

Designated Fund	FRIENDS OF BERKSHIRE SCOUTING FUND
Purpose	To support the County's Scouts and Scouting at the request of the County Commissioner and at the discretion of the Managers of the Fund.
CEC Approval/Update	FofBS Document of December 1993 updated by CEC decision in September 2016, updated January 2020, updated February 2023
History	<p>The Fund was created by Sir William Mount, Bt. A former County Commissioner of Berkshire and President from 1947 to 1978, as an informal Trust to provide a back-up facility for Scouting in the County. The Trustees were Sir William himself and Charles Tong, the latter acting as 'Treasurer' and the Trust was handled by them as being of a 'discretionary' nature. At no time has the existence of a Trust Deed been evident.</p> <p>(Information provided by Chris Simon based on December 1993 document)</p>
Funding	<p>Sir William made annual contact with a number of his friends and business contacts who gave him for the Trust an annual donation – a private way of their helping the Association's work. The contacts did not want to be identified in a list of donors and so only the most basic records were kept, e.g. letters of acknowledgement from the Treasurer on 'private' notepaper. As time passed, and with Sir William's standing down from the Presidency, the income to provide further capital dried up, neither he nor Charles Tong sought to reactivate it in later years.</p> <p>The Fund was transferred to Berkshire County Scout Council as a restricted fund, with the original funding criteria to be kept in place. The Fund stood at approx £25,000.</p>
Managers of Fund	County Youth Commissioners, Deputy County Youth Commissioners, County Treasurer.
Details	No further details
Funding Criteria	<p>The original Fund stated that any funding requests were those identified by the County Commissioner and brought to the attention of the Trustees (now Managers of the Fund)</p> <p>In putting forward requests to the Fund, the CC will consider exciting and innovative projects and initiatives from within the County, whether at Group, District or County level. Any such requests are encouraged to be in support of the vision and strategic aims of the Scout Association and the County Plan, and such requests will generally be to those that would not normally be funded from existing local budgets.</p>

Restrictions	See above
Funding decision	At the discretion of the Fund Managers, based on the criteria above
Application process	Through the County Commissioner. Email grants@berkshirescouts.org.uk
Other information	None