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Date: 28th May 2012

OUR REF: AW/9019815

YOUR REF:

Dear Sir

NON DOMESTIC RATES THE OFFICE LYME GREEN PARK

Further to my recent letter informing you that Cheshire East Council is reviewing its discretionary rate relief policy I now write to let you know that the changes being considered will mean that from the 2013-14 financial year the amount of relief you will receive could be reduced.

On setting its policy in December 2008 Cheshire East afforded protection to ratepayers to ensure that they would not receive less relief under the Cheshire East Council policy than they did from the billing authority to whom they paid rates prior to the formation of Cheshire East. This has inevitably led to anomalies where, for example, an organisation with more than one business unit may receive different levels of relief depending on the location of the units within Cheshire East.

In the interests of fairness to all of the ratepayers within Cheshire East one of the changes being considered is the removal of this protection. Your application would then be considered in relation to the new policy, as is the case with any new applications for relief.

You currently receive 20% discretionary rate relief, however under the Cheshire East policy you would not be entitled to discretionary rate relief. At 2012/2013 levels this would mean a reduction of discretionary rate relief from £806.08 to £0.00.

The Cheshire East Cabinet is due to consider the revised policy in the near future. If you have any comments that you would like Cabinet to consider please write to the above address by 11th June 2012. Please do not hesitate to contact Andrea Walker on 01270 686073 if you wish to discuss this matter.

Yours faithfully

Non Domestic Rates Section



Order of St. John of Jerusalem - British Red Cross Society

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Our Ref RW/JB

Your Ref AW/90198152

7th June 2012

Ms Andrea Walker
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Dear Ms Walker

Re: Non-Domestic Rates, The Office, Lyme Green Park

I thank you for your letter dated 28th May 2012 advising us that Cheshire East Council is currently reviewing its discretionary rate relief policy and that from the 2013/2014 financial year, we may see a reduction in the amount of relief which we currently receive. I would like the Cabinet to consider the following comments before making their decision:

Lyme Green Settlement is a registered charity providing purpose built accommodation for severely disabled people. It was originally formed in 1946 to provide nursing care, rehabilitation and accommodation for paraplegic ex-service men and women who had sustained their injuries during conflict. Over the years, with the provision of more care in the community, the focus of the Settlement has changed. We no longer provide nursing care and in addition to ex-service personnel, we now provide accommodation for severely disabled civilians.

The office building is the focal point for the Settlement. The whole use of the building is geared to the provision of services for the disabled residents. The part-time administrator and secretary work from the building and in addition to carrying out the routine clerical work required on the Settlement, much of their time is taken up talking to residents, listening to their problems and discussing their welfare needs with them.

There is an active residents committee on the Settlement and the building is used by them on a regular basis for meetings and organised social functions.



The Wheelies Sports and Activity Club (a registered charity providing activities for the disabled) also use the office for their meetings as they find it convenient with several of their members living on the Settlement.

Once a month, a visiting clergyman/woman holds a communion service in the building, which is attended not only by residents of the Settlement but also some people who live locally.

No charges are made for any of these uses.

Cheshire East Council uses the building as a polling station at elections. A charge is made for this to cover expenses.

The building is not let out for private functions and is only ever used for community use.

Lyme Green Settlement is a private estate in the sense that, from its junction with London Road, being the closest public highway, all roads, footpaths, street lighting, foul and surface water sewers, water supply pipes and grounds are maintained by the Settlement. All these services are unadopted by the local authority or United Utilities and the cost of repairing these has to be met by the Settlement.

We are a non-profit making organisation with the aim of breaking even each year. So far we have managed to achieve this whilst keeping rent levels at around 75% of current market levels. Any increase in costs such as the loss of the discretionary rate relief has to be met by either a saving elsewhere or an increase in the rent for some of the most severely disabled people in our area.

Your letter states that under the Cheshire East policy we would not be entitled to the 20% discretionary rate relief which we currently receive. I assume, however, that we would be able to re-apply and our case would be considered along with other applications. If this is not the case, then I would strongly urge the Cabinet to reconsider before scrapping the discretionary rate relief entirely.

Yours sincerely



Roy Walker
Administrator

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Ms A Walker
Cheshire East Council
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1st June 2012

Dear Ms Walker

Ref AW/9100256

Thank you for your letter of 29th May regarding the business rates for the club. Crewe Vagrants Sports Club Ltd is a non-profit making organisation with all the income generated being reinvested in the provision of sporting facilities. It is probably the largest multisport club in Cheshire having hockey, cricket and squash as member sports and being the base for Crewe and Nantwich Rugby Club and South Cheshire Harriers and is also used by Crewe Clarion Wheelers.

The club provides considerable opportunities to local children from 7 years old upwards to join in sport and receive regular coaching, rugby and cricket in particular having large junior sections.

The social and function area provides a much used facility to local residents for parties, wedding receptions, christening parties and funerals as well as being used by several local businesses for conferences and meetings.

If the discretionary rate relief is reduced it would significantly affect our ability to maintain and certainly improve the facilities we are offering to the residents of Crewe and Nantwich.

I am away until 11th June but can be contacted on 01606 558552 during office hours after that date.

Yours sincerely,



G Hurst

Hon Chairman

31st May 2012

Ms Andrea Walker
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Climb

Children Living with
Inherited Metabolic Diseases

Dear Ms Walker

Re: Your letter AW9104946 dated 28th May 2012

Further to our telephone conversation this morning regarding the Non Domestic Rates at 176 Nantwich Road, Crewe.

We currently receive a 10% discretionary rate relief, however, your letter has advised Climb that we may no longer be entitled to this discretionary rate relief for 2013 onwards as we are a national charity.

I would to bring to your attention that Climb is a national charity that deals with families affected by rare inherited metabolic diseases and we have been established in Crewe for over 30 years. During this time we have built up an excellent drop-in and advice service which is particularly directed at families in the Cheshire area that have a member of their family suffering from a metabolic disease.

One of our specialist areas is supporting families who are making claims for Disability Living Allowance and we encourage people to drop in so that we can assist them with their claim.

As we provide such a service to the people of Cheshire we would be very disappointed if we are no longer able to be awarded the 10% discretionary rate relief that we are currently entitled to.

Yours sincerely

Supporting families, changing lives

Steve Hannigan
Executive Director

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Founded in 1981, Climb is the only charity in the UK to encompass all metabolic diseases with links to organisations and professionals throughout the world

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**National Information Centre
for Metabolic Diseases**

WALKER, Andrea

From: J Dunning [john-dunning71@sky.com]
Sent: 15 June 2012 12:41
To: BRATES EAST
Cc: Michael Chatwin
Subject: Nantwich Town Football Club - Non Domestic Rates

Dear Ms Walker,

Your letter to the Football Club - Ref AW/9109522 has just been passed to me as the newly appointed Finance Director of the club.

I appreciate that I am just outside of your reply deadline and apologise for not responding by letter.

However I would express the clubs concern about the proposed change in policy which is quite a substantial amount for an organisation of our size.

As you may know we are very much a community based club and as such have achieved FA Charter Standard Community Club status.

We are therefore concerned about how such an increase in our operating costs will impact on our ability to continue to provide the same level of community based and youth activity.

I should be pleased if you would take our comments into account when considering your revised policy.

Regards

John Dunning

Director - Finance
Nantwich Town Football Club



Royal Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals

12th June 2012
Our Ref : AB/sjp
Your Ref : AW/9101899

Non Domestic Rates Section
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By email to: brates@cheshireeast.gov.uk & Post

Dear Sir

RE: Non Domestic Rates Stapeley Grange Wildlife Hospital & Cattery

I am in receipt of your letter dated the 28th of May concerning the removal of the 10% discretionary rate relief that to date has been granted in favour of the Society and the work it undertakes in the Cheshire East area.

Although part of a National Charity the Stapeley Grange Wildlife Centre is almost unique being only one of three in the Country that is operated for the benefit of the rate payers in the local area. Without this facility the additional burden of dealing with wildlife casualties would fall on the Local Authority from whom no doubt the local population would demand a response on the grounds of the humane treatment of injured animals, the majority of which would not receive the expert attention available from the RSPCA to relieve suffering.

I would urge your Council therefore to review its policy in this instance and continue to grant the RSPCA the discretionary relief and thus lessening the demand on the Society's charitable receipts to enable it to continue injured and distressed wildlife for the benefit of residents in the Cheshire East Council District.

Yours faithfully

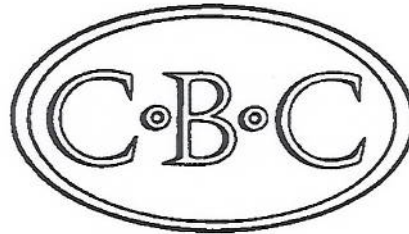
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CHESHIRE EAST COUNCIL
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Your Ref: AW/9100440

11th June 2012

Dear Ms Walker,

NON DOMESTIC RATES CREWE BOWLING CLUB

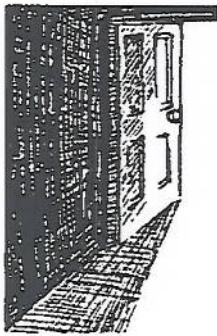
Your letter of 29th May 2012 informs us that our discretionary rate relief will be reduced from 75% to 50% from the 2013-2014 year.

We currently receive 100% Small Business Relief. If there is a change in government policy and the S.B.R. is reduced could we be considered for a retention of a 75% discretionary rate relief (or something similar) as compensation for any reduction please.

We are a non profit making bowling club and only have a small amount of income through subscriptions etc. and any additional expenditure makes it very difficult for us to manage our finances.

Yours sincerely

R.G. Lloyd (Secretary)
Contact Tel. No. 01270 501588



SURVIVE

abuse counselling

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6th June 2012

Ms Andrea Walker
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Dear Andrea,

Following our conversation today I wish to inform you that the extra 20% discretionary rate relief is vital for the continuation of the charitable business of 'Survive'.

Survive is a counselling service that has been situated in Crewe for 20 years, to the benefit of all people (over 14) who have suffered the pain and anguish of being abused in any way, (such as rape and domestic violence). It is a referral and information point for statutory bodies such as the Police and Probation Service, Psychiatrists, GP's and Social Workers. Clients are also able to self refer and are often recommended by other clients.

Survive specialises in counselling adults who disclose that they were abused during their childhood and offer 1-1 support by a fully trained counsellor for as long as the client feels it is necessary, and only asks for donations as payment.

We aim to see new clients for assessment within one week, at that point a counsellor will be allocated and would offer a full, one hour counselling session weekly, at a time suitable for the client and counsellor.

We are a non profit making counselling charity that runs totally on volunteer staff and donations.

All the counsellors are unpaid and have undertaken both counselling qualifications and have passed Survive's own in-house counselling training to be thought suitable to effectively help their clients, who are often suffering from Post Traumatic Stress Syndrome.

'Survive is the only local agency we know of in the area, that offer our level of commitment and expertise to both men and women.

We, like other charities are suffering from chronic lack of funding and to continue with this work require help and support, without this substantial rate relief Survive will have to close.

Yours faithfully

Sally Lines
Secretary to 'Survive'.

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Survive is a Member of the British Association for Counselling and abides by its Code of Ethics and practice.

SURVIVE

-abuse counselling

WE ARE HERE TO HELP

We are a voluntary organisation dedicated to helping you if you have been sexually abused. Our team of professional counsellors have specialist training and experience in working with both female and male survivors of Incest and Sexual Assault

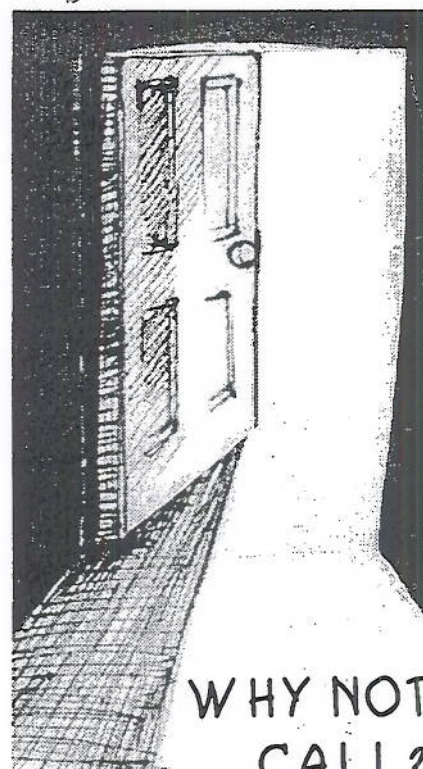
DON'T FACE IT ALONE

The pain, grief and feelings of shame that often arise as a result of sexual abuse can make it almost impossible to live life to the full

Talking to someone who understands and who will not be shocked or upset by what you say can help you feel a lot better about yourself and your life

TO US YOU ARE SOMEONE SPECIAL

- we *do* understand
- we *can* help
- we *do* have professional counsellors you can talk to in safety and confidence



WHY NOT
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CREWE 01270 253179

WALKER, Andrea

From: Debbie Britcliffe [britcliffed@ladyverdintrust.com]
Sent: 08 June 2012 11:42
To: BRATES EAST
Subject: Non Domestic Rates-Andrea Walker

Good morning,

I am writing in response to your recent correspondence concerning the above and letter reference AW/9102778. As a registered charity providing support to adults with learning disabilities we have been very grateful to receive a substantial amount of relief on our business rates for our office premises. The loss of such relief could result in our increase of charges being passed onto our venerable client group, which would be unfortunate. We have worked alongside the council for many years and would like to see our close working relationship grow every stronger for the years to come with the support for our charity growing further.

I look forward to hearing your decision for the future of this matter in due course.

Regards,
Debbie Britcliffe MAAT,

*Director of Finance
The Lady Verdin Trust Limited*

11/12
Registered Charity No. 1108111



Supporting Windyway Animal Rescue Centre, Buxton Old Road, Macclesfield

136 Macclesfield Old Road
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1st August 2012

FAO Andrea Walker
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Dear M/s Walker

Ref: WINDYWAY TRUST -Non Domestic Rates – Discretionary Rate Relief

73 Chestergate, Macclesfield, Cheshire SK11 6DG

With reference to your letters dated 26th March and 28th May I would like to request our charity is considered for continuation of the Discretionary Rate Relief we now receive.

We are a Cheshire based charity; the rescue kennels we support are in Macclesfield; our charity shop is on Chestergate in Macclesfield and the majority of our donations (monetary and goods) come from the good people of Cheshire; also the majority of the animals we rescue and rehome are within the Cheshire area. The registered address for our Charity on the Charity Commission's register of charities is 159 Whirley Road, Macclesfield, Cheshire, which is the home of our secretary.

Whilst the Charity Commission's website does state we cover other areas i.e. Derbyshire, Greater Manchester and Staffordshire, we do not discriminate against any animal needing rescue or against a potential new home for animals in our care.

www.windyway.org

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Registered Charity No. 1108111

Therefore should an animal from any of these other areas need rescue and care it is not turned away; also should someone from these other areas be willing to give an animal a good a loving home we certainly do not refuse them.

We are a well established charity and extremely well supported within the Macclesfield area.

Our charity shop is very busy with many customers who visit us on a daily basis and I think in these days of austerity we provide a very good service to our Macclesfield customers. If we were to lose any benefit it would severely impact on our charitable work.

We sincerely hope the Cheshire East Cabinet will take these factors into consideration when determining our rate relief status.

Yours sincerely



Jackie Marriott
Treasurer

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