

Our History



1905

Founded by Dunlop Advertising Manager AJ Wilson and named Cycle Trades Benevolent Fund.

1908

Area of support extended to include the automotive industry and name changes to Cycle and Motor Trades Benevolent Fund.

1947

First Care Centre, Lynwood House, Sunninghill, bought for £16,000

1969

Birch Hill Care Centre, Northumbria, opens

1988

Area of support extended to include all employees in the manufacturing industry and name changes to Ben – Motor and Allied Trades Benevolent Fund

1991

Town Thorns Residential Centre, Warwickshire opened by HRH Princess Alexandra

1997

Ben's Workplace Day Care Centre, Coventry, is built

2005

Ben celebrates its centenary year

2010

First Ben/Ferrari Children's Track Day

2012

Some of Ben's key fundraisers become official Olympic Torchbearers

2013

Construction of Lynwood Village begins

2015

Lynwood Care Centre opened by HRH Princess Alexandra

2016

Launch of UKAutomotive.jobs
Launch of new brand and website