

Walter Bergmann Fund Report for conference January 2020

The Fund committee meets 3 times a year, usually in February, May and November.

At each meeting we discuss all applications. We agree to provide funds if there is enough financial detail to prove the need for a grant and we deem them to have a case worth supporting within our remit.

During 2019 we agreed to 14 awards and rejected 3, 2 as all the financial information was not included and one as it was outside our remit.

Many people kindly donate second-hand music and instruments to be sold for the fund and other SRP members donate money to purchase these. Many people help with raising money for the fund. A member of one branch makes and sells preserves from her own orchard – and raised over £200 last year by selling them. Mark Usher sorts all the music donated and organises paying in the money as well s dealing with the gift aid, for which I am truly grateful. Evelyn Nallen organises the donated recorders – Yuzuru from Cambridge Recorder services them and helps with the valuations.

We are very grateful to all of you for helping to raise money. What we need to do now is spend it!

Moira Usher
For WBF January 2020