



Warwickshire County Bowls Association

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Warwickshire County Bowls Association (WCBA) Benevolent Fund (the Benevolent Fund)

WCBA collects annual donations from affiliated clubs and distributes grant funds to needy individuals in the Warwickshire bowls community. The Benevolent Fund is managed by the WCBA Executive and is NOT a separate charity or trust. It is accounted for separately to WCBA general accounts, with the Benevolent Fund accounts reported at the WCBA AGM and in the WCBA Yearbook. Benevolent Fund income is entirely from affiliated club donations (not just from male bowlers) and therefore applications may be made in favour of women or men.

An application for grant funding must be made by an affiliated Club Secretary using the attached form and must be sent by email to the WCBA Welfare Officer. The application may be in favour of a bowls club member, an ex-member or the spouse / partner of a deceased bowler. Each application will be considered and decided by a sub-committee of the WCBA Executive, consisting of the Welfare Officer and two other WCBA Officers to be agreed from time to time by the Executive.

Applications may be made for any amount of funding, but the maximum award will be £250 except in highly exceptional circumstances.

Each application will be considered on a case-by-case basis and the decision to award grant funding will be dependent on:

- The reason for the request along with any other information provided on the application form.
- The financial position of the Benevolent Fund including total reserve and recent income.
- The relative frequency of applications from each affiliated club.

The decision to grant or deny each funding application will be made on the basis of a majority decision by the sub-committee. There will be no opportunity to appeal.

In all appropriate cases, WCBA will make an application for match funding to the English Bowling Associations Charity Trust (EBACT). If an application for funding is received via EBACT, then the application will be considered in the same way as if received directly. Further information may be requested from the applicant club secretary.

Notes:

This document forms an operational procedure of WCBA and may be altered and amended at any time by a decision of the WCBA Executive.

The WCBA Executive welcomes comments and ideas from affiliated clubs regarding management of the Benevolent Fund. All such points should be made at open WCBA meetings or in writing to the Welfare Officer.

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