

PARISH COUNCIL

Application for Grant for Voluntary Organisations Local Government Act 1972, Section 137

Please note that this application will not be considered unless it is accompanied by a copy of the latest set of annual accounts showing the organisations income, expenditure and level of balances. If the organisation does not prepare annual accounts, copies of the bank statements covering the previous six months must be enclosed.

1.	Name of Organisation	Carer Support Wiltshire
2.	Name, Address and Status of Contact	Ruth Wilson The Independent Living Centre St Georges Rd, Semington, Trowbridge BA14 6JQ
3.	Telephone Number of Contact	email contact: ruthw@carersupportwiltshire.co.uk
4.	Is the Organisation a Registered Charity?	Yes/No YES
5.	Amount of grant requested	£
5.	For what purpose or project is the grant requested?	The monthly peer support group is held at the Whiteparish Memorial Centre and remains open to all local unpaid carers, particularly those struggling with isolation and loneliness. It is an opportunity to socialise with others best placed to empathise with their situation, encouraging peer to peer support and a chance to have a small break away from their caring responsibilities in a warm, friendly environment with light refreshments. Guest speakers and trained volunteers attend groups so there is always someone there for them to lean on for direct help and advice if they are at crisis point. Many of our elderly carers are not confident using the internet and find the growing reliance upon tech for communications, referrals, applications etc daunting. Guidance navigating information online is a constant request we receive and something we can help them with at these groups, learning and sharing skills together.
6.	What will be the total cost of the above project? £1705 annually	We often provide extra activities at these cafes, taking the group for Christmas lunch, Easter Egg hunts and other trips or activities throughout the year along with their cared for. The peer support cafe remains one of the best ways for CSW to stay in touch with carers on a personal level and provides an easy approachable avenue for new carers coming forward who are perhaps reluctant to admit to their circumstances as we so often hear is the case.
7.	If the total cost of the project is more than the grant, how will the residue be financed?	We seek funding from other local organisations and businesses for support. The group most recently received funding from Whiteparish Parish Council.
8.	Have you applied for grant for the same project to another organisation? If so, which organisation and how much?	The group most recently received funding from Whiteparish Parish Council.
9.	Who will benefit from the project?	local residents in and around whiteparish. Anyone who identifies as an unpaid carers and is in need of support
10.	Approximately how many of those who will benefit are parishioners?	we have 17 unpaid carers registered with us in the immediate Alderbury and Whotton area. We do not currently record from where attendees of the group are resident so I cannot comment on how many current attendees are from the area as our GDPR policy does not cover thta. (we are looking at this in future) However the group remains open to all unpaid carers resident in Alderbury.

You may use a separate sheet of paper to submit any other information which you feel will support this application.

Signed..... Ruth Wilson Date..... 28/10/24