

Spoof snapper Alison Jackson in £14million trust fund row

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With her spoof images of David Beckham and Prince Harry in the nude, the Queen in bed with her corgis and baby Prince George being breastfed by a lookalike Duchess of Cambridge, the photographer Alison Jackson has amused and shocked in equal measures.

But Alison, who won a Bafta for her BBC programme Doubletake in 2002, is having to step away from the camera — temporarily at least.

For in addition to her art, Alison, 53, is also a beneficiary of a family trust fund set up by her late father, Bentley-loving eccentric landowner George Hulbert Mowbray-Jackson. Her elder brother Julian, 56, is also a beneficiary.

Unfortunately, however, Alison has lost confidence in the two men appointed as trustees of her estate.

So much so that she is seeking a High Court order to remove them and replace them with 'such fit and proper persons' as it decides.

She is also asking for more than £500,000 from her trust fund that she says hasn't been paid to her, even though the land owned by the trust was valued eight years ago at £13.87million and the trustees have cash in hand of at least £556,000 'without any obvious justification'.

The writ also claims that she was forced to sell her house three years ago.

And Chelsea-based Alison complains that her widower brother, who lives at Poulton Priory near Cirencester, has benefited more than her from the trust, which was set up by their father in 1972.

This was the year her father's idyllic life as the owner of his family's late Georgian estate in Hampshire was shattered when he received a compulsory purchase order because the government wanted to build the M27 through his parkland.

Alison was at boarding school at the time and, as she subsequently revealed: 'He was so upset that he arranged to have the house burnt down.'

The family then moved to an equally impressive Gloucestershire mansion, originally a 11th-century monastery, complete with its own chapels and a network of secret tunnels.

It is now part of the property portfolio of multi-millionaire former Labour minister Shaun Woodward.

Of the forthcoming High Court action, one of the trustees tells me: 'I never comment on anything to do with my professional career. I leave that to the judge.'



Legal fight: Spoof photographer Alison Jackson is seeking a High Court order to remove the trustees of her trust fund and replace them



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