



Full Council Meeting – 30 June 2016

Agenda Item CC1615/16

The Parish Council's Charities 2016-17

Introduction

We need to discuss the charities we will support, and also on what councillors can take forward to carry out the fundraising.

Discussion Narrative

We need to decide the charities to support this year. I would like to see at least one local charity. It could be just one, or again two. It would be very positive if each Councillor takes on a particular event or fundraising initiative, maybe together with another councillor, and take that forward. We should list the ideas out and monitor them as the year goes on. The charities we supported last year were the Peace Hospice Care and the Rickmansworth foodbank. We raised just over £1270.

From a personal view, I would support the Peace Hospice again this year. Also another possibility is the New Hope trust that has a shop in Croxley Green. "*New Hope exists to serve individuals who are homeless or vulnerably- housed through the provision of accommodation and opportunities to transform lives.*" It is a locally based charity and in my view does great job in helping vulnerable people get back on their feet.

You can see some information on <http://rickmansworth.foodbank.org.uk/>. Other charities mentioned last year were; NSPCC, Help the heroes, and Herts young homeless.

Recommendation(s)

To recommend to council that;

1. We state the charities' we will support following an open discussion. (suggested to be Peace Hospice Care and the New Hope Trust);
2. That the office maintains a register of the events and initiatives that each councillor organises or takes forward and we obtain updates during the year, say bimonthly.

Cllr Mitchell
21 June 2016