

# ACU Benevolent Fund

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It is first of all most essential to establish that the ACU Benevolent Fund is not a form of insurance. It is a registered charity that endeavours to give assistance to past and present members of the ACU including their family and dependants who are suffering financial hardship howsoever caused. No one has an automatic right to expect assistance.

Every competitor should be aware that due to the present limitations on accident insurance cover in respect of injuries it is now even more important to consider making alternative arrangements to provide their own personal cover in the event of an injury.

Areas the Ben Fund may be able to assist with is in the initial period when help is needed following an accident or injury prior to any state benefits being made available, also consideration will be given to help with travel costs when someone is hospitalised some distance from home.

Any request for help should be made via your own Benevolent Fund Officer as listed over the page or direct to the Ben Fund Secretary at the Rugby Office. A standard form will be supplied asking for certain details which should be completed as fully as possible at the time and returned to either your local Ben Fund Officer or the Rugby Office. All requests for assistance received and any information given is completely confidential and will never be divulged to any other person or body.

The Trustees of the Fund will always give very sympathetic consideration to all requests for help. Our funds are however restricted and

rely almost entirely on the generous financial help of our clubs, centres and other supporters, without this we would not be in a position to carry out our work of giving help and support where needed. If the Benevolent Fund has been able to help you in the past why not contact your local club or centre and offer your assistance in helping to raise funds for the future.

The Trustees recognise and appreciate the generous support of the Auto Cycle Union.

During 2021 and the gradual ease of Covid 19 restrictions thankfully motorcycle sport is slowly returning to normal. However, voluntary donations to our Fund have sadly continued to fall but we remain optimistic and are extremely grateful for everything we receive and to those who continue to support us. Requests for help are now continuing to increase and thankfully we have been in a position to help those who have approached us.

It has been possible to build up a small reserve over the past few years and this reserve is now being used to continue the work of helping those in need. However, reserves do not last forever, we therefore have to request that in order to continue to give help where needed we must find ways of increasing our donations. The ACU Benevolent Fund is not a HIGH PROFILE CHARITY, as our help is restricted to past and present members of the ACU and their families, it is therefore only right that the majority of our income is self generated as it has always been in the past.

To our many Centres, Clubs and general supporters that have been the backbone of our income in the past we give you our most sincere thanks, what we now have to ask is that in order to maintain our level of support to those in need, we need the help of those who have perhaps left it to others in the past. The families of those we help over the years are possibly members of your Centre or your Club please help us to continue helping them.

In the year ending 31st December 2021 grants to those in need will exceed £52,500 a figure much increased in comparison to 2020 which was just over £36,000.

To all our many supporters our sincere thanks for providing us with the means to continue our work.

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