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Revision History

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1. INTRODUCTION

The Alresford PIGS Association (APA) 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, The Association strapline is "**Local people helping local people**", which applies only within the limited geographic boundaries of Alresford and surrounding villages.

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

2. APPLICATIONS FOR SUPPORT

2.1 Eligibility

The essential criteria for being eligible for support from the APA are:

- a. The individual / organisation, are resident or based in Alresford and/or surrounding villages, as defined by the APA Constitution; and
- b. The requirement for help is limited in both time and value.

2.2 Areas of Support

The APA focuses support in three main areas of need in the community, each run by a sub-committee:

- a. School & Youth Needs (S&YN) – covering such organisations as local schools, youth clubs, Scouts, Guides, play schools and other activities and organisations dealing with the development of young people.
- b. Local & Special Needs (L&SN) – covering a wide range of organisations and individual requests such as those people in sheltered accommodation, disabled, people suffering medical or financial hardship and the disadvantaged, to name but a few.
- c. Mobility Aids – covering the specialised area of mobility aids in general and mobility scooters in particular. Scooters are donated to individuals, subject to meeting the criteria in para 2.1 above, and are accompanied by documentation regarding ownership, insurance and repairs & maintenance. Although these scooters become the property and responsibility of users, the APA do ask users to consider returning them to the APA when no longer needed, thus enabling them to be recycled within the community.

All applications are vetted by the relevant sub-committee, who are responsible for carrying out appropriate due-diligence and obtaining the relevant internal approvals. Accordingly, help may be provided to:

- a. Needy individuals, families and children;
- b. The elderly, chronically ill or disabled people;
- c. Local organisations working for the benefit of the young;
- d. Local organisations and activities benefiting the community.

This list is illustrative of the type of grants normally made, but is by no means exhaustive. Subject to satisfying the essential criteria in para 2.1 above, applications will be considered for grants that satisfy the APA's over-riding charitable objectives of providing relief for those in need by reason of youth, age, ill-health, financial hardship or other disadvantage, as well as advancing education, amateur sport, citizenship, and community development.

The size of the grant may 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 thousand pounds, depending on the need.

2.3 Ineligible Support Activities

Certain organisations and activities are deemed to be outside the Constitutional remit of the APA, and will not normally be considered for a grant; these include:

- a. Applications from outside the Alresford area.
- b. Charities or other organisations or individuals supporting animals or research, or other clubs or charities where the funding would not support a specific local need.
- c. Political causes or lobbying/pressure groups, regardless of the good intentions and/or status of the group or individual involved.

3. HOW TO APPLY FOR SUPPORT

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

E-mail: secretary@alresfordpigs.org

Surface mail: The Secretary, Alresford PIGS Association, PO Box 121, Alresford, HAMPSHIRE SO24 9XX

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There is no deadline for applications, which can be submitted at any time and will be considered as soon as possible. Third party backing may also be of help, with the agreement of the applicant. Applications are not guaranteed to qualify for a grant from The APA, but every application will receive a response, and even if an application is approved, that is no guarantee of future support.

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