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Recycling of Metals – Donation to Charity

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1.0 PURPOSE OF THE REPORT

- 1.1 To recommend a proposal for the distribution of surplus derived from the recovery of metals following cremation. The proposal is for distribution to Charities for 2023.
- 1.2 To update Members on an alternative scheme and a recommendation that a visit is arranged to inspect their processes, following which the Manager will report back to the Committee with any further recommendations.

2.0 REPORT DETAILS

- 2.1 In 2007, the Joint Committee agreed to participate in a national scheme for the recovery of metals following cremation. Metals are 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.
- 2.2 Metals are only recovered and recycled with the consent of the Applicant for Cremation (usually Next of Kin or Executor).
- 2.3 The terms of the ICCM's scheme require that any surpluses generated from this process shall be donated to a national or local charity that supports the bereaved in some way. Member's have previously steered towards Charities that can demonstrate direct support and assistance to the Constituents of Chesterfield, Bolsover and North East Derbyshire Districts.
- 2.4 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, Nenna Kind Cancer Charity, The Air Ambulance and Young Lives -v- Cancer.

2.5 In the months since the last nominations were decided, the Manager has received 8 applications from Charities wishing to be nominated as recipient of surplus in 2023. An overview of each application can be found below.

Charity	Bereavement Function (Core -v- Element)	Direct Assistance to Constituents
Lily's Legacy – Baby Loss and Beyond	<p>Lily's Legacy is set up to achieve;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provide Financial Assistance to low income bereaved parents who cannot afford to buy a headstone or memorial plaque for their baby's grave. • To provide specific baby loss counselling to local bereaved families. • To provide self care box with tools to support their grief and wellbeing. 	Local Charity supporting families living in Chesterfield, Sheffield, Derbyshire and South Yorkshire
Royal National Institute for the Blind	Unable to demonstrate	National Charity
SUDEP Action "Making every epilepsy death count"	<p>Overview states;</p> <p>"At least 21 people with epilepsy in the UK who are otherwise healthy and often completely unaware of their epilepsy mortality risk, die each week, many young children or adults. SUDEP Action is the only UK Charity Dedicated to raising awareness of risks and tackling deaths in people with epilepsy".</p>	National Charity
MacMillan Cancer Support	<p>At the centre we see people at various stages throughout their cancer and this includes bereaved relatives. This may be discussing and signposting to local and national counselling services if this is required when there is complex bereavement. Often it will be talking through the persons loss and grief and in most situations further counselling is not required.</p> <p>While we do not run bereavement groups in the centre, we do have a unique pre-bereavement service for parents diagnosed with cancer who have dependent children, this is to help them talk with and explain to their children about their very limited life expectancy which is difficult but if done in the right way can have lasting benefits in the child's life and memory of their parent. This was a service we found was needed and we have won a national oncology nurse award for this pre-bereavement service.</p>	NGS Macmillan Unit supports the bereaved in Chesterfield.

CRUSE Bereavement Support (Chesterfield)	Cruse Bereavement Support is open to anyone who is bereaved in the area. CRUSE offer support and counselling	CRUSE Chesterfield is a local branch of CRUSE Bereavement Support
SoBS "Survivors of Bereavement by Suicide" – Chesterfield Branch	<p>Overview provided;</p> <p>"Peer-to-peer support is available for anyone over 18 impacted by suicide loss in the UK. We help those bereaved by suicide to support each other, at the time of their loss and in the months and years that follow. Funding will be used for Suicide Prevention, leaflets, CBT Therapy, flowers on anniversary of suicide, group activities (Walks, fund day out etc).</p>	In June 2022, the Chesterfield Group was formed with support available for constituents of all three Authorities.
Sunshine and Shade 'A Friendship and Bereavement Group'	<p>Aims</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To provide an environment where it is permissible to assert and express feelings, Sunshine and Shade encourages expression, knowing this is part of the 'healing' process. • To encourage useful exchanges of experience; legitimising personal understanding knowing this provides useful context, perspective, strength and support to navigate through grief. • To encourage community connections, and open new doors for personal growth • To signpost and encourage familiarity in community conversations about death. 	Presently Sunshine and Shade has been operating in Clay Cross since September 2021 and has supported and continues to support 16 people, in two groups, we want to create opportunities for the people of Chesterfield, and have local groups available throughout the area, to include Bolsover, Dronfield, Whittington, Staveley, Town Centre / Grangewood, Ashgate / Holmehall

Ashgate Hospice	The funding is also enabling us to create the specialist packs needed by the loved ones of our community patients to support them following bereavement.	Care provided for the people of North Derbyshire
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2.5 The ICCM have confirmed to the Manager that in 2023, a maximum number of 4 Charities can be nominated, an increase on the previous limit of 2 per annum.

2.6 Regarding the alternative scheme, the Manager has recently been contacted by representatives of RS Bruce Metal Recovery Specialists of Sheffield who gave a background to what the company may have to offer as an alternative to the current scheme. The company have recently become an Affiliate Member of the Federation of Burial and Cremation Authorities who recently published an article in their Autumn Issue of the Resurgam Journal following their recent visit and inspection. Members can read more at Appendix A. In the initial contact from the Company, the Manager was informed that their processes may produce a higher financial return and more regular collections are available - reducing any risks of larger amounts of precious metals stored on site. Their scheme offers more flexibility on how the funds raised are distributed and there may also be an environmental benefit of the metals being recycled in Sheffield when currently the metals travel to the Netherlands for processing.

3.0 RECOMMENDATIONS

3.1 That four Charities are nominated to receive an equal share of the surplus derived from the metal recycling scheme and that those charities are;

CRUSE Bereavement Support (Chesterfield Branch)
 SoBS – Survivors of Bereavement by Suicide (Chesterfield Branch)
 Lily’s Legacy – Baby Loss and Beyond
 Sunshine and Shade ‘A Friendship and Bereavement Group’

3.2 That Member’s give approval for the Manager to visit the site of an alternative recycling of metals scheme and report back to a future meeting of the Committee with any recommendations.

4.0 Reason for recommendations

4.1 The CRUSE Bereavement Support Local Branch will directly support bereaved people from the three constituent areas. Dawne Hart, Regional Fundraising and Engagement Manager wrote in application ***"Your support would enable us to grow our presence in the local community, upskill our volunteers, train new volunteers and reduce waiting times to ensure that no bereaved person is left to face grief alone"***.

- 4.2** The SoBS Local Branch will provide direct support to people bereaved by suicide within the three constituent areas. ***This support would come at a time of increased bereavement from suicide. Sadly, 5219 suicides were registered in England in 2021, an increase of 307 from 2020 (Source: <https://www.samaritans.org/about-samaritans/research-policy/suicide-facts-and-figures/latest-suicide-data/>)***
- 4.3** Lily's Legacy is a local charity supporting bereaved parents following the loss of an infant and funding would assist bereaved parents on low income to afford a plaque for their baby's grave, provide counselling and self care advice.
- 4.4** Sunshine and Shade are a community support group who the founder, Rachel Snowball, describes "***meet regularly to provide consideration, care, companionship and community connections following bereavement***". The group has been operating in Clay Cross since 2021 and financial support would assist their goal of creating opportunities and new local groups to then include Bolsover, Dronfield, Whittington, Staveley, Grangewood, Ashgate and Holme Hall.

5.0 Alternative options

- 5.1** Member's may decide to replace or swap any of the recommended nominations with either McMillan Cancer Support or Ashgate Hospice. Both are also eligible for nomination with definable elements of the Charities supporting bereaved people whilst direct assistance to local constituents is demonstrated. Members may recall that both Charities were recipients in recent years, nominated by this Committee.

It is a number of years since CRUSE were nominated recipients whilst the other three nominated Charities have never benefited from the scheme previously. For information, The RNIB were not recommended at this time as their email application didn't demonstrate support to bereaved people or people within the constituent areas. Although SUDEP demonstrated support to those bereaved through Epilepsy, no details were provided on how local people would be supported and were not recommended on this occasion.