This chapter discusses the trustees' powers of maintenance and advancement. The powers of trustees can be divided into two categories: management powers and distributive powers. Management powers are those which relate to looking after the trust property, for instance, investing a fund or insuring a property. Distributive powers are those which relate to deciding who benefits. Generally the decision as to benefit will have been made by the settlor, by creating a fixed trust, by giving the decision to trustees through a discretionary trust, or by conferring a power of appointment on the trustees or a third party. In addition to this, however, there are some instances where trustees can make a decision as to who benefits from a trust fund, even where not expressly provided for by the settlor.