



THE COAL MINING CHARITY

# Miners' Welfare Newsletter



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# Welcome to CISWO's first quarterly newsletter for miners' welfare charities.

The aim of the newsletter is to provide news, information and links that you might find useful on a range of topics. Each newsletter will have a spotlight on a particular topic and as time goes on will include topics that you would like to see included as well. This edition focuses on funding, as well as giving information about the services CISWO can offer.

## Meet the Team

CISWO is here to help your charity in a number of ways, including giving advice and guidance about:

- Funding
- Good governance, such as: what a miners welfares' scheme document covers, the role of trustees and directors, managing risk, advice about insurances, etc.
- Business plans
- Managing your property
- Partnership working
- Recruiting trustees and how to get them approved

Our support is co-ordinated through our team of Development Managers. Please see across for contact details of your local manager.

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# Applying for Funding

There are a wide range of funders out there, from large to small, from national to local. Some will fund running costs (revenue), some will fund equipment, or building work (capital) and some will fund both. In some areas there may be small grant making trusts where the application may just involve writing a letter. With larger grant funders applications are usually more complex, will include providing more detail, and may have to be made online.

Most funders will ask questions about the need for the project, as well as how you have consulted and involved the people who use your welfare's community and sports facilities. They may want to know what activities your miners' welfare usually runs, how the activities benefit the local community and what difference your project will make. They may also want to know how you plan to manage the project, what your project budget covers, as well as how any costs that are not covered in the grant request will be met. They may also ask for evidence of other funds you have secured for the project.

Below is a short list of common grant funders that have funded miners' welfare projects:

The National Lottery Community Fund  
[www.tnlcommunityfund.org.uk](http://www.tnlcommunityfund.org.uk)

Sport England  
[www.sportengland.org](http://www.sportengland.org)

Sport Scotland  
[www.sportscotland.org.uk](http://www.sportscotland.org.uk)

Sport Wales  
[www.sport.wales](http://www.sport.wales)

Football Foundation  
[www.footballfoundation.org.uk](http://www.footballfoundation.org.uk)

Biffa  
[www.biffa-award.org](http://www.biffa-award.org)

Veolia  
[www.veoliatrust.org](http://www.veoliatrust.org)

CISWO can also provide capital grants to miners' welfare charities, where projects are to support community and recreational activities. Please note that CISWO grant funding cannot be used to support social club costs or development. For information about CISWO capital grants and to discuss project ideas please contact your Development Manager.

Whether you are applying to CISWO for a grant, or you are applying to another funder, you will normally need a number of documents to hand, including accounts and quotes.

# How we can help with funding

Our Development Managers can give advice about: developing projects, writing business plans, making links and partnerships, how to make a grant application, feedback on draft applications, support with budgeting, as well as signposting to relevant funders (such as regional mining trust funds, or CISWO if appropriate).

We can also provide advice about whether CISWO consents are needed, for example where funders require a charge to be put on the land that the miners' welfare or CISWO own. If you are planning to make changes to your land and buildings please do get in touch as early as you can. This is so that we can give advice on a range a topics, including whether CISWO has to give consent.

From time to time we will also provide updates on opportunities for funding. Recently this has included information about local authority Omicron grants and Sport England's funding to cover storm damage in February 2022.

Here are some examples from miners' welfares about how CISWO can help:

## Bentinck Miners' Welfare

*"Our miners' welfare is used by a wide variety of community groups and over the years CISWO has supported us in a number of ways. This has included giving specialist advice, as well as providing loans and grants. Through CISWO's help we have been able to refurbish our welfare's toilets and update our central heating system. During the height of the COVID pandemic CISWO also gave helpful and detailed advice about the governmental legislation that was constantly changing. This helped to keep us all safe and well in what has been unprecedented and frightening circumstances. Most recently CISWO have provided a grant and advice to install a lift so that our building is more accessible. CISWO's Development Manager has also helped us apply to the Nottinghamshire Miner's Welfare Trust. This was for a grant to cover training and some capital costs for our new defibrillator"*

from the Trustees of Bentinck Miners Welfare.

## Holbrook Miners' Welfare

*"After many frustrating years which were compounded by the COVID - 19 pandemic the trustees and committee of our club had become disillusioned and de-motivated in their efforts to maintain the facility as an ongoing concern. After a recent meeting with Pat Charles of CISWO where she explained in plain English the roles and responsibilities of the trustees and also gave us the guidance to navigate the many funding options open to our charitable trust, she also provided us with the motivation for a renewed approach to our clubs future. Within two weeks of our meeting we were successful in securing funding of £10,000 to refurbish our club and also we were successful in receiving funding from the Omicron restart grant from AVBC. Without Pat's guidance and input we would not be aware of these grants, in addition Pat is in regular contact and does not hesitate to offer support."*

from the Chair of Holbrook Miners' Welfare.



# CISWO's Other Services

Along with the support for miners' welfares, CISWO provides a range of other services including:

## Personal Welfare Service

CISWO provides a range of support for former mineworkers, or their partners, widows, dependent children, or dependent adults with a disability. We aim to enhance living conditions, maintain independence and reduce social isolation through our team of social workers and social work assistants across the former coalfield communities.

Support includes;

- Assistance to complete welfare benefit applications and industry related associated compensation schemes.
- Advocacy and emotional support at times of personal difficulty, including loss and bereavement, illness and caring responsibilities.
- Advice on mining related issues including illness and disability and access to mobility equipment including walking aids and wheelchairs.
- Support to reduce social isolation, and support at times of exceptional hardship to access grants through CISWO or financial assistance through other agencies and charities.
- Access to holidays and convalescence at locations across the UK.

For more information, or to refer someone to the service, please visit:

[www.ciswo.org.uk/helping-you](http://www.ciswo.org.uk/helping-you) and  
[www.ciswo.org.uk/grant-support](http://www.ciswo.org.uk/grant-support)

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## Education Grants

CISWO also provides grants for former mineworkers and their dependent children, to support them in higher education.

To be eligible students must be from a low income family and be either a former mineworker, or the child of a former mineworker (who is aged between 17 and 25 and is living with their parents and is financially dependent on them).

For more information please visit:  
[www.ciswo.org.uk/education-grants](http://www.ciswo.org.uk/education-grants)

or Email:  
[education@ciswo.org.uk](mailto:education@ciswo.org.uk)

or Tel:  
01709 728115



## CISWO Trading

CISWO Trading Ltd is a trading subsidiary of our charity. It has worked with miners' welfares for over 20 years providing a competitively priced, fully qualified accountancy service, specifically for miners' welfare charities and social clubs. It provides objective and professional advice to enable full compliance with Companies House and the Charity Commission and services range from: book keeping, statutory accounts, management accounts, VAT returns, corporation tax, advice on machine games duty, payroll, cash flow forecasting, as well as budgeting. It's friendly and dedicated staff are familiar with the mainstream accounting packages including Sage, Quickbooks and Xero and can assist with implementation and training when required.

If you would like to know more about CISWO Trading please email: [trading@ciswo.org.uk](mailto:trading@ciswo.org.uk)



## Suggestions

We would love to hear your ideas about content for our future newsletters. For comments please email us at: [mail@ciswo.org.uk](mailto:mail@ciswo.org.uk)

You can also use this email address if you would like any CISWO publicity to display in your welfare including leaflets about CISWO's personal welfare service, or education grants.