



# Braunton Cricket Club

## Hardship Fund

Braunton Cricket Club is passionate about ensuring that all children in our local community have access to the sport of cricket. For the 2024 season, we are proud to offer a hardship fund for families who may find the cost of a junior membership a prohibitive factor to them joining.

### **About the fund:**

The fund is a pool of money that is accrued from the membership fees of other members. A small amount of each paid membership is used to finance the fund. As we have a finite membership base, the fund itself is also finite and therefore not unlimited.

### **What the fund covers:**

The fund offers a discount on junior memberships. Junior memberships cover ages 5 to 15. The discount may vary in scale depending on the individual circumstances of each application and following the assessment of each application by Braunton Cricket Club committee members (see below)

### **What the fund does not cover:**

The fund does not cover the purchase of playing equipment or cricket kit. The fund does not cover the purchase of any other items from the premises of Braunton Cricket Club. The fund does not cover the cost of transportation to and from away fixture venues.

### **Who can apply to the fund?**

Any parent/carer or person with parental responsibility whose family is experiencing financial difficulty may apply to the fund on behalf of their child(ren). For example, applications from children who receive free school meals (FSM), pupil premium (PP), children in care (CIC) or forces premium are welcomed.

### **How to apply:**

Applications can be made by completing the online form here:

<https://tinyurl.com/3wubfapy>



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### **What happens next?**

The junior manager alerts the committee that there has been an application or multiple applications for financial assistance and a meeting is scheduled. During the meeting, the name(s) of the applicant and child(ren) are withheld, to prevent any bias in the decision-making process. Using the information provided on the online form, each application is carefully considered by the committee and a decision made as to whether the application has been successful and what level of financial assistance will be offered.

Following the meeting, applicants will be notified of the committee's decision within 5 working days.