

RECYCLING OF METALS - DONATION TO CHARITY

MEETING: CHESTERFIELD AND DISTRICT JOINT
CREMATORIUM COMMITTEE

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REPORT BY: BEREAVEMENT SERVICES MANAGER

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1. PURPOSE OF REPORT

- 1.1 To update Members on the surplus derived from the recovery of metals following cremation and recommend a proposal for its distribution to a local charity over the next 12 months.

2. BACKGROUND

- 2.1 A decision was taken by the Joint Committee back in March 2007 to participate in a national scheme for the recovery of metals following cremation (Min. No. 03/07 of 28 March 2007 refers).
- 2.2 Following that decision, recovered metals were retained at the Crematorium for collection by a waste metal collection and recycling company, Orthometals Limited, on behalf of the Institute of Cemetery and Crematorium Management (ICCM), who are the scheme administrators. Metals are only recovered and recycled with the consent of the application for cremation (usually next of kin and/or Executor).
- 2.3 The terms of the Scheme require that any surpluses generated from this process shall be donated to national or local bereavement-related charities nominated by the contributing crematoria.

Locally, nominations have previously been approved by the Committee for donations made to CRUSE Bereavement Counsellors, SANDS (Stillbirth and Neo-Natal Charity), Weston Park Cancer Charity, Ashgate Hospice Care, Bluebell Wood Children's Hospice, MacMillan Cancer Support, Derbyshire Asbestos Support Team, Alzheimer's Research UK and Nenna Kind Cancer Charity.

Nominated Charities often receive in the region of £12,000-£20,000 per annum via two separate payments during the year.

3. IMPACT OF COVID19

3.1 It is understood that many trustees are having to cope with financial challenges that will have a major impact on their charities and those who depend on them (Source; <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/manage-financial-difficulties-in-your-charity-caused-by-coronavirus>).

3.2 This year 6 charities have contacted the Manager requesting consideration. For context, 4 requests were received for the corresponding report in 2019 rising to 10 in 2020.

4.0 FEEDBACK FROM 2021 NOMINATED CHARITY

In November 2021, the Manager received a short report from the Trusts and Grants Fundraiser at Ashgate Hospicecare – recipient of the 2021 donation.

The report shows how the funding received helped them to continue their care for the people of North East Derbyshire and reduced the impact of the pandemic on peoples lives. Included in the report is news of how the funding enabled the creation of specialist support needed by community patients to support them following bereavement.

The report was sent with sincere thanks to the Committee for their support.

4. 2022 NOMINATIONS

The nominations received from Charities to be considered are listed at Appendix A.

To be considered, the core function of the charity should be bereavement related or a definable element/function of the charity should be bereavement related providing support or a service to the Bereaved or their family.

Previous Members also steered towards Charities that could demonstrate direct assistance to residents of the constituent areas.

5. RECOMMENDATIONS

That the Joint Committee;

- (i) Approve the nomination of Young Lives -v- Cancer and The Air Ambulance Service to be the joint recipients of the donation for 2022 receiving one payment each during the year.

6. REASON FOR RECOMMENDATIONS

- 6.1 Both Charities demonstrate that an element of their Charity work is to provide bereavement support and is therefore eligible for nomination.
- 6.2 Both Charities demonstrate support to constituents.
- 6.3 Neither Charity has received has been nominated by this Committee previously.
- 6.4 Splitting the donation allows support to two separate Charities during a difficult and challenging financial times for their Trustees.

APPENDIX A

Charity	Bereavement Function (Core –v- Element)	Direct Assistance to Constituents
Young Lives -v- Cancer	<p>“One of the ways we help families is through bereavement support. Hearing your child is not going to get better and that they are going to die is one of the hardest things any parent will ever have to deal with. We help young cancer patients and families prepare for death, we encourage them to think about how the child or young person can be remembered and help them all deal with their worries. Our care teams provide bereavement support through home visits, local support groups and memory days. We do this to help children, young people and their families find a way to cope, and to help those left behind find a way to go on living.”</p>	<p>In the past year we supported 126 young cancer patients and their families in Derbyshire, including families in Chesterfield, and have given 90 grants to these families to the value of £19,895 to help them deal with the spiralling cost of their child’s cancer diagnosis.</p>
Dancing for Health CIC	<p>Please see attached application information below. Included in the information is information about how Dancing for Health Sessions specifically for Bereaved people had a positive impact in their mental health by providing them something to look forward to, an absorbing distraction from thinking about illness or bereavement and an opportunity to socialize with other people in similar positions.</p>	<p>Dancing for Health CIC, based in Dronfield, Derbyshire is a newly formed local not for profit company.</p>
Parkinson’s UK	<p>Parkinson’s is the fastest growing neurological condition in the world. Every hour, two more people are diagnosed. Anyone can get Parkinson’s, young or old. There are over 40 symptoms, from tremor and pain to anxiety. Some are treatable, but the drugs can have serious side effects. It gets worse over time and there’s no cure. We’re the largest charitable funder of Parkinson’s research in Europe. We know we’re close to major breakthroughs. By funding the right research into the most promising treatments, we get closer to a cure every day. Until then, we’re here for everyone affected by Parkinson’s by fighting for fair treatment and better services. As a charity, we are dependent upon the generosity of the general public and local businesses to support our work. With an estimated 145,000 people affected by Parkinson’s across the UK, there is a greater need than ever for our work across the region. With this in mind, we’re writing to see if Parkinson’s UK can be added to your list of charities to support through the metal recycling scheme. Our work has still continued despite the pandemic and lockdowns. We’ve made services virtual, set up new online communities, and posted information to people who aren’t online. Our advisors supported over 19,800 people in 2020, including making wellbeing check-in calls to more than 3,400 members of our community. Please feel free to contact me if you would like to know more details about Parkinson’s UK and our work locally. Together we can make a real difference to the lives of those affected by Parkinson’s across the region.</p>	<p>Regional Support</p>
Weston Park Cancer Charity	<p>Weston Park Cancer Charity is here to face cancer with you. Our services, advice, therapies and support are for you and the people close to you, helping everyone to live with and beyond cancer.</p> <p>The funds we raise also support vital, pioneering research and clinical trials led by the exceptional medical experts at Weston Park Cancer Centre.</p> <p>It’s our job to care in every sense for our patients and their families. Our help is free, and we’re here for you, together at every step.</p>	<p>Regional, Sheffield based.</p>
Stroke Association	<p>I’ve attached some brief information about the work we have continued to carry out during the pandemic. It is a ‘snapshot’ of the work we do and I hope you will be able to find a few minutes to have a look through.</p> <p>It includes some of the new services we have introduced to maintain a personal level of support, in your local area, during these very challenging times. This includes our ‘Here for You’ telephone service, which has proved a vital lifeline, throughout this period in preventing people feeling isolated and afraid. This is one of the services we</p>	<p>Regional and National</p>

	<p>hope to continue, in the year ahead, to be able to increase the number of people we reach.</p> <p>Stroke is the biggest cause of long-term adult disability and we want to continue to be there for stroke survivors, families and carers - for the whole journey, to help and support. This might include offering bereavement support for families, emotional wellbeing and mental health for anyone affected by a stroke or physical rehabilitation needs such as communication support.</p> <p>Thank you for taking the time to read my email. I hope you will consider our appeal and I will be really happy to answer any questions or queries you may have about our work in your local area or anything else. I look forward to hearing from you and my very best wishes for the year ahead.</p>	
<p>The Air Ambulance Service</p>	<p>I am happy to say that The Derbyshire Air Ambulance Service is committed to bereavement and we have a team that provide support in our Legacy and Will's department. Our slogan is 'remember someone special whilst supporting the Air Ambulance Service. Together lets keep their memory flying'. Each year we hold a memory service with our forest partnership, where people can plant a tree in memory of their lost loved one.</p>	<p>"Your Local Air Ambulance – Derbyshire, Leicestershire, Rutland, Warwickshire, Northamptonshire"</p>