

About this Document

This living document is a public record of the activities of the UKMT Solidarity Fund as mandated in the Fund's [constitution](#). Activities are listed in reverse date order - most recent at the top.

Record of Activities

Thursday 14th March 2024

The update for February has been posted in the thread.

Monday 19th February 2024

The results are in. The following people have been elected to the Committee for 2024:

AceClown (re-elected)

Captain Fargle (re-elected)

Chubby Henparty (new member)

Maugrim (re-elected)

The DPRK (re-elected)

We say a grateful farewell to **Tsietisin**, who has done sterling work as a trustee over the last three years but did not make the cut today.

Friday 16th February 2024

Voting has now closed. Votes will be counted today (by Maugrim) and audited in due course by an independent expert (LastPerson).

Thursday 8th February 2024

The [update](#) for January has been posted in the thread.

Voting opens at midnight for election to the Committee. One new nominee is standing (forums user Chubby Henparty). Voting will be open for a period of one week.

Saturday 20th January 2024

The [update](#) for December has been posted in the thread and includes a call for self-nominations to the committee.

Monday 1st January 2024

Annual elections to the committee of the Solidarity Fund are due this month. It has been agreed that the 1-week period for nominations will be declared open when the monthly update goes out.

Tuesday 19th December 2023

The [update](#) for November has been posted in the thread.

Saturday 2nd December 2023

1.

During the month of November the fund passed a total of £25,000 paid out to goons in dire straits. That's a lot of support!

2.

After some discussion, the committee has decided to go ahead with annual elections in the new year, since our application to the Charity Commission has indefinitely stalled out. If the composition of the committee changes as a result of these elections, we will restart the application from scratch with the updated names, addresses and signatures.

Monday 20th November 2023

The [update](#) for October has been posted in the thread.

Monday 16th October 2023

The [update](#) for September has been posted in the thread.

The fund balance as of today stands at just over £3k, a significant increase since the call for donations went out last month, meaning we are no longer living close to the edge of our own means whilst helping needful goons. Good job, everyone.

Monday 18th September 2023

The [update](#) for August has been posted in the thread. This one includes a special request for donations as the fund is running a little low.

Monday 14th August 2023

The update for [July](#) has been posted in the thread.

Thursday 20th July 2023

The update for June has been posted in the [thread](#).

Friday 07 July 2023

A request for assistance with debt repayments has resulted in the instigation of another recurring payment. The Fund will pay the goon in question £25 per month for four months on the 28th of each month, with an initial payment for June made today.

Wednesday 28th June 2023

The update for May has been [posted](#) in the thread.

Thursday 18th May 2023

The [update](#) for April has been posted in the thread.

Saturday 13th May 2023

A rare request for a recurring payment has come in. The Fund has agreed to pay the goon in question £60 per month for six months on the 14th of each month.

Thursday 20th April 2023

The [update](#) for March has been posted in the thread.

Thursday 23rd March 2023

The charts in the [Data Trends](#) spreadsheet are now being updated to quarterly data points as the monthly version is getting very crowded.

On a related note, the fund has now been in operation for a full three years!

Oh, and the [update](#) for Jan and Feb has now been posted in the thread.

Thursday 2nd February 2023

The November/December [update](#) has been posted in the thread.

Monday 16th January 2023

A request from a Norwegian user unfortunately had to be rejected as the fund operates only within the UK and Northern Ireland.

Tuesday 8th November 2022

The October [update](#) has been posted in the thread.

Wednesday 26th October 2022

The annual debate of whether to renew our ukmt.fund domain (which the Treasurer currently foots the bill for) concluded that we should, for the time being, despite the tricky legal status of using the word “fund” in the name of a charity. Once our application to the Charity Commission is accepted and the charity’s name is finalised, we may well decide to change or drop the domain, but right now it seems premature.

Tuesday 18th October 2022

An application was received from an EU resident. Unfortunately the fund is unable (due to legal complications) to pay out to those who are not resident in the UK, so we were reluctantly compelled to reject the application.

Monday 17th October 2022

The September [update](#) has been posted in the thread.

Sunday 16th October 2022

In order to slim down this document and make information regarding the development/activities of the fund more accessible, information on payouts have been moved from here to the [data trends spreadsheet](#).

Saturday 10th September 2022

A bonanza of requests today (4) totalling £690, which we can happily cover thanks to the generosity of our donors!

Monday 4th July 2022

The [update](#) for May and June has been posted in the thread.

Monday 25th April 2022

[Thread update](#) posted.

Friday 18th March 2022

The Charity Commission has got back to us requesting bank statements for the last year and physical signatures from all trustees. These will be provided ASAP so our application can continue.

Tuesday 15th March 2022

Application to the Charity Commission for official charitable status has, at last, been sent! We expect to hear back from them with amendment requests so the process will continue, but it has at least officially Begun.

[Thread update](#) posted.

Friday 11th February 2022

A request for £80 was rejected by the committee today due to concerns about possible abuse of the fund.

Thursday 10th February 2022

[Thread update](#) posted.

Thursday 6th January 2022

Thread update posted.

1 November 2021

Updated the UK thread [HERE](#)

Sunday 5th September 2021

Update posted in thread - [HERE](#)

Thursday 5th August 2021

Update posted in the thread - [HERE](#)

Saturday, 3rd July 2021

June update has been posted in the UMKT Thread [Here](#)

Monday, 14th June 2021

The May update has been [posted](#) - belatedly - in the thread.

Wednesday, 5th May 2021

1.

We arranged a regular payout to a goon in financial difficulties: £50 monthly for four months, at which point the situation will be reviewed.

2.

The April [update](#) has been posted in the thread.

Thursday, 15th April 2021

Important Notice: Paypal have limited the Fund's account and we are currently unable to withdraw. For the time being we have requested that all donations are done via bank transfer rather than PayPal. The best way to resolve the issue will be to go ahead with registering as a charity, which will require redrafting the constitution, a task which Tsietisin has volunteered to take the lead on. More on this at a later date.

Monday, 5th April 2021

The March [update](#) has been posted in the thread.

Tuesday, 2nd March 2021

The February update has been [posted](#) in the thread.

Friday, 26th February 2021

A request from a goon for £20 towards a food bank donation was denied on the basis that the Fund is explicitly to help goons in need. While we may recommend that people who would normally donate to the Fund consider donating to other causes if the Fund is in good health, we are not able to redirect donations already made to the Fund to any other charitable cause, no matter how worthy.

Wednesday, 20th January 2021

1.

The 2021 Committee has voted unanimously to keep **IrvingWashington** (aka Bill Drummond in Discord) on as the UKMTSF's treasurer.

2.

PAID OUT: The goon who applied on 31st December has now received the relevant bill and put in a request for £171.81. Based on the details of the situation, we may expect a further bill to come, which the Fund has agreed to pay using earmarked funds up to the initially requested amount of £500. If the total amount required is in excess of this, a new vote will need to be held by the Committee to release the funds. (Update 18/02: The final total was £614.08. The new vote passed and the balance was paid today.)

Tuesday, 19th January 2021

Vote counting has now concluded for the UKMTSF Committee elections. Congratulations to our Committee members for 2021:

AceClown (re-elected)

Captain Fargle (re-elected)

Maugrim (re-elected)

The DPRK

Tsietisin

Email forwarding, document access etc will be updated accordingly over the following days.

Monday, 18th January 2021

Voting has now closed for the UKMTSF Committee elections. Counting (using the STV system detailed [here](#)) will be carried out by Moonwolf, with their work publicly available for checking in the Discord channel.

Monday, 11th January 2021

1.

First general meeting of the UKMT Solidarity Fund was held today in the current thread and Discord. (Opening post [here](#).) The meeting lasted 24 hours and generated useful discussion of possible procedures for holding general meetings and voting on resolutions.

Resolution 1, an amendment to the Constitution, also passed by $\frac{2}{3}$ majority vote and the amendments will be carried out forthwith; viz.:

1) In part 1, section 6(1)(a):

Amend

The general agreement of two thirds of UKMT members, voting in good faith, is first obtained;

To

The agreement of not less than two thirds of UKMT members who vote on the amendment at a general meeting, is first obtained;

2) In part 1, section 6(2):

Amend

[...]any such amendment is made by resolution passed by a simple majority of UKMT members, voting in good faith.

To

[...]any such amendment is made by resolution passed by over half of UKMT members who vote on the amendment at a general meeting.

2.

Nominations have now closed for potential Committee members. The following have submitted their name to stand for election:

AceClown (standing for re-election)

Captain Fargle (standing for re-election)

Cast_No_Shadow

lymarra

Maugrim (standing for re-election)

Rahzmataz

The DPRK

Tsietisin

Voting will take place over 1 week, concluding on Monday 18th January.

The following committee members are stepping down and will not be standing for re-election:

Rarity

OscarDiggs

Monday, 4th January 2021

The [combined December and end-of year update](#) has been posted in the thread.

This update gives notice of the Fund's first General Meeting, to be held in the thread and the #ukmt-solidarity-fund Discord channel on Monday, 11th January 2021. The meeting will aim to resolve our issues with amending the Constitution and discuss a suitable procedure for holding General Meetings in the future.

This update also opens nominations for the Committee Elections. Nominations close on Monday, 11th January 2021. Three existing committee members - "AceClown", "Fargle" and "Maugrim" - will be standing for reelection.

Thursday, 31st December 2020

Received an application from a goon worried about a forthcoming bill. The Committee has voted yes to the request in principle, but will reserve payment until the exact billing amount is known.

Thursday, 3rd December 2020

The November [update](#) has been posted in the thread.

After investigation, the Committee has decided against registering as a Community Interest Company, and will instead pursue the necessary constitutional amendments in order to register as an unincorporated charity with the Charity Commission.

Thursday, 26th November 2020

In order to make headway on registering as a CIC (or any other changes we wish to make the operation of the Fund), we need to resolve a longstanding issue with the Constitution - namely the bar to passing votes, which currently requires a two thirds or simple majority of the *entire membership* (not just those members who participate in the vote) - a functionally impossible bar to clear. The Committee is currently discussing how best to fix this.

Wednesday, 25th November 2020

Committee member "Maugrim" and Treasurer "Irving Washington" are investigating the idea of registering the Fund as a Community Interest Company. This would allow the Fund to continue receiving Paypal donations without causing problems for the Treasurer's personal tax returns.

There will be various questions that need to be put to the committee/membership before this can be resolved, in particular the question of who the director(s) of the company should be.

Thursday, 5th November 2020

The October [update](#) has been posted in the thread.

Thursday, 1st October 2020

The September [update](#) has been posted in the thread.

At the suggestion of Jaeluni Asjil, we are looking at registering as a Community Interest Company (CIC) in order to obtain a company number for PayPal.

Sunday, 20th September 2020

As donations through PayPal have surpassed a trigger amount (~£2000), PayPal now requires some additional documentation, including a company number. We are investigating what we need to do to provide this.

Wednesday, 16th September 2020

1.

Arrival of replacement equipment has been confirmed.

2.

The refund for the defective equipment has been paid into the Fund account. Balance has increased by approx. £10 after this episode, as the replacement item was slightly cheaper at the time of purchase.

Monday, 14th September 2020

The Fund has received notice that the refund for defective equipment has been submitted. Due to the urgency of need, the Committee has voted to go ahead with the purchase of replacement equipment without waiting for these funds to clear.

Sunday, 13th September 2020

A piece of equipment purchased by the Fund for an applicant in May has now developed a fault. Since it's still under warranty, the Account Holder has agreed to arrange a return/refund and buy a replacement directly.

Tuesday, 8th September 2020

Payout of £100 made to a committee member to cover an unexpected one-off expense. Approved by the other four members and Account Holder.

Saturday, 5th September 2020

The August [update](#) has (belatedly) been posted in the thread.

Thursday, 3rd September 2020

Moonwolf queried in the Discord whether the final, multi-signatory bank account for the Fund has been set up yet. It has not, as the bank has still not responded to our enquiries. The Account Holder will chase this up over the weekend.

Wednesday, 2nd September 2020

Shoutout to LastPerson (James), a goon on the Discord who is (for the second time) running a gaming stream to gather donations to the Fund.

Wednesday, August 26th 2020

A returning applicant needs a sizeable sum to cover rent arrears. Despite some voiced concerns about the long-term health of the Fund, this request was approved unanimously. A committee member will contact the individual in question to discuss their situation and potential future needs.

Monday, 17th August 2020

Received our first application via email! The payout has been approved and the goon will be asked to make contact via forum or Discord.

Wednesday, August 5th 2020

The July [update](#) has been posted to the thread. Delayed due to Maugrim not having easy access to a PC.

Wednesday, 1st July 2020

The monthly [update](#) has been posted to the thread.

Wednesday, 3rd June 2020

1.
£500 paid out per yesterday's notes.
2.
Some discussion in the Solidarity Fund Discord channel of whether to donate UKMTSF funds to causes associated with Black Lives Matter, given current events in the U.S. This is not currently allowed by the constitution, but there is scope for amending it. In the meantime, we will suggest that people donate to BLM causes this month rather than the Fund.

Tuesday, 2nd June 2020

1.
The committee has reviewed the case of the goon whose application was originally rejected on [23rd March](#). In view of the current health of the fund, with a balance around £3000 and income matching or

exceeding outgoings, we have agreed to earmark the requested amount of £500 for the individual in question, guaranteed to be paid out if and when they receive the bill.

2.

The committee voted unanimously to release £200 to a goon who needs funds to keep them afloat whilst waiting to start a new job. As this goon does not have PMs, we have asked them to contact us via Discord or email. (**Update** 05 Sep: This goon never contacted us further.)

Monday, 1st June 2020

Monthly [update](#) has been posted to the thread.

Friday, 15th May 2020

The other committee members together with the Treasurer have approved the full £242.35 for their fellow committee member's request. The member in question has offered to resign from the Committee to avoid accusations of favouritism but this was not accepted, on grounds that their difficult circumstances were a known factor at the time of their election to the Committee.

Thursday, 14th May 2020

A committee member has requested a grant towards equipment worth ~£240 to help them manage their disability. Committee members are not involved in considering their own applications; instead the Treasurer is seconded to the committee for the duration of the discussion and vote.

Friday, 1st May 2020

The monthly [update](#) was posted to the thread.

Monday, 20th April 2020

An attempt is currently underway to set up a clubs and societies bank account (allowing multiple transferable signatories) for the Fund. Due to the pandemic, banks are struggling to deal with requests in a timely manner, so we have no idea when this will be resolved.

Wednesday, 1st April 2020

Monthly [update](#) has been posted to the thread. An email address (solidarity@ukmt.fund) and imgur account have been created for the Fund.

Tuesday, 24th March 2020

The Constitution has now been formally adopted.

Monday, 23rd March 2020

1.

Second application considered. This application was rejected on grounds of being a less critical need, but the applicant was encouraged to apply again in the future when the economic situation is less dire.

2.

As no further changes have been submitted to the constitution, it will be adopted as of tomorrow, making the Solidarity Fund an unincorporated association.

Saturday, 21st March 2020

1.

Article 1.5 (2)(d) of the Constitution has been updated based on a suggestion from Prince John in the thread. Last call for proposed amendments will go out today.

2.

Fund looking very healthy at ~£2100 with another £500 incoming on the 27th. First meeting to consider an application was held today. Committee voted unanimously to authorise the release of £179.99 to a goon in need. Full disclosure: this goon is a committee member. The need was judged genuine by the rest of the committee and the Account Holder (seconded to the Committee in their place for this application).

Wednesday, 18th March 2020

1.

Constitution updated with details of how to apply for the fund, how to assess eligibility, etc.

2.

A PayPal account (paypal.me/ukmtsolidarity) has been set up by IrvingWashington/Bill Drummond and linked to the Fund account. A Google Form will be created for applications for assistance from the Fund. Once this is complete, the Fund will be opened for business.

3.

The [Google Form](#) has now been created.

4.

UKMT Solidarity Fund is now live! Opening post:

<https://forums.somethingawful.com/showthread.php?threadid=3915704&pagenumber=141#post503422187>

Tuesday, 17th March 2020

1.

In light of the ongoing Coronavirus pandemic and the associated financial difficulties in which many find themselves, we are expediting the setup of the UKMT Solidarity Fund, by taking the following actions:

- Draft a [constitution](#) and start a living record of Committee and Fund activities (this document)
- Shelve - for now - the plan to set up a clubs & societies bank account with multiple signatories in favour of an online account held by the designated account holder, who will be a known and trusted UKMT contributor and will provide personal and contact details to the Committee

- Work with the designated account holder to get the account set up and open the fund immediately to contributions and applications
- The above actions to be completed by the end of Wednesday, 18th March 2020.

2.

Forums user IrvingWashington (Bill Drummond on the Discord) was selected by unanimous vote of the Committee to be the account holder, and has set up an online account with Nationwide bank to be the Fund's temporary account. He has provided the committee with his personal details and details of the account.

3.

A first draft of the Fund's [constitution](#) was created and made available for inspection and feedback from UKMT members by Maugrim.

Thursday, 23rd January 2020

Some discussion regarding the handling of sensitive data (e.g. that of the account holder and applicants). Committee members eventually agreed to try Signal, as it seemed the best-regarded secure communication app that would do what we needed.

Maugrim set up the group, but it was noted that it would not be quorate until Rarity acquired her new phone.

Monday, 20th January 2020

Votes have been [tallied](#) and 5 committee members have been selected from those nominated. Congratulations to:

AceClown
Captain Fargle
Maugrim
OscarDiggs
Rarity

Friday, 10th January 2020

Voting has [closed](#) on nominations for Committee membership. Votes will be tallied by forum member LastPerson.

Friday, 3rd January 2020

Nominations have been accepted for Committee membership and voting has now [opened](#), using a voting form created by IrvingWashington (forum)/Bill Drummond (discord). Voting uses a ranked preference system with a single transferable vote.

Candidates:

AceClown
Bundy

Captain Fargle
GordonTheDeadFish
Maugrim
OscarDiggs
Rahzmataz
Rarity
Sapphic Socialism

Thursday, 19th December 2019

Following an appeal from the UKMTSF organisers for legal advice, the following was [posted](#) on the forum by Beefeater1980. It gives us a useful starting point:

Regarding the fund, it's a good initiative. I'm not qualified any more to give legal advice on English law (haven't practised in 5+ years and trusts/charities wasn't my area), but I put a few thoughts below. These arrangements can get quite complex so it's definitely worth contacting community legal services for some up to date legal advice.

Couple of thoughts:

- * If the sums of money involved are small, it probably doesn't need to be too formal. The key work to do is in managing the accounts; accurately tracking how much has come in and how much is going out, and where it's going. That's where things can go wrong.
- * Setting up a separate bank account isn't strictly necessary but is a VERY good idea as it makes tracking a lot easier and avoids mingling the support funds with anyone's private money (which is the kind of situation long messy lawsuits are made of).
- * You probably want to set it up as an Unincorporated Association, IE a group that doesn't have legal personality. The benefit is that it is easy to administer - all you need is a constitution. The downside is that it doesn't really do anything special - it can have a bank account in its name but not much else.
- * As it's benefiting just a few people (goons their associates, say) and not the general public as a whole I don't think you'd be able to register it as charitable, which would provide tax benefits for donors living in the UK.
- * Logistically, you want to go into a high street bank and ask to set up a clubs and societies account. Rule of thumb is 2 signatories so that nobody can scarper with all the money in a giant bag marked "swag".

You've probably seen it already but there is a good website that walks through all this step by step here: <https://www.resourcecentre.org.uk/i...luntary-groups/>

I think they also compare the various high street bank club/society accounts.

- * On a practical note, it's a good idea to get a receipt from everyone who is given funds at the time they receive it, setting out the full amount they received, to help with record keeping and avoid arguments later.

Best practice is a signed piece of paper but tbh an email saying "I acknowledge receipt of £x.xx" is just as good.

* Be very mindful of fraud and cybercrime - small accounts like this are often targeted because they don't have a lot of support to investigate. Be very suspicious of wired instructions to change the recipient's bank account etc, and verify through a second channel that it's really the same person. I've seen actual CFOs at major companies fail to do this and it's hilarious embarrassing and career-threatening.

* If you're going to do anything more for anyone than financial support, like provide services or whatever, get a simple waiver of liability. Nothing messes up a voluntary support group faster than getting sued because someone didn't like the way you helped them.

Wednesday, 18th December 2019

1. Notes from a general meeting regarding the formation of a Solidarity Fund.

1. Core Values

- Solidarity, non-judgemental, privacy, equality

2. Decision-makers

- Elected committee: 5 members

3. Criteria for pay-outs

- Financial need, available funds, overall level of demand
- Suggestion: Is the need ongoing/repeated? (if funds are stable may be able to support consistently, if funds are unstable couldn't be possible, could block other people from accessing)

4. Proof

- Do we require proof of financial need? Unanimous in meeting that we should not require proof
- How do others feel about this?

5. Definition of financial need

- Survival: rent, bills, food, hygiene
- Wellbeing: modest luxuries
- Travel to directly support goons dealing with isolation
- Likely to stick to survival needs for the first 2-3 months while we get a sense of cashflow
- Anyone can apply for anything they think they need to be considered on a case-by-case basis (WE ARE APPROACHABLE)

6. Eligibility

- UKMT 6 month regular posters or vouched by 1 year regular poster, posters who aren't regulars may face scrutiny
- PEOPLE CAN STILL APPLY IF OUTSIDE THE BOUNDS OF ELIGIBILITY (MORE SCRUTINY)
- Lurkers who have paid into the fund in the past will be given special consideration
- People outside UK can apply but pay-outs may not be possible

7. Pay-Outs

- What is the maximum amount per month? Do we make allowances for exceptional circumstances? No maximum amount at the moment, to reassess after 3 months
- Pay-outs are gifts and do not need to be reimbursed
- 3 of 5 committee members needed for pay-out of £50 per month or less, 4 of 5 for £50-£100 per month, all members needed for £100 or more per month.
- What to do if a committee member needs to request a pay-out: bring in somebody else involved with the fund (person who's name is on the account - otherwise not on the committee)

Method of paying-out

- Buy items directly
- PayPal (takes cuts)
- Bank transfer (cause issues for people on benefits, must be UK-only)
- LOOK AT EACH CASE INDIVIDUALLY AND WORK OUT BEST METHOD

8. Applications

- Apply through Discord message or PM, maybe set up a Google form?

9. Donations

- Message Account Manager for account details

10. Budgeting

- DiS has maximum bound on fund of £500 with any surplus being donated to charity. Do we want a similar rule? If so, what should we set the bound at? How do we decide on the charity to donate to? (DiS uses OMOV vote from contributors)
- No surplus for first 3 months, to reassess at that point

11. Reporting

- Total amount of donations received, total amount of pay-outs, current level of funds, if any pay-outs have been made to committee members

12. Banking

- Set up informally, maybe set up official entity down the line (BUT GET LEGAL ADVICE)
- Who will be the name on the account? (already volunteered: Bill Drummond, Brovine, Miftan, Bundy's partner)

- Nomination period until end of year, voting to take place in the new year, committee to decide eligibility
- Account manager will not be a member of the committee
- Account manager should be comfortable with others knowing their identity

13. Committee

- Nomination period until end of year, voting to take place in the new year
- MAKE SURE THIS IS NON-CLIQUEY

14. Safety and Security

- Original post was copied to KiwiFarms, users may try to gain personal information of account holder by donating. How can we keep account holder safe from doxxing? Account manager can give out false name
- Privacy statement: how we manage data
- Legal advice (Borrovan/Beefeater1990/Necrothatcher)

RULES MAY NEED TO BE DEMOCRATICALLY REASSESSED
ONCE FUND IS UP AND RUNNING

2. Nominations for Posts

Committee

Ace Clown
Bundy
Captain Fargle
GordonTheDeadFish
Maugrim
OscarDiggs
Rahzmataz
Rarity
Sapphic Socialism

Account Managers

Bill Drummond
Brovine
Bundy's partner
Miftan

3. Communication regarding a similar fund run by the Drowned in Sound community - on which the UKMTSF will be modelled.

[PM from DiS Account Holder]

alreet

ive just had a look for the original thread from when we were setting up & couldnt find it, but from memory - we pretty much talked through those exact questions, polled people for their opinions, & then adrianwebb wrote out the fund guidelines based on the answers, all professional like, cause she's well smart.

i think the rules weve got in place there are good & theyd likely work for you lot too, but coming to them democratically was very important for people who *were* uncertain becoming invested in the idea. idk if thats a problems for your lot, but that'd be my main advice, probably -

- involve as large a group of people as possible in writing the rules
- elect a fairly big & non-cliquey committee to be involved in running things day to day
- be up front that you'll probably have to change rules as you go along and find out whats working & what isnt

i didnt really intend on being the person looking after the money, but i think only two of us put ourselves forward to do it & i won the vote. we had looked into setting up a co-operative benefit society for the account (where you can require multiple sign-offs to withdraw and other stuff) the cost & the admin ended up pretty prohibitive, but it might be worth looking into. we decided to just go with a standard bank account in my name.

it does depend on people trusting me, solely, to hold onto the money, which im sure is a barrier to donating for some, but the rest of the committee know my name and address & phone no., and everyone who donates to the fund knows my name, which i hope helps gain trust a bit.

DiS Hardship Fund Post

1. The Drowned in Sound Community Hardship Fund ('the fund') is a collective fund created by members of the social board to provide discretionary financial assistance to each other in times of need. It is based on four core values:
 - solidarity
 - non-judgement
 - privacy
 - equality
2. The fund is distributed by a small committee of social board users ('the committee') who assess eligibility and determine how much will be paid to recipients.
3. The committee will be guided by the core values and make decisions on a case-by-case basis according to the following criteria:
 - Is this person in financial need?
 - What level funds are available at present?
 - What is the overall level of demand for the fund at present?

4. Applicants are not required to provide proof of their financial need but should state their level of need and, where relevant, when they need the money by e.g. "I need £30 by next Friday".
5. 'Financial need' is to be interpreted broadly to include shortage of funds to pay for wellbeing related activities as well as utilities bills, food, and other 'essentials'.
6. Committee members will operate non-judgementally at all times.
7. Any user of the social board who has been active for 6 months is eligible to apply to the fund and be considered for financial assistance.
8. The maximum amount that will be paid to a recipient within a one month period is £100. In exceptional circumstances, a larger amount may be paid.
9. The fund is limited and applications will be considered on a case-by-case basis.
10. Recipients are not required to pay back money received. However, if a recipient is later in a stronger financial position, any contribution to the fund would be very welcome. This reflects the spirit of mutual assistance which the fund was created in.
11. To apply for the fund, an applicant should send a private message to a member of the committee. Although committee members will aim to respond as soon as they can, it may not always be possible for them to provide an immediate response and processing any payments could take a number of days. If you do not want all committee members involved, please say this in your message. We will always meet requests for additional confidentiality measures. Committee members will never share any details of your message or anything that could identify you without your permission.
12. To donate to the fund, you can make ad hoc payments or set up a direct debit. Please PM [@tricklenipple](#) to get the information on how to make a transfer. If you would prefer to use another method to donate, please get in touch with a committee member to discuss this.
13. The fund will be considered to be in surplus when it reaches £500. When this happens, the surplus amount will be donated to a charitable cause(s). The exact charitable cause(s) will be determined by a poll of fund contributors (according to the principle of 'one person one vote').
14. A decision to grant under £50 must be approved by at least three committee members. A decision to grant £50-100 must be approved by four committee members. A decision to grant over £100 must be approved by all committee members. A decision to grant to any committee member must be approved by all committee members.
15. On the first day of every month, a committee member will give notification of: how many individual donations have been made, how many grants have been made, whether the fund is in surplus, whether the fund is running low (under £50) and how many grants have been made to committee members (if any).

The current committee:

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For general suggestions regarding the way the fund currently functions you can contact the fund organizers and supporters by sending a message to [@RainyDaySuggestions](#)

For requests to the fund you can also contact the Central Committee by sending a message to [@DiSRainyDayFund](#)