

Designated Fund	ROGER KING INTERNATIONAL FUND
Purpose	The Roger King International Fund provides support for leaders and organisers of Berkshire international events and activities.
CTB Approval/Update	January 2017, updated January 2020, updated February 2023, updated September 2023, updated August 2026
History	The Roger King International Fund is named in the memory of Roger King, former County Commissioner, who had a significant interest and focus on international events and activities. The funding from a donation in his memory was available for all young people and leaders participating in international events and activities. Upon the funding being significantly diminished it was agreed with Mrs Jean King to refocus funding on leaders with significant funding input from the County Trustee Board (CTB) to cover Jamborees and other County International initiatives.
Funds	The original funding was from a donation in memory of Roger King. Upon exhaustion of this fund the fund has been significantly enhanced to meet the new criteria. The fund is open to other donations, regular annual budgeted amounts are transferred from County Funds to meet the needs of Jamborees and Project Africa in particular every four years, and any additional funds allocated to it at the discretion of the CTB on an ad hoc basis.
Managers of Fund	Programme Team Lead, Programme Team Member (International), County Treasurer (any two to agree funding). Where the managers are involved with the activity, and would then have a conflict of interest, decisions will be made by the County Lead Volunteer and the County Chair.
Details	The Fund operates in two ways: 1) Using the accumulated annual income from the County budget set aside for the World Scout Jamboree and a Project Africa type event. This would be allocated as required, in accordance with the funding criteria. 2) For other international events/activities. Monies will be allocated in accordance with the funding criteria, subject to monies being available within the fund, taking account of commitments to the Jamboree and Project Africa. The Trustee Board may decide to allocate additional funding for such events, but this will be agreed on an ad hoc basis.

Funding Criteria	In order to obtain funding through Berkshire Scouts for an international event/activity, this must be an approved County event/activity through the event guidelines process. These events/activities include Jamborees, Project Africa type events, adventurous activities (overseas), international expeditions, overseas award events/activities (e.g. King's Scout Award, Explorer Belt, DofE, etc.), international activities within the UK, or a County Beaver/Cub/Scout/Explorer/Network event abroad. The calculation of any funding is to be as follows: 1) World Scout Jamboree – all four leaders of any Unit will be involved for up to 2 years ahead in planning, training, etc as well as commitments after the event. They can apply for up to one third of their leader cost, with the reasonably assumed likelihood that this will be agreed. This will only apply to Berkshire leaders where there are joint Units. 2) Project Africa type events – there are two categories of leaders, those in the 'core team' who work for up to two years ahead on the project, as for the Jamboree, and they can apply for up to one third of their leader cost, with the reasonably assumed likelihood that this will be agreed. Others in the leadership team, who do not need to commit themselves so far ahead or are not so engaged in the organisation and planning, will be able to apply for up to one sixth of their leader cost, with the reasonably assumed likelihood that this will be agreed. Roles in each of these categories will need to be defined within the County Event Guidelines submission. 3) Other international events/activities will have the same criteria as for the Project Africa type events except they will be subject to funds being available within the Roger King International Fund and it should not be assumed they will be allocated the full amounts applied for. The Trustee Board may, however, decide to allocate additional funds to support such activities on an ad hoc basis.
Restrictions	Funding is only available to those in Berkshire Scouts. Outside 'experts' (e.g. specialist instructors) or those from outside Berkshire will have to be contained within the overall event budget. It will be a condition that to receive funding from the international fund, that a participant surcharge has already been applied for any event (see below). Any leader attending an event/activity to take part in the programme only, and is not part of the planning/organising team, is not eligible to apply for any funding, and nor receive any discount from participant surcharge. The following are not eligible for funding: • Moots/IST on events which are not County approved events/activities. • Non-international events such as Explode, Beaver Fun Days, etc.

	• WINGS. The fund is not available to those under 18.
Funding decision	At the discretion of the Fund Managers, based on the requirements above.
Application process	To be agreed between the leader of the activity and the managers of the fund, or by emailing grants@berkshirescouts.org.uk .
Other information	For all County approved activities or events, including Jamborees, it is anticipated that a participant surcharge will be applied, in order to reduce the cost to leaders. On all international events/activities one third of the leader cost is to be covered by a surcharge on the participants. This will inevitably be an estimate at the time of budget submission to the County Trustee Board. On events where a higher ratio of leaders to participants is required, then a lower percentage surcharge can be agreed between the event leader and the County Lead Volunteer and the County Chair. Adults who are participating in the event as 'participants' rather than as a part of the leadership of the activity are not eligible for funding from the Roger King International Fund. The leader cost should, for World Scout Jamborees, exclude training weekends which should be paid for entirely by participants, and for other activities should similarly exclude all aspects that the leaders/instructors do not directly benefit from. Budgets will need to be formulated to take account of this. For the World Scout Jamboree the fee is set nationally with the County only adding for training and other County add-ons and costs.