



Use of Lottery Funding

Public statement

“Faithworks Wessex’s general approach to the BH Coastal Lottery as with other forms of gambling, is to press for safeguards to protect people from harm as a result of gambling, and to use its budget coaching and debt advice service to provide practical help to those who are in financial crisis through this and other reasons.

However, the trustees have decided that they will apply to the BH Coastal Lottery to support the transforming work of the charity bringing hope to those in poverty and isolation. There are 3 reasons:

- We seek to “redeem” money, repurposing it for God’s ends
- We may not know anything about the origins of other sources of funds (e.g. grants, or even church collections)
- And as Paul puts it: “I am convinced, being fully persuaded in the Lord Jesus, that nothing is unclean in itself...” (Rom 14:14)

Other Christian organisations who receive funds from the National Lottery include ROC (Redeeming Our Communities), YMCA, the Redeemed Christian Church of God, the Church of England and Methodist church.

Faithworks Wessex remains fully committed to “seeking first the Kingdom of God” and putting our values into practice: namely, that “our respect and love for God lead to a respect and love for others as we apply His values to all that we do, including being Christ-centred - His person and teaching are at the heart of all we do”