S.C.B. (Men's Section) BENEVOLENT FUND

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The Fund's accounts for the financial year ended 30th September 2022 are on a separate page. We are extremely grateful to all the Sussex Clubs that have donated to the Fund this year.

Despite the hardships that the Covid-19 pandemic has caused, the Trustees have received only one request for assistance since September of last year.

I know we say it every year, but we would like to emphasise that the Fund Constitution provides not only for Sussex bowlers in need who are or have been members of annually subscribing clubs but also needy dependents of deceased members of such clubs. This money can be spent on anything that the recipient of an award requires to enhance their standard of living.

Once again, I repeat that we are aware that there are some people in the County that do not want others to know their financial circumstances and are therefore reluctant to seek financial assistance through their clubs. Anyone can contact any of the Trustees at any time without going through their club and the Trustees will deal with them personally and, as always, in the strictest confidence. You can write to us, email us, or even telephone us if you need our help.

It was always my intention to retire in 2020 as Trustee, Secretary and Treasurer of the Benevolent Fund. Due to circumstances beyond my control, this was not possible until now. I am extremely grateful to John Kinnard, SCB (Men's Section) President in 2018, who has been appointed by the other Trustees to take my place. I wish him well in his new role.

The Trustees wish you all good health and a happy bowling season in 2022 when, hopefully, we get back to normal.

Tony Sharman

Hon Secretary and Treasurer