



# Travel Assistance for National Championships

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200 mile radius



The National Championships  
are held at

**fixed venues** - so it is

always the same  
people who benefit

**Why should**

<100 miles Return	<200 miles Return
<b>Sussex</b>	<b>Hampshire</b>
<b>Surrey</b>	<b>Middlesex</b>
<b>Isle of Wight</b>	<b>Berkshire</b>
	<b>Kent</b>
	<b>Hertfordshire</b>
	<b>Essex</b>
	<b>Buckinghamshire</b>

**ALWAYS** have the advantage of going to Worthing???

And.....

<100 miles Return	<200 miles Return
<b>Warwickshire</b>	<b>Buckingham</b>
<b>Leicestershire</b>	<b>Gloucester</b>
<b>Northamptonshire</b>	<b>Nottingham</b>
<b>Worcestershire</b>	<b>Bedford</b>
<b>Oxford</b>	<b>Derbyshire</b>
	<b>Hereford</b>
	<b>Berkshire</b>
	<b>Hertfordshire</b>
	<b>Wiltshire</b>
	<b>Huntingdon</b>
	<b>Lincolnshire</b>
	<b>Cambridge</b>
	<b>Middlesex</b>

**ALWAYS** have the advantage of going to Leamington???

**YOU**

Might be one of the lucky /  
complacent? Counties who only travel a  
relatively short distance,  
**but** what about the Bowlers who have  
to travel much greater distances to  
the fixed venues for the Nationals **ALL**  
the time?

If **your County** doesn't want  
the sometimes 'small'  
contribution - then we can  
simply block off your County for  
payment

**BUT**

**Why stop it for  
EVERYBODY?**

**Are you  
being fair  
to your  
fellow-Bowlers?**

**SOME** Counties

enhance the BE contribution  
with a contribution of  
their own

**Does yours???**

**EVERY** year

these Counties travel (each way)

		Worthing	L.Spa	Total
<b>Northumberland</b>	Morpeth	<b>369</b>	<b>231</b>	<b>600</b>
<b>Cumbria</b>	Keswick	<b>358</b>	<b>200</b>	<b>558</b>
<b>Durham</b>	Durham	<b>335</b>	<b>196</b>	<b>531</b>
<b>Cornwall</b>	St Austell	<b>244</b>	<b>248</b>	<b>492</b>
<b>Yorkshire</b>	York	<b>279</b>	<b>141</b>	<b>420</b>
<b>Lancashire</b>	Preston	<b>288</b>	<b>130</b>	<b>418</b>

## Some others travel a long way too:

<b>Devon</b>	Exeter	<b>167</b>	<b>172</b>	<b>339</b>
<b>Norfolk</b>	Norwich	<b>175</b>	<b>150</b>	<b>325</b>
<b>Lincolnshire</b>	Lincoln	<b>222</b>	<b>89</b>	<b>311</b>
<b>Suffolk</b>	Stowmarket	<b>145</b>	<b>130</b>	<b>275</b>
<b>Somerset</b>	Bridgwater	<b>140</b>	<b>132</b>	<b>272</b>
<b>Dorset</b>	Dorchester	<b>106</b>	<b>161</b>	<b>267</b>
<b>Derbyshire</b>	Derby	<b>200</b>	<b>62</b>	<b>262</b>
<b>Nottinghamshire</b>	Nottingham	<b>198</b>	<b>60</b>	<b>258</b>
<b>Herefordshire</b>	Hereford	<b>179</b>	<b>71</b>	<b>250</b>
<b>Huntingdonshire</b>	Ramsey	<b>152</b>	<b>82</b>	<b>234</b>
<b>Cambridgeshire</b>	Cambridge	<b>129</b>	<b>91</b>	<b>220</b>
<b>Kent</b>	Maidstone	<b>75</b>	<b>144</b>	<b>219</b>
<b>Essex</b>	Chelmsford	<b>93</b>	<b>123</b>	<b>216</b>
<b>Worcestershire</b>	Worcester	<b>171</b>	<b>44</b>	<b>215</b>

## Whilst other Counties benefit ALL the time

Gloucestershire	Stroud	<b>140</b>	<b>57</b>	<b>197</b>
Leicestershire	Leicester	<b>159</b>	<b>34</b>	<b>193</b>
Wiltshire	Devizes	<b>107</b>	<b>80</b>	<b>187</b>
Isle of Wight	Newport	<b>46</b>	<b>141</b>	<b>186</b>
Bedfordshire	Bedford	<b>115</b>	<b>62</b>	<b>177</b>
Hampshire	Southampton	<b>54</b>	<b>112</b>	<b>166</b>
Middlesex	Brentford	<b>71</b>	<b>93</b>	<b>164</b>
Hertfordshire	St Albans	<b>84</b>	<b>77</b>	<b>160</b>
Northamptonshire	Northampton	<b>125</b>	<b>35</b>	<b>160</b>
Sussex	Haywards Heath	<b>23</b>	<b>133</b>	<b>156</b>
Buckinghamshire	Aylesbury	<b>97</b>	<b>53</b>	<b>150</b>
Oxfordshire	Oxford	<b>105</b>	<b>45</b>	<b>150</b>
Berkshire	Reading	<b>75</b>	<b>73</b>	<b>148</b>
Surrey	Leatherhead	<b>39</b>	<b>105</b>	<b>144</b>
Warwickshire	Leamington Spa	<b>142</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>142</b>

Do you not see it as  
fair to offer help to  
the 'far flung  
outposts of the Empire'?

B.E. budget to give

Approx **£32,000**

(£22k Nationals £10k Comps)

Each year as

contributions to **Counties**

If we modified the  
'minimum cheque' to  
£100 ... £500  
then:-

Excluded Miles	100	100	100	100	100	100
Minimum cheque	£10	£100	£200	£300	£400	£500
	£32k	£31k	£29k	£28k	£23k	£20k
<b>Examples of National Championship payments</b>						
Bedfordshire	£218.40	£218.40	£218.40	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00
Berkshire	£82.32	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00
Buckinghamshire	£157.92	£157.92	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00
Cambridgeshire	£265.44	£265.44	£265.44	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00
Cornwall	£651.84	£651.84	£651.84	£651.84	£651.84	£651.84
Cumbria	£1,034.88	£1,034.88	£1,034.88	£1,034.88	£1,034.88	£1,034.88
Derbyshire	£468.00	£468.00	£468.00	£468.00	£468.00	£0.00
Devon	£393.12	£393.12	£393.12	£393.12	£0.00	£0.00
Dorset	£174.72	£174.72	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00
Durham	£957.60	£957.60	£957.60	£957.60	£957.60	£957.60
Essex	£165.12	£165.12	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00
Gloucestershire	£302.40	£302.40	£302.40	£302.40	£0.00	£0.00
Hampshire	£13.44	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00
Herefordshire	£433.44	£433.44	£433.44	£433.44	£433.44	£0.00
Hertfordshire	£104.52	£104.52	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00
Huntingdonshire	£341.04	£341.04	£341.04	£341.04	£0.00	£0.00
Isle of Wight	£481.00	£481.00	£481.00	£481.00	£481.00	£481.00
Kent	£120.00	£120.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00
Lancashire	£741.00	£741.00	£741.00	£741.00	£741.00	£741.00
Leicestershire	£366.24	£366.24	£366.24	£366.24	£0.00	£0.00
Lincolnshire	£577.92	£577.92	£577.92	£577.92	£577.92	£577.92
Middlesex	£70.56	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00
Norfolk	£420.00	£420.00	£420.00	£420.00	£420.00	£0.00
Northamptonshire	£252.00	£252.00	£252.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00
Northumberland	£1,071.84	£1,071.84	£1,071.84	£1,071.84	£1,071.84	£1,071.84
Nottinghamshire	£497.28	£497.28	£497.28	£497.28	£497.28	£0.00
Oxfordshire	£184.80	£184.80	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00
Somerset	£302.40	£302.40	£302.40	£302.40	£0.00	£0.00
Suffolk	£317.52	£317.52	£317.52	£317.52	£0.00	£0.00
Surrey	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00
Sussex	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00
Warwickshire	£309.12	£309.12	£309.12	£309.12	£0.00	£0.00
Wiltshire	£189.84	£189.84	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00
Worcestershire	£406.56	£406.56	£406.56	£406.56	£406.56	£0.00
Yorkshire	£714.48	£714.48	£714.48	£714.48	£714.48	£714.48
<b>Men's Nat. Champshps</b>	<b>£12,786.76</b>	<b>£12,620.44</b>	<b>£11,523.52</b>	<b>£10,787.68</b>	<b>£8,455.84</b>	<b>£6,230.56</b>

	100	100	100	100	100	100
	£10	£100	£200	£300	£400	£500
<b>Examples of National Championship payments</b>						
Bedford	£48.96	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00
Berkshire	£77.28	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00
Buckingham	£12.24	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00
Cambridge	£157.44	£157.44	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00
Cornwall	£807.84	£807.84	£807.84	£807.84	£807.84	£807.84
Cumbria	£576.00	£576.00	£576.00	£576.00	£576.00	£576.00
Derbyshire	£48.96	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00
Devon	£497.76	£497.76	£497.76	£497.76	£497.76	£0.00
Dorset	£372.96	£372.96	£372.96	£372.96	£0.00	£0.00
Durham	£490.56	£490.56	£490.56	£490.56	£490.56	£0.00
Essex	£315.36	£315.36	£315.36	£315.36	£0.00	£0.00
Gloucester	£21.84	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00
Hampshire	£252.96	£252.96	£252.96	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00
Hereford	£75.60	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00
Hertfordshire	£108.12	£108.12	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00
Huntingdon	£130.56	£130.56	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00
Isle of Wight	£998.24	£998.24	£998.24	£998.24	£629.00	£629.00
Kent	£406.08	£406.08	£406.08	£406.08	£406.08	£0.00
Lancashire	£267.12	£267.12	£267.12	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00
Leicestershire	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00
Lincolnshire	£159.12	£159.12	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00
Middlesex	£173.40	£173.40	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00
Norfolk	£405.96	£405.96	£405.96	£405.96	£405.96	£0.00
Northamptonshire	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00
Northumberland	£606.48	£606.48	£606.48	£606.48	£606.48	£606.48
Nottingham	£33.60	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00
Oxford	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00
Somerset	£332.52	£332.52	£332.52	£332.52	£0.00	£0.00
Suffolk	£326.40	£326.40	£326.40	£326.40	£0.00	£0.00
Surrey	£224.40	£224.40	£224.40	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00
Sussex	£336.60	£336.60	£336.60	£336.60	£0.00	£0.00
Warwickshire	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00
Wiltshire	£122.40	£122.40	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00
Worcestershire	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00
Yorkshire	£369.24	£369.24	£369.24	£369.24	£0.00	£0.00
<b>Wm's Nat.Champnshps</b>	<b>£8,756.00</b>	<b>£8,437.52</b>	<b>£7,586.48</b>	<b>£6,842.00</b>	<b>£4,419.68</b>	<b>£2,619.32</b>

# Finance

We rely upon

three

main Income streams

- **Affiliation Fees**
- **Championship & Comps**
- **Sponsorship & Donations**

- **Affiliation Fees**

We are an Amateur Sport with NO Government Funding for our mainstream activities

- **Championship & Comps**

We rely on a relatively small Income

- **Sponsorship & Donations**

More difficult each year

We don't know who will qualify for some  
Final stages - so we can't give  
an **absolute** figure.

The current system for sharing out the  
contributions is **mainly** based upon:

**Distance &  
Number of Cars**

There are a few other considerations:

Ferry subsidy for IOW cars

First 50 miles each way is excluded for  
**EVERYONE**

(Favours the greater distance travellers - but is a  
consistent 'penalty' for ALL)

No cheque raised if total is **less than £10**

(saves Bank and Admin costs at HQ & County)

We cover the cost of the  
**Contributions to Competitors**  
out of the Championship & Comps entry  
fees

If we take away the benefit of the  
Contributions -  
should we reduce the entry fees by  
25 to 30p?

Or would we use the  
savings to help off-set  
future Affiliation Fee  
increases?

## Alternative?

If you don't think it is fair to pay some Counties more Contributions than others

**Why not play the Nationals -  
Championships & Comps in  
'Regions' ??????**

**Rotate in four Regions over  
four weeks**

**North West** (Singles +.....)

**North East** (Pairs + .....)

**South West** (Triples +.....)

**South East** (Fours + .....)

# Venues

(multiple Clubs / Greens required

- at least 50 miles from

the Region's 'end points')

**Play the Men's & Women's at  
the same times in the Regions**

**What a glorious opportunity to  
drive EVERYBODY Crackers!!!!**

- It would probably cost more than the savings in Contributions
- Finding 'host' Clubs / Greens should be real fun
- Tony, Margaret and all the support personnel would all need a 'Rest Cure' afterwards