

THE RONNIE MELVILLE EQUIPMENT FUND

Background

In 1995 Sir Ronald Henry Melville K.C.B., President CCRS 1989-2000, most generously made a substantial donation to CCRS that established "The Equipment Fund", which after his death, with his family's approval, was renamed "The Ronnie Melville Equipment Fund" in his memory.

The Workings of the Fund

The Fund obtains items of shooting equipment, except rifles, which it then issues on long loan to youngsters to try and keep them shooting during the difficult transition from the secure and relatively well provisioned existence within the Cadet Movement to the isolated and expensive existence of an adult shooter. There is some flexibility over the period during which awards are made. The initial loan is for three years during which they have to confirm annually that the equipment is safe, in good condition and is being used. As long as it is they are allowed to continue borrowing it. At the end of the three years the loan is reviewed and provided the beneficiaries are still using the equipment, made permanent on condition that the items are looked after properly, continue to be used and if not in use are returned to CCRS for reissue to another needy cadet. Beneficiaries, as soon as they are earning a living, are also strongly encouraged to make a donation to the fund equivalent at least to the current cost of buying the items of equipment that they have benefited from.

Support for the Fund

We are in constant need of equipment and funds to purchase equipment so that we can continue to support needy cadets. If you have items of shooting equipment in good working order that you no longer need please consider giving them to the Fund at CCRS. Donations in cash preferably under Gift Aid are always very welcome.

How to get help from the Fund

Shooting Masters/Officers are encouraged to identify cadets who would benefit from this fund and persuade them to write to the General Secretary CCRS requesting assistance. They should state their shooting achievements, their ambitions and state which items they are seeking. They must also get their shooting master/officer to write a supporting letter that must confirm their potential, likelihood of continuing to shoot and that there is a financial need.