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Dear Lady Grover Member

## **Future of Lady Grover's Fund**

As most of you will know by now, particularly those who joined our AGM and all of you who have followed our communications over the past year and more, your committee has been pursuing a change of status for your Society the better to ensure its continued ability to support Members. This is a change from a Friendly Society operating as a regulated insurer, to a Friendly Society operating as a Discretionary Mutual Society.

On 31 August, after over a year's work, we received the go-ahead from the regulators of all matters financial in the UK, the Financial Conduct Authority (FCA) and the Prudential Regulation Authority (PRA) to pursue this change. They have given this solely in consideration of the unique circumstances of Lady Grover's Fund and the manner of our application. Your committee considers this excellent news and now we need to progress this through a Special General Meeting and a Members' Vote.

You will find attached a detailed and, we hope, readable prospectus which explains in detail the nature and background to the committee's recommendation that you approve the change of status and what exactly that means for you as a Member, and for prospective Members.

We have agreed the wording of the prospectus through detailed discussions and with the consent of the regulators, so we do not intend to summarise it in this brief covering letter.

The prospectus makes clear the advantages of the changes for Lady Grover's longevity and makes it clear that without this change we do not consider that the Society has a viable future, and that we would seek to dissolve the fund through a subsequent Members' vote if the SGM does not approve the status change.

If there is anything in the prospectus which you do not understand or if you want to ask follow-up questions in advance of the SGM, please follow the procedure laid out in the Notice of SGM which this letter covers to ensure the swiftest and most accurate response. Please note that the proposed new Memorandum and Rules are on our website and can be mailed out to members on request.

We look forward to engaging with as many Members as possible through the SGM, either in person or by post/email and securing the future of Lady Grover's Fund through your approval of the motion to change status. Your Committee of Management believes unanimously that this change of status is in Members' best interests and strongly advises Members to vote FOR the SGM motion.

Yours sincerely,

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