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## Newsletter for Treasurers

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## Welcome

Welcome to the latest edition of our newsletter for treasurers from me and the rest of the Funding Working Group, we hope you find it useful

Blue skies

*Roland*

## Get ready for end of year admin!!

As we move toward the final months of the year we begin to think about group & district admin to be submitted for new year. Group registration forms will already be landing on District contacts door mats and financial returns will be going out to Treasurers in December.

If there have been any changes to the officeholders in your groups or district that you have not already told us about please let us know as soon as possible so that we can update our records and ensure that these forms go out to the right members.

*Leanne*

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## Group & District Registration 2019

*Sent to all District contacts by post week beginning 22nd October*

All Woodcraft Folk groups (Woodchip, Elfin, Pioneer and Venturer) have to register their details and make a financial contribution to the national movement annually. Group registration ensures that groups are recognised and that Folk Office can provide them with support and background services including essential things such as public liability insurance, charity registration, financial accountability and safeguarding.

Blank forms are available here:- <https://woodcraft.org.uk/resources/group-district-registration>

*Leanne*

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## Financial Returns



## WEB LINKS

### Advice for treasurers

[Treasurer's Handbook](#)

[Accounting Spreadsheet for Groups & Districts](#)

[FAQs for treasurers](#)

### Funding advice

[Funding Opportunities](#)

[Local Fundraising](#)

[Woodcraft Folk Funding Bids Policy](#)

### Gift Aid

[Gift Aid guidance for District Treasurers](#)

[Gift Aid Webinar](#)

## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

31 December  
End of the financial year

30 January 2019  
Group registration deadline



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To go out in early December by email to all Treasurers

Every year the Woodcraft Folk has to submit its accounts to the Charity Commission for approval. As we're all one charity, we require all groups and districts to submit their financial information to Folk Office so that they can be included in our end of year accounts.

As the Treasurer you may want to start thinking about tying up any of your loose ends, collating bank statements, chasing any late payments in preparation for your Financial Return y/e 2018.

Any questions relating to the above or you need to let us know a change of officeholder in your District please email me at [info@woodcraft.org.uk](mailto:info@woodcraft.org.uk)

Leanne

## Awards for All grants

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Many Woodcraft districts have been successful in applying for National Lottery Awards for All grants. Districts have been awarded funds to buy camping equipment, run volunteer training weekends, buy a marquee, promote bushcraft skills, for example. The National Lottery have now simplified the application process, making it even easier to get grants up to £10,000. There is no application deadline, you can apply at any time of the year and they aim to give you a decision around 10 weeks after you submit your application.

There is a sample of successful applications on the [Woodcraft website](#). If you would like help submitting a grant application, then please [get in touch](#) - we have a number of volunteers who will read through your application and offer advice on increasing your chances of success.

This is the time of year to be thinking about activities for 2019 and getting the finances in place to support them. So get your heads together during the dark evenings and have a bash at an Awards for All application. Then, come spring, you'll be eagerly waiting for the warmer weather to try out your new gear or get that project up and running.

<https://www.biglotteryfund.org.uk>

John

## Reminders

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### Treasurer resources

If you have recently taken over as your group or district treasurer, you may not be aware of the resources that are available on the Woodcraft website. The starting point for treasurers is [woodcraft.org.uk/local-treasurers](http://woodcraft.org.uk/local-treasurers). There you will find links to the [Treasurer Handbook](#), the [Accounting Spreadsheet](#) for groups and districts, [Gift Aid](#) guidance, and [District Treasurer webinar](#) recorded in January this year.

### Gift Aid

Our Gift Aid income continues to increase year on year, so that we now raise 50% more than we did three years ago. Gift Aid enables us to claim back the tax paid by donors on money they donate to us - every £10 donated is worth £12.50 to us. You can find more about claiming Gift Aid at [woodcraft.org.uk/resources/gift-aid-guidance-district-treasurers](http://woodcraft.org.uk/resources/gift-aid-guidance-district-treasurers).

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### Local Fundraising

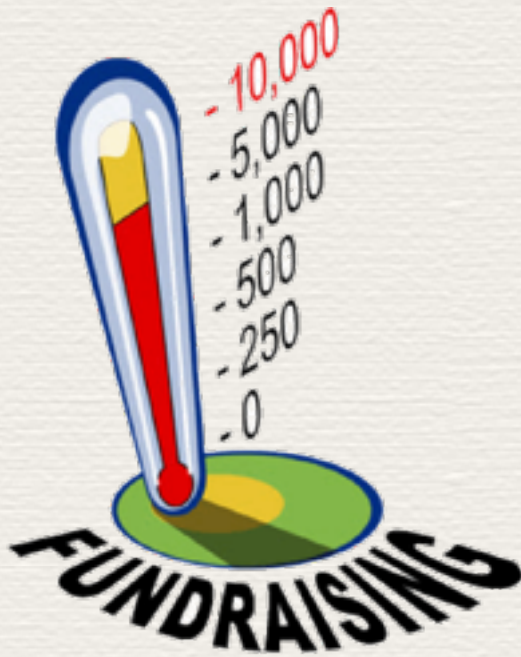
If you're looking for funds for your group or district, a good place to start is the [Funding Opportunities](#) page on the Woodcraft website. This lists almost 40 funding bodies, several directories of grant-making organisations and support agencies, and tips for a

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successful application. In addition, there is a weekly email of forthcoming grant deadlines that you should be receiving. If you're not receiving this or there is someone in your district who would like to be added to the mailing list, please email [fundraiser@woodcraft.org.uk](mailto:fundraiser@woodcraft.org.uk).



And if you've had success at raising funds, please [let me know](#) what worked for you so that I can pass on your knowledge and experience to other groups. That way we help other groups to mirror your success.

If, on the other hand, you have an embarrassing excess of wealth, there are plenty of uses to which we could put your money - supporting other districts, our centres or [Common Ground](#), our international camp to be held in 2020.

John



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