



SHARPE BEQUEST

Priority for the Award of Grants

- Following the recent consultation, it has been agreed that applications will be accepted from any group/unit with youth members.
- In allocating the limited funds available, the following will apply:
 - Priority will be given to applications received from newly-formed groups/units (within the first five years since their formation).
 - It would not normally be the case that a grant will be awarded to a group/unit in the year after their previous grant (although exceptional circumstances will be considered - with advice sought from the DC).
 - Consideration may need to be given as to whether the group/unit can meet the funding required using their own resources.

Procedure for Application for Grant 2016

- Applications for a grant from the interest from the Sharpe Bequest Fund may be made by any group/unit with youth members which has its HQ within the area of Lonsdale District.
- Under the terms of the Will the interest of the Sharpe Bequest must be used "in providing capital equipment for Lancaster Scout Groups, it being my wish that such groups shall have raised an equivalent amount and made the fullest use of any grant from any sources" (note now open to all Lonsdale Scout Groups).
- Applicants should provide the following information (using the form provided):
 - Please only fill in the yellow cells on the form.
 - Brief description and cost of the item(s) (eg camping equipment) on which the grant will be spent.
 - Evidence that the Group has raised at least half the cost of the proposed items(s) by its own fundraising.
 - A complete copy of the most recent independently examined or scrutinised accounts (which includes the necessary signatures).
- Completed applications shall be sent to Tony Andrews, District Chairman, by 30 June 2016; note that if incomplete applications are received then these will automatically not be considered.
- Grants will be allocated by the District Finance sub-Committee, normally by 31 July following the receipt of applications.
- Successful applicants must provide receipts/proof of purchase by the 30 November 2016 or the grant will be withdrawn.