



CAMBOURNE PARISH COUNCIL

District of South Cambridgeshire

APPLICATION FOR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

<p>1 Name of Organisation: CAMBRIDGESHIRE HEARING HELP</p>
<p>2 Name, address and telephone number of correspondent (and office held): AMANDA MORGAN, DIRECTOR CAMBRIDGESHIRE HEARING HELP, 153 ST NEOTS ROAD, HARDWICK, CAMBRIDGE, CB23 7QJ. Tel: 01223 416141 Email: amandan@cambridgeshirehearinghelp.org.uk</p>
<p>3 What are the objectives of your organisation? "To relieve the needs and help people with hearing loss or deafness in or near Cambridgeshire for the purpose of removing or reducing the limitations caused by those conditions on the ability to communicate and enjoy life"</p>
<p>4 Is membership/support open to any resident of Cambourne, regardless of sex, age, ethnic origin, religion, disability or sexual orientation? If not, please give reason: Yes</p>
<p>5 Amount of grant applied for £ 300</p>
<p>6 Purpose for which the money will be used. Please explain clearly and simply the reason for your request. (a separate sheet can be used if required) PLEASE SEE SEPARATE SHEET</p>
<p>7 Have you applied for grant aid to any other organisation (including local authorities)? If so, to whom (please give details of the decision on your application): (a separate sheet can be used if required)</p>

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We would be very grateful if the Parish Councillors could consider a contribution of £350 towards the cost of running our work in Cambourne which supports vulnerable older residents who face barriers to accessing mainstream audiology services. These barriers include:

- Inability/reluctance to use public transport due to the sense of vulnerability that hearing loss causes, coupled with potential mobility issues.
- Inability to hear on the phone to make an appointment/get information. Even if some services accept contact via email/text, only 48.3% of the over 65's in Cambridgeshire are online, and only 50% of those 75+ use a mobile phone (Age UK).
- Difficulty maintaining hearing aids at home resulting in the need for frequent appointments – e.g. struggling with simple hearing aid maintenance tasks, such as changing batteries, and remove wax blockages, due to limited dexterity, and care staff being insufficiently trained in this work.
- Long waiting lists for some audiology services.

The work we deliver in Cambourne is as follows (we have been delivering this work for several years):

- Running an NHS hearing aid maintenance drop-in clinic on the first Tuesday of every month, 2pm to 4pm, at The Hub. Our Volunteer Supervisor and 5 local volunteers managed 273 visits to this clinic across the last 12 months, or 23 visits per month, cleaning and re-tubing a total of 352 NHS hearing aids, or 30 hearing aids per month.
- Providing NHS hearing aid maintenance home visits. Across the year we provided 16 visits, cleaning and re-tubing a total of 22 NHS hearing aids. We also visit residential homes in the surrounding areas.
- Providing hearing loss information, advice and signposting sessions for local residents. Over the last 12 months we provided 36 such sessions.

Our services support local residents to maintain their independence and wellbeing. Without our support, individuals with hearing loss will be at increased risk of loneliness and isolation, reduced quality of life, poor physical health, dementia (with those with severe hearing at five times the risk of developing dementia), depression and other mental health issues (NHS Action Plan on Hearing Loss, March 2015). Their safety will also be at risk. For example, unmanaged hearing loss results in people missing important signals that alert them to danger – e.g. fire alarms, and the doorbell; leaving them vulnerable to abuse/exploitation. Older people are more at risk because of reduced social networks/family member support and increased vulnerability to other long-term health/medical conditions. Unmanaged hearing loss also puts a tremendous strain on relationships, only adding to each person's misery, and putting extra burden on partners/informal carers.

Furthermore, we are also able to offer rewarding volunteering opportunities to local people with hearing loss who might otherwise come across too many barriers to participating in other types of work/volunteering.

It costs us approximately £2,000 per year to deliver our work in Cambourne. We receive funding to cover 65% of these costs (£1,300) from Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Clinical Commissioning Group and Cambridgeshire County Council. The remaining 35% (£700) we have to fundraise from other sources and would therefore be incredibly grateful if you could consider contributing **£350** towards these costs.

Hearing loss affects over 40% of 50 year olds and over 70% of 70 year olds. As a result of the growing Cambridgeshire population and the fact that the over 65s have been forecasted to grow by almost 80% between 2013 and 2036, with the over 90s growing by more than 250% (Cambridgeshire Insight), we are facing ever increasing demand for our work.

Thank you very much for your consideration.

LINTON PARISH COUNCIL: £350 awarded May 2018. OTHER APPLICATIONS SUBMITTED TO SOMERSHAM, SOHAM, WHITTLESEY, HUNTINGDON, ELY & BRAMPTON PARISH (DISTRICT COUNCILS. OTHER APPLICATIONS ARE PLANNED GIVEN WE WORK DIRECTLY IN 43 PARISHES

8 Is there anything else you wish the Parish Council to take into account when considering this application? (a separate sheet can be used if required)

YOU WILL SEE FROM THE RESERVES POLICY ATTACHED THAT WE ARE BELOW OUR TARGETED LEVEL OF UNRESTRICTED RESERVES BUT ARE NOT YET AT OUR CRITICAL LEVEL OF RESERVES AND SO ARE SEEKING MORE LOCAL SUPPORT TO SAFEGUARD THE FUTURE OF OUR WORK.

9 Please ensure that you have attached up to date examined accounts in support of this application.

Yes No ON PAGES 9-13 IN THE ENCLOSED ANNUAL REPORT

If no please explain why not.

10 Bank Details If Grant approved can be paid directly.

Bank Name:

Account Number:

Sort Code:

Account Name:

Supporting Documents to be supplied with this Application.

Constitution

Committee Membership

Financial Information

PLEASE NOTE WE HAVE BEEN RUNNING SINCE 1978, PREVIOUSLY UNDER THE NAME OF CAMTAD. TO CHANGE OUR NAME TO CAMBRIDGESHIRE HEARING HELP WE HAD TO SET UP A NEW CONSTITUTION IN 2013.