

GRANT MAKING POLICY Of The Alresford Pigs Association 13 September 2015



INTRODUCTION

The Alresford Pigs Association (“The Pigs”) was founded in 1974 by a group of local residents and businessmen with the aim of supporting local, worthy causes, whether they be individuals, families, groups or organisations. Indeed our strapline is “Local people helping local people”.

The Pigs makes grants where it believes that its contribution will make a real difference. The Pigs is especially conscious to offer help, where it can, to local people who are in need, and often where other avenues of assistance may have been exhausted.

GUIDELINES FOR APPLICATIONS FOR SUPPORT

If you meet the two following essential criteria, we may be able to help you:

1. You, or your organisation, are resident or based in the Alresford area as defined by our constitution; and
2. The requirement for help is “one-off” and not for on-going support.

Our focus is on support in two major areas:

- School and Youth Needs; and
- Local and Special Needs

Accordingly we may be able to provide help to

- needy individuals, families and children;
- the elderly, chronically ill or disabled people;
- local organisations working for the benefit of the young;
- local organisations and activities benefiting the community.

The list above is illustrative of the type of grants we make but we do not consider this to be an exhaustive list. Subject to satisfying the essential criteria above, we would consider applications for grants that satisfy our over-riding charitable objectives of providing relief for those in need by reason of youth, age, ill-health, disability, financial hardship or other disadvantage, and of advancing education, amateur sport, citizenship and community development.

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Mobility Scooters

The Pigs do occasionally have access to mobility scooters. Should a suitable case arise, ie, meeting the above criteria, such scooters may be donated to individuals accompanied by documentation regarding ownership, insurance, repairs & maintenance. Although these scooters then become the property & responsibility of the users, The Pigs do ask that users consider returning scooters to The Pigs when no longer needed or able to be used, thus enabling them to be recycled amongst the community.

However, WE DO NOT USUALLY SUPPORT:

- Applications from outside of the Alresford area.
- Charities or other organisations or individuals supporting animals or research.

The size of grant can vary according to the project / purpose and level of need. Grants are generally made as single payments of between a few pounds and a few thousands of pounds depending on need.

HOW TO APPLY FOR SUPPORT

There is no specific application form that applicants must complete but all applications must be in writing. All applications and any other correspondence should be addressed to:

Email: secretary@alresfordpigs.org

Post: The Secretary, Alresford Pigs Association, Laurel House, Station Approach, Alresford, Hampshire, SO24 9JH

If you would like to discuss a potential application or one in progress then leave a message on phone number : **01962 658961**

There is no deadline for applications, which can be submitted at any time and will be considered at monthly meetings of the charity or more quickly if the need is urgent. Third party backing may be of help. We receive many applications and although we cannot give support to them all, we will reply at our own expense to all applicants. The Pigs support to a cause once is no guarantee of future support.