



Cheltenham District Woodcraft Folk

Genuine Financial Hardship Policy

The Woodcraft Folk prides itself upon being an “equal opportunities organisation”, that will do all it can to ensure it’s members get equal access to our many and varied activities. This may be in the form of practical help or, in the case of genuine financial hardship, in the form of financial assistance. Set out below is our policy on financial support in cases of genuine need.

It is the intention of Cheltenham District Woodcraft Folk that no-one will be excluded from participation in Woodcraft activities, due to their inability to pay. Where this would be the case, Woodcraft funds will be made available to cover any shortfall in the members contributions, thereby ensuring their participation.

This policy is intended to assist the genuinely disadvantaged, rather than to be seen as an additional source of income for those already financially secure. These funds are intended as a “safety net” to assist those who would, due to their normal financial circumstances, have no possibility of attending an event.

The Woodcraft organisation has limited financial resources and the money used to subsidise those in difficulty will come from fellow Woodcraft members and leaders, who are charged higher fees to cover the extra costs to the organisation. On bigger events, it is sometimes possible to fund raise through our own activities or through grant applications, to keep costs to the minimum. Woodcraft events are always great value for money.

There is no overruling rate of subsidy, and members are requested to pay as much as they are able towards the costs, with the Woodcraft making up the difference. We are also happy to accept payment by instalments over a number of weeks, either before or after the event.

Whilst we have no intention of doubting the honesty of any individual requesting assistance, there may be occasions where clarification of an individuals circumstances will be requested, to both ensure District funds are not abused and to protect the integrity of the claimant.

For more information, please speak to any group leader. All discussions will be conducted in the strictest confidence.

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