



Visually Impaired Bowls England

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Dear Club Secretary

I would be extremely grateful if this letter and request could be brought to the attention of your club's management committee for consideration at its next meeting.

Visually Impaired Bowls England receives no Government, Lottery, Sport England or Bowls England funding. We are totally reliant upon what we can raise ourselves to promote our great game among the visually impaired community - and on our players and directors self-funding their domestic and international matches, transport and accommodation costs. I believe that this is less than satisfactory when players in other sports receive sponsorship and funding from a variety of sources. Our elite players and directors have reached the pinnacle of their chosen sport yet many of them are reliant upon benefits or are on restricted incomes. In 2018 alone, our players will be competing in domestic tournaments as well as UK Disability Championships, UK Visually Impaired Championships and English National Championships – all of which are quite costly. In 2021 we will compete in the World Blind Bowls Championships in Australia – at a likely cost in the region of £3500 per person.

It is therefore the purpose of this letter to invite your club to become an Official Supporter of Visually Impaired Bowls England and all we ask is that you undertake to make a donation of just £10 per year, by Standing Order, to our organisation via our bank account at CAF Bank, Account name: Visually Impaired Bowls England; Sort Code 40-52-40; Account number 00007401; using Ref: Donation <*yourclubname*>.

Of course if your club saw fit to increase your donation through running a 'Spider' competition or other fund-raising event, we would be more than delighted. Please do get in touch if you would like to do this.

We look forward to receiving your support.

Yours,

David J Stott
England Team Manager