

DONATIONS FOR THE YEAR ENDING 31 MARCH 2024 USING THE GENERAL POWER OF COMPETENCE

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Recipient	Reasoning for request for donation	Requested	Action	Approved
SARS	Teams have responded to over 525 calls for assistance in 2022-23 including incidents in Thurston and the immediate surrounding area. Request is to help cover the running costs of their specialist resources. SARS relies on voluntary grants & donations to support & maintain its charitable activities.	£300.00	Approved 02.08.23	£500.00
Gatehouse Caring in East Anglia	To assist with costs for the delivery of food parcels to those most vulnerable in Thurston. Aim of grant to improve the service available to the parish and build a more connected community during the cost of living crisis.	£500.00	Approved 02.08.23	£500.00
Citizens Advice West Suffolk	To assist with costs to enable the organisation to provide advice people need for the problem(s) they face. Advice covers a variety of issues and sometimes there are multiple issues that are facing clients which can be more complex.	£500.00	Approved 06.09.23	£500.00
Recreation Ground Charity Trust	Financial assistance with the maintenance of the public open space at the Recreation Ground, Church Road, Thurston.	£1,450.00	Approved 01.11.23	£1,450.00
Community Heartbeat Foundation	To provide a further 2 defibrillators in the village to improved coverage. To be sited at the Primary School and Victoria Pub. Total cost £4,830.00. Funding of £2,000 sourced from District Cllrs. Locality	£2,830.00	Approved 01.11.23	£2,830.00
Stowmarket ASD Saturday Clubs	To provide / replace resources and equipment at the club which supports young people with a diagnosis of Autism Spectrum Disorder from a wide location including Thurston as well as pupils attending Thurston Community College.	£500.00	To be discussed 06.12.23	£500.00
Citizens Advice Mid Suffolk	Provision of free, confidential, independent and impartial advice, face to face, on the telephone and online. Thurston residents have been helped with a total of 479 issues in the last 12 months.	£500.00	To be discussed 06.12.23	£500.00

TOTAL OF EXPENDITURE PREVIOUSLY APPROVED AT MEETING	£5,780.00
TOTAL OF EXPENDITURE TO BE CONSIDERED AT MEETING OF 06 DECEMBER 2023	£1,000.00
ANNUAL BUDGET OF £10,000.00 AS SET ASIDE FROM CIL FUNDS TO BE ALLOCATED IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE COUNCIL'S SMALL GRANT POT	£10,000.00

TOTAL BUDGET AVAILABLE TO BE DISTRIBUTED by 31 MARCH 2024

£3,220.00

* The General Power of Competence (GPC) was introduced by the Localism Act 2011 and took effect in February 2012. At its Annual Parish Council Meeting of 17 May 2023 the Parish Council reconfirmed that it fulfilled the eligibility criteria set by the SoS (Localism Act 2011 s8) and that it was enabled to use the General Power of Competence (GPC).