

THE J.C.BROOKS TRUST FUND

Jack Brooks, a lifetime Scouter and County Commissioner in Leicestershire donated a sum of money and set up the JC Brooks Trust Fund in 1966. The money is administered by Trustees appointed under a Deed of trust dated 31st December 1966.

The fund is managed by the Trustees who form a Management Committee; the current Trustees are Vance Harvey (Chairman), David Knowles, John Brooks (Jack Brooks son), David Mason & Tim Alton.

The Trustees currently meet 1ce a year for the AGM and any requests for funding are dealt with by emailing each other.

The object of the Trust is to provide low interest loans to Scout Groups and other recognised divisions of Scouting in Leicestershire.

A normal loan could be between £500 to £5000 and can be used for a multitude of reasons to help Scouting; from repairs and renewals to extensions of Scout Headquarters, to landscaping and help with transport like mini buses; but we will consider loans higher than this for worthy causes.

We helped a County campsite several years that wanted to do some extensions, and currently have a County group that wants some help to fund the refurbing of the HQ and area around it.

The fund is here to help Scouting whenever it can anywhere in Leicestershire; and that is what we would like to do now.

There is a nominal interest for the loan; currently the 1st year of the loan is interest free and thereafter at 2% per annum. Repayments are generally made that are quarterly by Standing Order.

Any applications for a loan need to be sent in by email, noting the reasons for the loan – the Trustees do like to have a bit of detail so they can see how it is helping the Group applying; if there are any plans etc then maybe scan those and attach to the email. The District Commissioner needs to verify the loan prior to the email being sent to the Admin Manager at Leicestershire Scout Council, who will then forward the request to Vance Harvey for him to share with the other Trustees. Although it sounds very formal, in fact it's all done in a friendly way as one would hope and expect in Scouting.

Finance is now available for loans, so if you think that a loan could help your group etc then do please send us an application – Try Us and See! The time taken to decide is just a few days once the Trustees have received it; but do remember that the application must be supported by your District Commissioner

Thanks

Vance Harvey

Chairman