

DONATIONS FOR THE YEAR ENDING 31 MARCH 2019 USING THE GENERAL POWER OF COMPETENCE

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Recipient	Reasoning for request for donation	Notes	Amount requested	Proposed
Cavendish Hall	Replacment Window to east elevation as repairs not financially viable. Funding sought for balance of sums required.	<i>valid community bid at MSDC</i>	£657.00	£657.00
New Green Community Trust	Contribution towards the maintenance of the Open Space. Total landscape costs for 2018/19 were £4,923	annual request £1500 precedent	<i>unspecified</i>	£1,500.00
Friends of Thurston Library	Publicity costs for scarecrow festival		£37.50	£37.50
Ixworth Patient's Association	Assistance with transport scheme for the less-able low-income patients in the more rural areas	previously donated £150	unspecified	£150.00
New Green Community Trust	Contribution towards the installation of CCTV for coverage in and around the centre area	raised £3650 Cost £4,500	£850.00 Balance of funds	CIL Reserve 4800/16
Headway Suffolk	Local charity that offers rehabilitation, support and care to people with an acquired brain injury, stroke dementia, MS or other neurological condition		<i>unspecified</i>	£300.00
Tiny Toes	Assistance with purchase of healthy snacks offered to children attending. Supported by volunteers from St Peters Church	previously donated £150	£150.00	£150.00
EACH - East Anglia's Children's Hospices	Charity in East Anglia which provides care and support to children, young people and their families - supporting 3 families in Thurston		<i>unspecified</i>	£300.00
Suffolk Accident Rescue Service	To aid the funding of attendance at medical emergencies on a voluntary basis - 250 to Sept 19 - 26 in vicinity of Thurston	previously donated £250	<i>unspecified</i>	£300.00
Mid Suffolk CAB	SCC funding assistance reduced by 17.5%. Service increased by 15% compared to previous year. 10 clients from Thurston - 28 issues	previously donated £300	<i>unspecified</i>	£500.00
West Suffolk CAB	SCC funding assistance reduced by 17.5%. Steady increase in clients from Thurston - 78 seen with 179 issues covered.	previously donated £300	<i>unspecified</i>	£500.00
Suffolk Age UK	Financial Assistance to support services offered to older people in the parish. Approx. 827 people over 65 years of age.		<i>unspecified</i>	
Suffolk Neighbourhood Watch Association	Request for donation to assist with general operating costs of the association		£50.00	

TOTAL FOR YEAR	£4,394.50
BUDGET FOR YEAR	£3,000.00
B/FWD BALANCE FROM 2018/19	£1,600.00
TOTAL BUDGET AVAILABLE 2019-2020	£205.50

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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 8 May 2019 the Parish Council resolved that it fulfilled the eligibility criteria set by the Secretary of State (Localism Act 2011 s8) and that it was enabled to use the General Power of Competence (GPC)

The GPC enables councils to do things:

- an individual may generally do
- anywhere in the UK or elsewhere
- for a commercial purpose or otherwise, for a charge or without a charge
- without the need to demonstrate that it will benefit the authority, its area or persons resident or present in its area

General Points:

St Peter's PCC/Church

Receives an annual grant of £1,500 by way of grass cutting for the maintenance of the Churchyard against budget of £1500

Suffolk Libraries

Receives an annual sum of £2,700 by way of donation as a contribution to support Thurston Library and Children's Centre against a budget of £2,700