to provide support.

Although we have contingency reserves in place, our income has all but dried up. We are currently forecasting a funding gap of around £400k this financial year. Our beneficiaries need your support now more than ever. To help us continue our service for them and ensure we reopen as soon as possible, could you consider giving us further support during this difficult time? We understand that caring for our loved ones is at the forefront of everyone's minds, but if you can make a charitable donation, we would greatly appreciate your consideration.

During these periods of self-isolation, it is even more important to keep in touch. We would love to hear from you whether by phone, email, or by signing up for the Calvert e-News update and following the Social Media feeds.

**We thank you wholeheartedly for your continued support and hope that in the weeks ahead you stay safe and well.**

My very best wishes

Giles Mounsey-Heysham  
Chairman of Trustees