

## Appendix

**Royal British Legion (Beeston) Social Club**

The Royal British Legion (RBL) was formed in the aftermath of the First World War when four organisations came together to fight the injustices faced by those returning home after service. These became the British Legion in 1921. From the beginning, it campaigned for fair treatment of those who had given so much for their country and provided much needed welfare support and comradeship. Today, RBL continues to respond to the changing needs of the Armed Forces community, providing small interventions to life-changing and sometimes lifesaving support.

The Royal British Legion (Beeston) Social Club (“the Club”) was formed in 1949 and is located on Hall Croft in Beeston. The Club is a ‘not for profit’ registered society, which provides a social, community and entertainment venue and activities for residents of Beeston, Chilwell, Toton, Bramcote and the surrounding areas. The club provides a social space for residents, support for mental health, exercises, support for veterans and a venue for events.

The Club is currently refurbishing its premises (leased from The Royal British Legion (Regional Office Property Management)).

Financial Information

The Annual Return to the Financial Conduct Authority (as required by all Co-operative and Community Benefit Societies) for the year ended 30 September 2024 states total income for the year as £44,351 (2023: £69,675) which was derived from sales and bingo / sundry receipts. Total expenditure for the year was £43,033 (2023: £79,083), comprising primarily of wages and salaries, repairs and renewals, purchases, net stock utilisation and sundry utilities. Total funds as at 30 September 2024 were £20,923 (2023: £19,597), including £8,859 in cash.

Grant Request

The Royal British Legion (Beeston) Social Club has requested a capital grant of up to £2,000 for repairs to the roof of its premises where water has been noted to be leaking in on three separate locations.

Due to the nature of this scheme, any approved grant would normally be made on the basis of 25% of the actual costs incurred, given that it relates to a non-Council owned asset, with a maximum figure specified in appropriate circumstances.

This Council has provided The Royal British Legion (Beeston) Social Club with a number of capital grants in recent years, as follows:

June 2021	£8,645	Electrical safety works
May 2022	£6,000	Electrical safety works
January 2023	£5,200	Safety flooring in public areas
October 2024	£6,500	Replacement Windows and other smaller items

Such a grant award would be in line with the Grant Aid Policy for the following key reasons:

- Welfare Organisations are a specific category of groups welcomed to apply for financial assistance.
- The services provided and facilitated by the Club benefit the people of Broxtowe and are complementary to those services provided by the Council.
- The activities of the Club target the needs of vulnerable sections of the community, helping to reduce social isolation and loneliness.