

CHARITABLE FUNDS ADVISORY GROUP POLICY

Background

Since its inception, one of the goals of the Winchcombe Rotary Club is to raise money for charitable purposes. The Club has given grants to a number of organisations and charities, including Prostate Cancer UK, Shelter Box, Legs4Africa, Leckhampton Court Hospice, Winchcombe First Responders, Gloucestershire Young Carers, Kate's Nursing, Winchcombe Day Care Centre, Winchcombe Playgroup, Winchcombe Scouts, Winchcombe Guide Hall, and WAM. In addition, the Club gives a small monthly contribution to support an orphanage in Honduras.

As a consequence of the joint venture with Cleeve Vale at the Classics at Prescott event the Club is likely to raise in 2019 at least £14k. This means a significant increase in the sums available for charitable purposes. It is likely that the contributions for Charitable purposes will increase up to £25k in three years' time.

Strategy

1. The Charitable Funds Advisory Group:

Membership: The Group will be chaired by the Secretary of Winchcombe Rotary Club. Membership will include the current President and Treasurer and at least three other members of the Club.

Responsibilities: Applications must be made using the electronic form, available on the Club's social media and from the Secretary. The Advisory Group will review all funding applications and make recommendations to the Club members. All decisions on funding will be made at the Club meetings and not by the Advisory Group.

2. The guiding principles for charitable donations:

priority will be given to humanitarian purposes

priority will be given to charitable and public organisations; money will be given to individuals on an exceptional basis only

priority will be given to those projects where the contribution will be considered to make a significant difference

priority will be given to local needs, to national/international needs where there is a local connection, and to Rotary sponsored charities.

3. Allocation of funding

The Club will agree an indicative budget at the start of the Club year

The Club will retain a sum of money each year for responding to applications received. The amount will be based on the income and expenditure in the previous year

The balance will be offered to one or more charities that meet the principles above.

Any member of the Club may nominate a charity for support; nominations will be discussed by the Advisory Group, but a final recommendation will be made at the Club's Business meeting. This recommendation will be passed on to the Trustees of the Winchcombe Rotary CIO for action.

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