

MARGARET WESTWOOD MEMORIAL CHARITY
(Registered Charity Number: 500125)

INFORMATION SHEET

BACKGROUND

The Charity was established by scheme of the Charity Commission dated 22 March 1988 and an order of 26 October 2005 as amended by resolution dated 17 February 2009. It was registered with the Charity Commission on 1 September 1970. The Charity is a grant making trust whose objects are "for charitable purposes devoted to the physical, educational or moral welfare and benefit of children or young persons in the area of benefit". The area of benefit is defined as the County of Worcestershire in 1946.

GENERAL PRINCIPLES

The Charity makes grants to and for the benefit of children and young people (up to the age of 25) who reside in Worcestershire (including parts of Stourbridge, Halesowen, Dudley and Oldbury).

Grants are available to:

Individuals (under the age of 25 who live in Worcestershire):

- Participating in organised expeditions/projects whether in the UK or abroad;
- For books, course materials and equipment.

Funding is not available for tuition fees for University/College courses or for living expenses e.g. rent.

Organisations (which operate in Worcestershire):

- Working with children and young people under the age of 25.
- For items of capital expenditure or towards capital project costs.

The Trustees do not support running costs (staff/administration costs), nor do they fund organisations which are not 'charitable' (within the meaning of the law); nor do they support projects or resources which the Local Authority have a statutory obligation to provide.

Further guidance as to grant funding priorities and restrictions can be requested from the Secretary to the Trustees by e-mail kirsty.mcewen@higgsandsons.co.uk

Prospective applicants should be aware that their application may be unsuccessful. The number of projects that can be supported is, as a necessity, limited the amount of funds available for distribution in any year and it may not be possible, therefore, for the Trustees to make an award even within the grant funding priorities.

PROCESS

The Trustees meet three times a year usually in March, July and October. All applications for grants should be submitted to the Secretary to the Trustees (as detailed in the application form) by the last working day in the month prior to the Trustees meeting. Please be advised that the Trustees may require or request further information following the meeting.

If the application is unsuccessful, you will be advised of such in writing, but the Trustees are not required to provide any further information as to the basis of that decision. to provide any further information as to the basis of that decision.

Individuals or organisations are only eligible to apply once every **two years**, if previously supported.