

Donation Requests

There is £1,000 allocated in the budget for donations and the rules are as follows:

1. Councils have a number of existing powers to incur expenditure including donations, such as to help maintain a closed churchyard or support the local Citizens Advice Bureau.
2. Expenditure not authorised is allowable under Section 137 of the Local Government Act 1972 provided that such expenditure is commensurate with the benefit to the area or part of it or to all or some of its inhabitants.
3. The limit for expenditure under Section 137 for the current financial year is £6.44 per head of the electorate.

Last year the following donations were made:

1. £550 to All Saints' Church towards the maintenance of the churchyard during the current year and representing 50% of the costs.
2. £250 to the Stop Linton Wind Farm Group.
3. £100 to Buffy Bus.
4. £100 to Uttlesford Home Start.

Since last October we have received the requests from the following organisations for a donation:

1. Uttlesford BUFFY Bus Association.
This is an outreach facility that provides mobile play and toy library facilities for the under fives giving them an opportunity to paint, play and socialise in a playgroup environment.
It visits Great Chesterford every Monday morning between 11am and 12.15pm.
Further information can be found at www.buffybus.com
2. Home Start Uttlesford
This is a local branch of the national voluntary organisation in which volunteers offer regular support, friendship and practical help to young families under stress in their own homes helping to prevent family crisis and breakdown.
Further information can be found at www.homestartuttlesford.org.uk
3. Stop Stansted Expansion
Campaigns against proposals to expand Stansted Airport
Further information can be found at www.stopstanstedexpansion.com
4. The Gardens of Eastern Lodge Preservation Trust
A grade II listed garden designed by Edwardian designer Harold Peto.

Further information can be found at www.eastonlodge.co.uk

5. Catch 22 Z-Bikes scheme
Supports young people within Uttlesford by loaning mopeds to those aged 16-21, at a very low cost for up to 1 year, to try to overcome the no transport trap.
Further information can be found at www.catch-22.org.uk
6. Essex Air Ambulance
A free Helicopter Emergency Medical Service for the people of Essex.
Further information can be found at www.essexairambulance.com
7. All Saints' Church
Towards the cost of maintaining the Churchyard
(Local Government Act 1972 s.214)
8. Great Chesterford Youth Football Club Under 7's
A new team wishing to use a part of the Recreation Ground – see letter attached.
(Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1976 s.19))