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Everyone is aware of how very tough the economic situation is in this country, indeed globally. It affects us all both individually and collectively.

As a Club, we feel we need to be ready to help ESC members who, in these potentially adverse circumstances, are perhaps struggling to meet the financial commitments that club swimming inevitably demands.

The Executive Committee has decided to set up a Hardship Fund rigorously administered by the Hon. Treasurer, which will try to help families of swimmers, where there is a demonstrable need, particularly in the area of swimming fees and where the Club has the resources.

This Fund is, from now on going to be built from any specific Hardship Fund donations and from the profits of the 100 Club. This is why there is a very active drive to build membership of the 100 Club from its current levels to something a good deal more substantial and meaningful for hardship needs. The prize structure for the 100 Club is not affected but the monthly profit (54% of the 'take') will go straight into the new Hardship Fund.

So, please would every reader give very serious consideration to committing £5 a month to the 100 Club thereby, in turn, contributing to and supporting the Hardship Funds.

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