Notarising Your Trust

What is a Notary?

"A Notary is a qualified lawyer - a member of the oldest branch of the legal profession in the United Kingdom. Notaries are appointed by the Court of Faculties of the Archbishop of Canterbury and are subject to regulation by the Master of the Faculties

Notaries are primarily concerned with the authentication and certification of signatures, authority and capacity relating to documents for use abroad. They are also authorised to conduct general legal practice (excluding the conduct of court proceedings) such as conveyancing and probate. They may exercise the powers of a Commissioner for Oaths."

https://www.thenotariessociety.org.uk/pages/what-is-a-notary

We have used 2 notaries that have served us well and haven't cost the earth. Some notaries charge extortionate prices and want to approve a document, it's actually not their job to approve the document, all they need to do is verify your signature and ID.

You can use 2 good witnesses to verify your ID, meaning 2 professionals within the public service sector, such as a nurse, paramedic, police officer, solicitor head teacher, director of a limited company. However if it ever came to defending your trust in court, it may hold more weight if the trust's existence had a notary verify it, which is why we recommend it.

Here are our 2 recommended notaries, please note that Nigel said he is retiring in 2024. Nigel notarises remotely on WhatsApp video, his instructions are included in the aftercare pack. We are unsure if Elaine Mitchell could do WhatsApp video we have never done so with her, she tends to have people come and visit her home in Esher.

http://nigelpughnotary.co.uk/. ***https://www.mitchellnotaries.co.uk/***

You can of course try to find a notary local to you. Explain to them, that you have had a Private Family Trust written by a professional and it has already been approved by a solicitor. All you need to do is have the document notarised.

The Declaration

In our experience, when dealing with banks, it is preferable to for the notary to stamp and date every page, of the 'declaration'.

Remember, you will either be given bound documents if pre arranged, or/as well as a pdf version sent to your email. It is important that the notary signs the 'coded' beneficiary page, "original seen". We also recommend that you print extra copies, because you should never give a bank or any corporation the original docs. If you want these extra copies notarised the notary must write "original seen".