

# THURSTON PARISH COUNCIL

## DONATIONS FOR THE YEAR ENDING 31 MARCH 2025 USING THE GENERAL POWER OF COMPETENCE

The General Power of Competence (GPC) was introduced by the Localism Act 2011 and took effect in February 2012.

At its Annual Parish Council Meeting of 17 May 2023 the Parish Council reconfirmed that it fulfilled the eligibility criteria set by the SoS (Localism Act 2011 s8) and that it was enabled to use the General Power of Competence (GPC).

Recipient	Reasoning for request for donation	Requested	Action	Approved
SARS	Teams have responded to over 561 calls for assistance in 2023-24 including incidents in Thurston and the immediate surrounding area. Request is to help cover the running costs of their specialist resources. SARS relies on voluntary grants & donations to support & maintain its charitable activities.	£300.00	Approved 06.11.2024	£500.00 paid 11.12.24
Citizens Advice West Suffolk	To provide advice people need for the problems they face. To improve the policies and practices that affect people's lives. Between April and September 2024, they have assisted 35 clients in Thurston with 90 issues. This is across all age ranges from aged 20plus.	£500.00	Approved 06.11.2024	£500.00 paid 11.12.24
Citizens Advice Mid Suffolk	Citizens Advice Mid Suffolk, we are dedicated to helping your parishioners who are struggling by providing free, independent advice. With the right guidance, we can prevent problems from escalating into crises. We have helped 77 clients with 689 issues in the last 12 months.	£500.00	Approved 06.11.2024	£500.00 paid 11.12.24
Mid Suffolk Croquet Club	Grant is sought to cover some of the costs of hire of the lawns and annual costs associated with lawn maintenance (cutting and watering).	£500.00	Approved 06.11.2024	£500.00 paid 11.12.24
Headway Suffolk	To assist with costs associated with recovery after brain injury or stroke to enable people to return to the Thurston community as active members. Aim to assist 30 people directly in Thurston with a neuro condition and provide support to families. people directly in Thurston with a neuro condition and provide support to families.	£500.00	Approved 11.12.24	£500.00 paid 15.01.25
Tiny Toes Toddler Group (St Peter's Church)	To provide a healthy snack to children attending the sessions for babies and toddlers for the current academic year.	£280.00	Approved 11.12.24	£280.00 paid 15.01.25

2nd Thurston Brownies	Grant required to assist with running expenses to ensure that the club can continue to offer experiences without compromising the quality of activities for the girls. This will assist with their mission statements for the delivery of a fun, inclusive, and impactful program for young people in the local community of Thurston.	<i>£500.00</i>	£1,000.00 approved 05.03.25	£1,000.00 paid 20.03.25
St Edmundsbury Newstalk	To provide severely sight impaired people with local news on a USB memory stick for use on specially developed players which are supplied on loan by the charity. Assistance is required with funds to service the charity. 102 memory sticks are sent out to listeners in Bury St Edmunds and surrounding villages.	<i>£500.00</i>	£500.00 approved 05.03.25	£500.00 paid 20.03.25

TOTAL OF EXPENDITURE APPROVED TO DATE FOR THE YEAR 2024-2025	£4,280.00
ANNUAL BUDGET OF £10,000.00 AS SET ASIDE FROM CIL FUNDS TO BE ALLOCATED IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE	£10,000.00
UNUSED BALANCE AS AT 31 MARCH 2025	<b>£5,720.00</b>