



NEWSLETTER TO SUPPORTERS: JULY 2013

Ten years old

Prisoners' Penfriends was registered as a charity in June 2003. We conducted pilot projects in 2004 and, in 2005, the Prison Service gave us the green light. Since then, we have:

- developed and maintained working relationships with 52 prisons;
- recruited, guided and advised a band of volunteers, most of whom now write to two or three prisoners at a time;
- run volunteer training sessions in London and across the country;
- written to residents in hostels, on release from prison;
- joined forces with emailprisoner;
- provided correspondents for prisoners on the Family Man course;
- begun pilot programmes with sex offenders in prison, in an attempt to overturn the Prison Service ban on our writing to this category of prisoner;
- worked with RECOOP (for the resettlement and care of older prisoners) to reach the growing number of people in prison who are over 50;
- created our own state-of-the-art database;
- centrally and most importantly, sent (with all appropriate security measures) 13,040 letters in correspondences with 696 prisoners.

As one of those prisoners told us recently, *"A letter is like a ray of sunshine on a cloudy day."*

Thankyou for making this possible. We could not have done it without you.

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