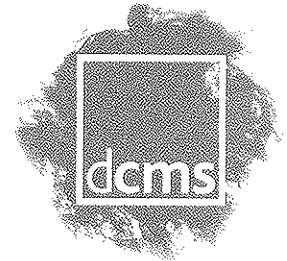


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Dear «Name»

Cash Benefits for you and your local sports clubs

I am writing to bring to your attention the existence of a scheme, introduced by the Government in 2002, which provides a host of fiscal benefits to community sports clubs. The scheme is called the Community Amateur Sports Club Scheme (CASC) and I would be most grateful if you would commit to publicising this scheme to sports clubs within your local authority area.

The CASC scheme was introduced in 2002 to provide Government support to eligible sports clubs by giving them a range of tax relief's similar to those enjoyed by charities, without such clubs taking on the full regulatory responsibilities that are imposed on charities.

Registration as a CASC confers a number of tax reliefs on clubs, in particular the ability to claim Gift Aid on any donations made to the club, mandatory rate relief at 80% and exemption from Corporation Tax and Capital Gains Tax under certain conditions.

The CASC Development Forum (CDF), constituted of a number of stakeholders including the Central Council of Physical Recreation (CCPR) the umbrella body for national sports organisations, HM Revenue and Customs, Department for Culture, Media and Sport, Sport England and Deloitte, launched a website last October dedicated to the promotion of the Community Amateur Sports Club (CASC) scheme. The site has been designed to provide both sports clubs and Local Authorities with up-to-date and general information about the CASC scheme and to help more clubs register as CASCs and reap the significant financial benefits.

For more details please refer to the following link:
www.cascinfo.co.uk



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In particular, I would also draw your attention to the specific point of reference for Local Authorities, as follows:

www.cascinfo.co.uk/localauthorities

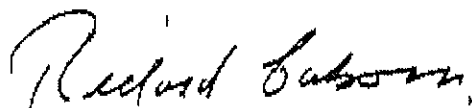
The CASC scheme had 4267 registered clubs as of 31 March 2007 and Deloitte estimate that through the scheme, some £18.5 million has been saved by grassroots sports since its inception. This money has gone back into sport and has enabled clubs to spend it on everything from facilities to kit.

My officials are working closely with CCPR and Sport England to promote the scheme as a further 40,000 amateur sports clubs across the country might be eligible, with possible further savings of up to £60 million a year going back into sport. To qualify, many clubs would simply need to change their constitution so that it actually reflects what the club already practices.

Since many local authorities voluntarily offer substantial rates relief to clubs already, promotion of the scheme would offer significant financial benefits to both sports clubs and the local authorities themselves. I would be most grateful if you would commit to promoting the CASC scheme in your area.

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I enclose a copy of the most recent promotional leaflet (more are available from the Department for Culture, Media and Sport) and a fact sheet outlining the business rates benefits to clubs and local authorities of the CASC scheme which has been prepared by Richard Baldwin, Chair of the CDF.



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