

How CASC status has benefited Goodwood Bowls Club



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As Goodwood Bowls Club has highlighted, there are several benefits from becoming a CASC, especially the way they are able to reinvest the money saved from rate relief back into the club. Bowls England are keen to ensure as many clubs as possible benefit from achieving CASC and support them in trying to achieve it.

Tony Allcock MBE,
Chief Executive,
Bowls England

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Club Profile

Club Name	Goodwood Bowls Club
County	Leicestershire
Number of members	160
Number of volunteers	40
Number of paid staff	2
Year club established	1951
Year club became a CASC	2004
Length of CASC application	Around six months from start to finish; the application was straightforward, but it took time to call the members together for an AGM.
Use of facilities	Own facilities – club house, changing room, bowls green and car park

Club Finances for 2010/11

Total annual income	£60,000
Annual rate costs before CASC status achieved	£6495
Annual rate costs after CASC status achieved	£1299

Interviewee: Bill Smith, Club Secretary

Business rates

How has the 80% mandatory rate relief helped your club?

The rate relief has made a big difference; giving us an additional £5195 each year to put back into the club. With this money we've:

- re-carpeted the club house
- laid block-paving to improve disabled access
- bought a pool table
- been able to maintain the bowls green.

How simple is it for your club to claim the 80% mandatory rate relief?

Our local authority make it very easy to claim; the invoice they send us recognises that we're a CASC club and the 80% rate relief is deducted at source.

Corporation tax

Does your club have an exemption from corporation tax on trade income and fund-raising?

This isn't applicable as our income is above the threshold.

However, if our income was below the threshold, clubs should know the reliefs available would include not having to pay tax on:

- trading profits, if the turnover of the club was no more than £30,000 per year
- any interest the CASC gets
- any capital gains it makes
- any Gift Aid donations.

Property income

Does your club have an exemption on corporation tax from property income?

This isn't applicable as we don't receive any income from property. If we did though we know we would enjoy relief if our rent was no more than £20,000 per year.



What is the best thing about being a CASC?

The CASC legislation states that 'in the event of dissolution the net assets of a club must be applied for approved sporting or charitable purposes'. So aside from benefiting financially from the rate relief we get from being a CASC club, it's also good to know that should the club fold for any reason, all our assets, including the club house, would still benefit community sport in some way.

How runningsports can help you achieve CASC status

Interested in becoming a CASC? Get face-to-face support from sport specialists by attending the practical runningsports CASC workshop.

Attending will:

- give you **everything you need** to find out if applying for CASC is right for your club
- increase your chances of a **successful CASC application**
- help your club save money!

Make sure your club doesn't miss out and can spend more of its cash on things that matter!

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