

SUPPORT STATEMENT

SECTION A — APPLICANT DETAILS *(office use only)*

Applicant Name: Ian Burt

Date of Birth: 27/01/1946

SECTION B — Acquaintance Details

Name: Susan Burt

Relationship to Applicant: Wife

Length of Relationship:

Purpose of This Statement

I am providing this statement in support of Ian's Redress Scotland application. I know him personally and wish to offer information about his experiences shared with me and the impact this have had on his life.

How I Know the Applicant

Ian is my husband and we have been married for 58 years

What the Applicant Shared with Me

It took Ian a long time to share about his time in Borstal. He spoke about the severe beatings he endured. He spoke about a game that was played called 'murderball' the north vs the south. It seems a lot of the prison officers were from the north, and this place was up north. They seemed to have a thing for boys particular from the west of Scotland as being tough. Between Edinburgh and Glasgow there was a lot of aggression.

He spoke in particular about a game called 'murderball'. Glasgow to one side, a ball was in the middle between the two sides. No one touched the ball; they were encouraged to fight. He said it was brutal. When he first told me I thought he was exaggerating.

He also mentioned that they would be woken up and sent out in just shorts, t-shirts and bare footed to clear snow from the carpark. I found this shocking. He is outspoken and he said because he was this way he was picked on by the staff.

Impact I Have Observed

He was very strict with the children; he ruled the house. He had a terrible temper. There were stages where he was withdrawn and did not share. It took a long time before he

could actually share this and since he started his redress claim recently, he has come to terms of sharing it with the children. They were pretty shocked. We are supportive as a family, and I believe this has helped Ian to cope with his pass.

Closing Statement

I offer this statement to support the Ian's application. Everything I have written reflects what they shared with me and what I have personally observed during the time I have known them.

Name: Susan Burt

Date: 21/01/2026