The Benevolent Fund is a separate entity from the IBC but exists to give financial assistance to members and past members of the Institute of Barristers’ Clerks (formerly the Barristers’ Clerks' Association), their husbands, wives, partners, widows, widowers, children and other dependants who fall on hard times caused, for example by:

* Unemployment
* Illness, accident or disability
* Family problems
* Difficulties during retirement
* Bereavement

Help is given according to each person’s needs and there is no requirement to have subscribed to the Benevolent Fund. Help is by a one-off grant to deal with emergencies.

In considering applications they take into account income, employment status, the history of the situation and other individual circumstances. Every application is considered on its merit and in deciding who will get a grant they act in a way that is fair, impartial, open and equal to all. Every application is dealt with in the strictest confidence.

The Benevolent Fund relies heavily on voluntary contributions. Without the generosity of others they would not be able to offer assistance to those who need it most. If you would like to support the Benevolent Fund forms are available for you to complete.

All enquiries, donations and applications for assistance should be channelled through the Fund’s secretary, Gary Brown - [gbrown@3tg.co.uk](mailto:gbrown@3tg.co.uk)