



Men's Section



Benevolent Fund
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2023 Annual Report to Trustees

Last year saw a strong outdoor season of bowls and a real feeling that 'things were getting back to normal'.

Donations were slightly higher in 2023 as clubs were able to generate more cash with a full programme of matches and competitions as well as social events.

These donations are vital in order for the fund to operate efficiently.

As you know, the Benevolent Fund is a Registered Charity and we don't receive funding or donations from any other sources than the Counties bowls clubs and affiliated associations. Therefore, the support of all the bowls clubs within the Leicestershire County, who are affiliated to Bowls Leicestershire, is essential.

Special events hosted by the County or individual Clubs are also an excellent way to donate. During 2024 we received a massive boost to funds due to The Wade Cup, BL League vs BL Executive, BL Chairman's Club, BL Luncheon Raffle, The Greenwood Cup, Loughborough Benevolent Match and collections made at Finals Day, Semi Finals Day and a BL Raffle.

Our thanks to all who were involved in these events and help raised such a fantastic amount for the Benevolent Fund.

These events raised over £1500 with approximately 25% coming from the proceeds of the Greenwood Cup. This present a problem for 2024 as BL has decided not the continue with the Greenwood Cup competition and with rising costs of postage and cost of awards we hope to close the finding gap with your generous donations.

2023 saw the election of Sam Hardwick to the Committee, as a Trustee. 2024 will see the first calendar financial year, in line with the changes made to the Constitution and The Charity Commission.

The Charities Commission.

In line with The Charity Commission guidelines, the Benevolent Fund would like to request that clubs consider donating £2 for each male bowler affiliated to Bowls Leicestershire.