

Thurston Parish Council

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APPLICATION FOR A GRANT

*Before completing this form, please read carefully the attached document entitled Thurston Grant Awarding Policy. Copies of the form together with the **latest copy of examined accounts** must be submitted along with any supporting documentation requested.*

General information for applicants

It is Thurston Parish Council's intention (subject to budget restrictions and available resources) to support initiatives from local community groups and organisations. Priority will be given to applicants who have not previously received grants from Thurston Parish Council. The size of any grant awarded is at the discretion of the Parish Council but will not exceed £500 in any one application.

If you have any queries on the completion of this form please contact the Parish Clerk, Thurston Parish Council, New Green Centre, Thurston, IP31 3TG. Email: clerk@thurstonparishcouncil.gov.uk

DETAILS OF YOUR ORGANISATION

Name of Organisation: Citizens Advice Mid Suffolk

Address: Milton House, 5 Milton Road South, Stowmarket IP14 1EZ

Contact Telephone No: 01449 742478

Email: manager@midsuffolkcab.org.uk

Registered Charity No: 1107152

If you are part of a larger organisation, enter its name: We are an independent

Charity who are members of the national Citizens Advice network.

Principal aims and objectives: We provide free, confidential, independent and impartial

Advice face to face, on the telephone and online. Our goal is to help everyone find a way

Forward, whatever problem they face.

DETAILS OF GRANT REQUESTED

Explain your need for a grant with the likely number of beneficiaries, their age profiles and their location

Over the past year, Citizens Advice Mid Suffolk have continued to support residents of Thurston with a wide range of essential services, including advice on debt, financial capability, energy, employment, housing, benefits, consumer rights, legal matters, family issues, health and education. We have also coordinated the distribution of food parcels to individuals and families in crisis.

Amid the ongoing cost-of-living challenges, our services are more important than ever. We remain dedicated to providing free and accessible advice through a variety of channels, by telephone, email, and an increasing number of face-to-face appointments.

Over the past 12 months, Citizens Advice Mid Suffolk has assisted 58 clients in Thurston, helping them to address 337 individual issues. The table below provides a breakdown of the types of issues we have supported your parishioners with.

Benefits & tax credits	82
Benefits Universal Credit	3
Charitable Support & Food Banks	30
Consumer goods & services	10
Debt	50
Employment	16
Financial services & capability	4
Health & community care	1
Housing	28
Legal	4
Other	2
Relationships & family	22
Tax	3
Travel & transport	2
Utilities & communications	52
Grand Total	337

At Citizens Advice Mid Suffolk, we remain committed to supporting your parishioners by providing free, independent advice to those facing difficult circumstances. With the right guidance at the right time, many problems can be resolved early, preventing them from developing into more serious or long-term issues.

As a locally funded charity, we receive no financial support from central government. Our work is sustained entirely through local fundraising efforts and community contributions. We would therefore be very grateful if Thurston Parish Council would consider making a donation towards our ongoing running costs, helping us continue to deliver these essential services to local residents.

Here are just a few examples of the positive feedback we've received from clients over the past year:

"Excellent service. I was treated with respect and kindness. I have nothing but praise for the Stowmarket CAB who helped me through my divorce, debt, bankruptcy and benefit claim."

"Supportive, knowledgeable and put me completely at ease."

"Extremely helpful and dealt with our enquiry with empathy and understanding. We came to get advice for my son who has disabilities. The referral they made connected us with services we wouldn't have known about otherwise."

"I was made to feel comfortable and reassured that my problem would be resolved."

Grant requested: £500

DETAILS OF OTHER GRANTS

Received in the last two years: 2024/25 £500 2023/24 £500

Currently applied for:

We currently have applications submitted for local authority grants and charitable donations.

Please use this space for any significant information about your organisation not already supplied

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I certify that the foregoing replies are accurate to the best of my knowledge

Signature of applicant Peter Chivers

Office Held: Business Development Officer

Date: 28th October 2025