

BENEVOLENT FUND

(Registered as a Charity Number 217496)



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Dear Club Secretary,

All the trustees of the Sussex County FA Benevolent Fund hope all is well within your club and everyone involved in this unprecedented time, with the current COVID-19 virus situation, and that everyone is looking after themselves and following the best advice. Our thanks also go to all those who are playing their part in keeping the country going especially the NHS staff and all the many other key workers.

However, with a positive outlook, you will shortly be affiliating your Club with the Sussex County FA and now is the time to also think of making a donation to the Sussex County FA Benevolent Fund which you can do during the affiliation process. Simply add a donation in the products page of your club affiliation application on the Whole Game System.

We know that a number of Clubs have not taken advantage of this opportunity of making a voluntary donation to help players or officials who are injured and in need of support so will not be eligible. So, this is important to everyone in your club.

So, if as a club, you have missed this opportunity of **DONATING** in previous seasons you may now wish to reconsider by making a **CONTRIBUTION** for season 2020/2021, to ensure, should there be a need, and it meets our criteria, we can help your players and officials.

We thank and appreciate all those Clubs who have contributed to the Fund in the past and hope that you will continue to do so now and in the future.

Our full details are on the [Sussex County FA website](#) or alternatively you can contact me via the telephone numbers at the foot of this letter. Without donations, the fund simply would not exist and with everyone's help, the Fund can continue with the support they give to those individuals who suffer injury.

The Sussex County FA Benevolent Fund is a registered Charity, which **aims to help players and officials** who have suffered a football-related injury and, as a result, find themselves in financial hardship.

Unfortunately, not every application can be guaranteed a grant, but each case is carefully reviewed by the Trustees who assess the claimant's financial needs. The Fund aims to reach a decision within a few days of receipt of the application.

The Trustees of the Fund can tell you that **over the last 3 years we have paid out £3,900** to several players but the more Clubs that donate and the more players that get to hear about the Fund the more players we can help. This is what the Benevolent Fund is for to help players who are injured and in necessitous need.

Many thanks for reading this and we hope that during the next Affiliation process you will consider making a donation to the Fund.

Kind regards,

Nigel Williams

Secretary of the Sussex County FA Benevolent Fund

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