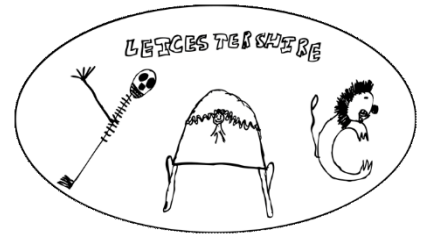


Financial Assistance Policy – Leicestershire Young Archaeologists Club (LYAC)



Purpose

Our aim is to make archaeology accessible to everyone. We believe no child should miss out on joining our club because of financial circumstances.

LYAC's policy is to keep our fees as affordable as possible and to be as flexible as possible with any of our members in the event of financial difficulty. This may include helping them to fund all or part of the costs of full membership, session fees and participation in all events.

This policy explains how families can request support with membership and session fees.

Membership and Session Costs

Annual Membership Fee: £15 per member for 2026

This covers uniform and club expenses.

The fee will be reviewed annually.

Session Fee: £3 per member

We run one session per month.

Payments will usually be taken at the start of the session, and can be paid by cash, card, or cheque.

Eligibility

Financial assistance is available to any family experiencing hardship, including those who home educate. We do not differentiate based on schooling status. Applications are assessed confidentially and sensitively by the Club Treasurer and nominated Branch Leaders.

Indicators of Financial Need

We consider the following as evidence of hardship:

- Eligibility for Free School Meals (or equivalent for home-schooled children).
- Other exceptional circumstances (e.g., sudden loss of income, caring responsibilities etc.).

What We Offer

- Full or partial subsidy of the annual membership fee.
- Support with session fees.
- Assistance for special events or trips.

How to Apply

If you believe you meet the criteria outlined above, please speak to the Branch Leaders in confidence or email LeicestershireYAC@gmail.com. We will not ask for physical documentation or proof of your circumstances; we trust your word and will treat all requests with sensitivity and confidentiality.

Applications will be considered on a case-by-case basis, and any fee reductions or waivers will be authorised for a fixed period, subject to review at least annually. The number of subsidised spaces available will be limited subject to club finances.

Commitment

We ask that supported members attend regularly and participate fully in activities.