

The Hampshire Youth Badminton Trust

Overview of the Trust

The Trust was established as a registered charity at the end of 1991, with the objective of encouraging the participation in sports by the young people of Hampshire. Although the objective addresses all sports, the Trust emphasises support for the sport of badminton.

The Trust is connected with the Hampshire Badminton Association to the extent that the chairman of the Association is also the chairman of the trustees, and the other trustees are appointed for terms of up to three years by the Management Committee of the HBA. The present trustees are current or former officers of the Junior and Schools Section of the HBA or have been connected with that organization for some time; four of them have been trustees since the Trust was established.

Activities of the Trust

The main activities of the Trust towards the above objective have been:

1. Grants to individuals, where the family circumstances are such that there are difficulties in financing the children in playing badminton to the levels of which they are capable. The individuals may participate in badminton at any level from grass roots to national squad, but it has been noticed that applications tend to be from the higher levels, where, of course, expenses are considerable.
2. Grants to junior badminton clubs or coaching groups, for example: subsidising their setting up. There has been little activity in this category.
3. The subsidy of coaching and leaders' courses for nominees from junior badminton clubs and coaching groups. This activity was successful in the early years but has not been necessary in recent years. The Trust has also made a grant towards the cost of a coaching qualification for an individual of limited income who needed that qualification to assist in coaching in schools.

To March 2009, the Trust had made grants totalling over £7,500, of which nearly £7,000 has been to individuals as described in activity 1 above.

By contrast, the cost of running the Trust has been approximately £100, or less than 1.5% of outgoings, since the trustees do not charge expenses other than the postal expenses of the secretary/treasurer.

Source of Funds

After initial funding from the Hampshire Playing Fields Association, who had suggested the establishment of the Trust and also paid the initial legal expenses, income has been mainly from within the sport, including over £5,800 from the Hampshire Badminton Association, its Schools and Junior Section, district badminton associations, and junior clubs. Generous individuals also give small but regular amounts, which are particularly useful when made under the terms of Gift Aid, so that income tax can be reclaimed from the Inland Revenue.

Some of the initial grant from the Hampshire Playing Fields Association, which has been retained as capital, provides a small income as interest. As a charity we are able to take this free of tax, and we are also eligible for a bank account that pays a reasonable rate of interest.

But the needs of our grantees continue to grow, and we are always limited in the grants that we make by the very limited funds that are available to us. Since tax changes in April 2000, the Trust is able to reclaim the income tax paid by individual donors on all donations, provided that the donor pays income tax and signs the appropriate Gift-Aid form. (Previously the tax could only be reclaimed on donations of over £250 or which had been covenanted for a period in excess of three years).