

Requests for Financial Support from Wickhambrook Parish Council

Each year Wickhambrook Parish Council sets aside some funds from its budget to give financial support to local and/or charitable organisations. The power under which a Parish Council may do this is s.137 of the Local Government Act 1972.

Requests have been received in Quarter 4 for financial assistance from:

1. Fresh Start, New Beginnings
2. Suffolk Accident Rescue Service

(Appendix A refers); and

Funds remaining in the budget line for Charitable Donations are £100.00 against a budget of £250.00.

Recommendation:

Councillors are asked to consider which Charitable organisations (1-2 above) to support and the level of support for each request made.

Hilary Workman
Clerk & RFO
March 2021

From: [Tracey](#)
To: [Medley](#)
Subject: Request from Fresh Start new beginnings
Date: 08 March 2021 10:03:43

Dear Parish Council Member

Please can you help? Fresh Start new beginnings is a small, local children's charity offering a therapeutic service for children aged 0-19 living in Suffolk and Norfolk who have been victims of sexual abuse.

We work with children to help them make sense of the confusion they feel, help them work through painful - often very damaging - emotions they experience, and teach them coping strategies to deal with the difficulties they face. We also offer advice, information and support to their families.

Fresh Start new beginnings helps our children to rebuild their futures, helping them to look forward again and feel positive about their lives. We support over two hundred children a year and on average we have fifty children on our waiting list. However, during the COVID-19 lockdowns, abuse and disclosure rates have increased and we now have over 160 children on our waiting list. We are currently trying to raise awareness of our services and raise funds to help us provide this vital support to all children who need our help. On average, we need around £2500 per child to provide this care, and as a charity, we rely heavily on voluntary donations and fundraising events which sadly the pandemic put a stop to in 2020.

I am hoping that you and the Parish Council may be able to help us. Perhaps in the form of a one-off donation, selecting us as your civic Charity of the Year of hosting a fundraising event, so that we do not delay in supporting every child that needs our service. I would be delighted to talk to yourself and the parish council about the work we do.

We are also in need of new volunteers who could offer us some of their time to help with our fundraising, events and office support. Should you be able to help us in any way, or if you have any questions, please do get in touch. I look forward to hearing from you.

Thank you for your help.

Kind regards

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Suffolk Accident Rescue Service

Registered Charity 1168764

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16 March 2021

Via email

Ms H Workman
Clerk to Wickhambrook Parish Council
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Dear Ms Workman

I should like to take this opportunity to bring your Parish Council up to date on the work of SARS and, to this end, I am attaching the latest report for the perusal of yourself and your Councillors. You might be interested to learn that SARS was mobilised to Wickhambrook in 2020.

As the accompanying report will illustrate, our charity continues to attend medical emergencies on a voluntary basis all around Suffolk and its boundaries. We rely entirely on voluntary donations to support our work, and we would like to make an appeal to the Council for a donation to help with our running costs over the next 12 months.

Our latest independently verified accounts have now been posted on the Charity Commission website where they can be downloaded, but we can send a hard copy on request.

You can also visit our website www.sars999.org.uk to gain a greater insight into Suffolk Accident Rescue Service and why we need your support.

We hope that your Parish Council can help us maintain our life-saving service around Suffolk. As you can imagine, it is a challenging environment here at SARS given the situation we find ourselves in around COVID 19. Our clinical operations have had to adapt very quickly to maintain the welfare of our volunteer clinicians and the patients they treat.

Yours sincerely

Sue Groom



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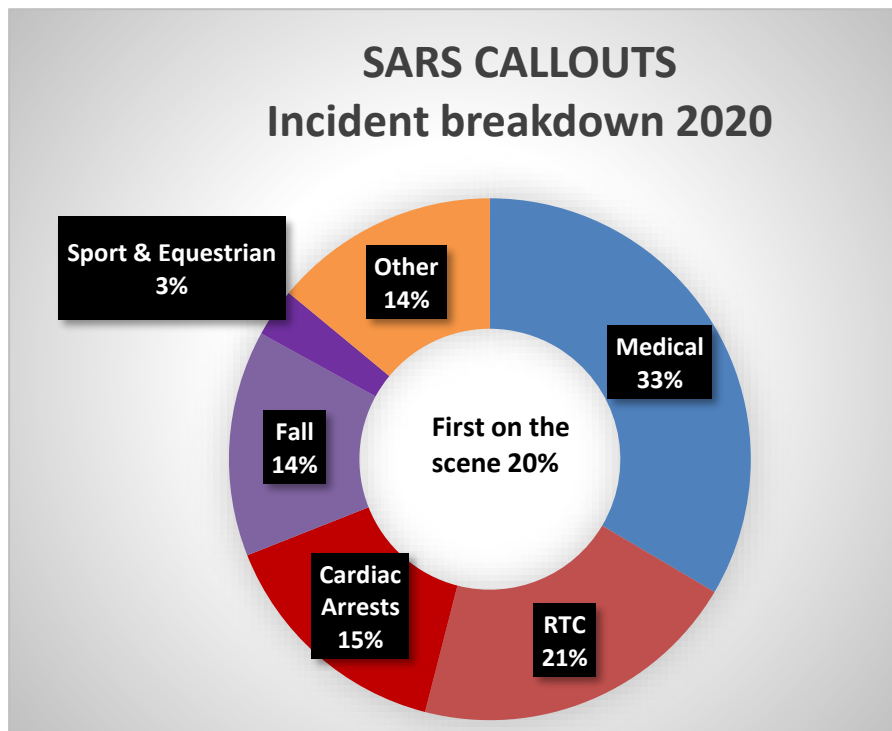
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SARS UPDATE AUTUMN 2020

CURRENT ACTIVITY

Despite the challenges of the ongoing pandemic, SARS responders have continued to volunteer in their spare time to help their local communities across Suffolk. Since the beginning of the year, our solo and team clinicians have provided over 4,000 volunteer hours and attended incidents in nearly 100 different locations with many locations seeing multiple call outs for SARS responders. The relaxation of lockdown restrictions from June onwards, saw an increase in public activity on the roads and we have responded to some particularly serious road traffic collisions in the last 2-3 months.



"I fully appreciate that I am still here thanks to your team's efforts. Thank you so much for everything you did, I will be eternally grateful." Harvey, SARS patient 2020

To read more about the impact of our voluntary work please visit:

<https://www.sars999.org.uk/patient-stories/>

Many of these call outs were attended by SARS medical teams of emergency doctors and critical care paramedics. We were therefore delighted to be able to launch a new team vehicle, SMED26, in August 2020. The new Volvo XC90 joins our other rapid response car, SMED20 in providing mobile team resources across Suffolk. This is fantastic news and will mean that we will be able to significantly increase our team activity in the coming years.

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Both cars carry equipment and drugs not found on frontline ambulances and are crewed by clinicians who can undertake complex procedures which would not normally be possible outside the hospital environment. These can be truly lifesaving interventions. Already in 2020, we have increased the volume of team shifts by over 30% and we are working to recruit additional clinicians into the charity to help crew more shifts.



Our new rapid response vehicle SMED26

FUNDRAISING & EXPENDITURE

We continue to adopt a positive approach to what is a very challenging environment for smaller charities like SARS. We are an independent organisation and are not receiving any NHS or central government funding. This means that to remain sustainable we need to be proactive in our fundraising approach. In September 2020, we launched the SARS 999 Lottery which we hope will help generate more regular long term income for our charity and help us continue to be able to cover the costs of future equipment and drug supplies for our volunteer clinicians. Going forward, it seems clear that traditional methods of fundraising via events are going to be on hold for some time and so we are also working on more virtual fundraising events after the success of our Virtual Race around Suffolk which generated £10,000.

We are keen to invest as much of the funding that we receive on projects that will help us achieve our aim of treating more patients and improving their outcomes. As well as the rapid response vehicle, SARS has set up 2 new solo responders in 2020 and we hope to have another solo critical care paramedic operational by the end of the year. We have also invested in primary bags, PPE, specialist drugs and essential additions to our automated chest compression units and advanced monitoring equipment. These projects cost many thousands of pounds but have had an immediate impact and will continue to provide benefits to patients for years to come. This continued level of investment has only been possible through voluntary grants and donations from across the Suffolk community including many parish and town councils around the county.

We are truly grateful for your continued support and very appreciative of any assistance you can give us. We hope that you and your communities stay safe in the coming months.

Suffolk Accident Rescue Service



Spotlight on SARS Responders during COVID



SARS Volunteer Doctor, James Price (2018-present)

“The most challenging thing has been dealing with patients while wearing the additional PPE, they can’t see that you are smiling, can’t see that you are showing compassion for their situation. It’s difficult to reassure people and communicate. This can be particularly challenging when dealing with children and the elderly. I am looking forward to gaining more experience out on the road over the next few months. In August I am starting a new role in Paediatric Intensive Care, gaining additional skills which will also be transferable to my prehospital volunteering with SARS.”



SARS Volunteer Critical Care Paramedic, Jemma Varela (2014-present)

“Uniquely, the prehospital environment is difficult with PPE as often you are having to dress and undress on the side of a road, or in the back of an ambulance. We never know what environment we are about to walk in to, so we have to be constantly prepared for everything and anything! Positively though I feel very proud to be working in a team of volunteers at Suffolk Accident Rescue Service that despite the risks and difficulties that COVID is throwing at us are still giving up their own time to save lives and look after their communities.”

For further information, please contact us at SARS HQ, admin@sars999.org.uk, 01359 244186.

Our annual report can be found on the charity commission site, [charity number 1168764](#).

Thank you!