Applying to the Benevolent Fund:

The Benevolent Fund is a SIGBI charity (No. 211840). It aims to assist SIGBI members (of at least three years standing) who may be having financial difficulty in meeting everyday needs or who are facing an unusually large expense which cannot be met due to depletion of their capital.

Applications can be made at any time. The Regional Trustee can visit and complete an application form, which includes income, expenditure and capital. This is then considered by the Officers (Chair, Treasurer and Secretary). Recommendations are then made for approval by the Regional Trustees. This is all carried out electronically and in complete confidence.

Quarterly payments are usually paid directly into a bank account where there is a shortfall in income. Sometimes a one-off payment is all that is needed.

All beneficiaries have annual reviews which are discussed at the Benevolent Fund AGM in November.

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Any applicant can be assured of complete confidentiality