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 for financial assistance from:

- Headway Suffolk
- East Anglian Air Ambulance

Other Charitable organisations which the parish council has previously received requests from, which have not requested assistance in this financial year (to date) are:

- Arthritis Action (from whom the pc receives regular updates)
- BSEVC Later in Life Community Connect
- Citizens Advice Bureau
- East Anglian Children's Hospice (EACH)
- Fresh Start New Beginnings
- Headway Suffolk
- St Edmundsbury Newstalk Association
- Suffolk Accident Rescue Service (SARS)
- Suffolk Community Foundation
- Suffolk Neighbourhood Watch Association

Charities local to Wickhambrook include:

- Connecting Communities
- Curwen Print Study Centre
- Julian Support
- Reach Community Projects
- Richmond Fellowship
- Success After Stroke
- Suffolk Historic Churches Trust
- The British Sporting Art Trust
- Wickhambrook United Charities
- YOPEY Befriender

Last February, the parish council donated £100 to the Rural Coffee Caravan, an organisation which the Late Mary Evans (our former District and County Councillor) supported, in memory of her work for and support of the parish:

A £50 donation was disbursed to Royal British Legion in October 2024.

Funds remaining in the budget line for Charitable Donations are £350.00 against a budget of £400.00, with a further £50.00 held in Earmarked Reserves for Charitable Donation.

Unspent budget for charitable donations could be transferred to Earmarked Reserves, either for future requests for Charitable Support, or for Support for local organisations.

Recommendation:

Councillors are asked to consider which Charitable organisations to support and the level of support for each request made.

Hilary Workman Clerk & RFO February 2025