



## GRANT APPLICATION FORM

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<b>Is the Organisation a Registered Charity?</b>	Yes	√	No	
<b>If yes, please provide Charity Number</b>	281362			
<b>Amount of grant requested £</b>	£350			

<b>What is the nature of your organisation's activity?</b>
<p>St Catherine's is your local hospice with a <b>big ambition</b>: to help everyone living with a terminal illness to face death informed, supported and pain free. Whilst many of our patients (62%) have cancer as their primary diagnosis, we care for people affected by life limiting conditions including motor neurone disease, heart disease, chronic pulmonary conditions and dementia.</p> <p>Rated 'outstanding' by the Care Quality Commission (CQC) St Catherine's has been providing expert palliative and end of life care to adults and supporting their loved ones in the diverse communities we serve in our catchment areas of West Sussex and East Surrey, including the Cuckfield Parish Council area, for over 40 years.</p> <p>In December 2023, following full endorsement from the CQC we moved from our original site on Malthouse Road in Crawley to our new, bigger, state-of-the art hospice at Pease Pottage, enabling us to enhance our care and gradually upscale to meet the needs of our community.</p> <p>We also provide specialist education and training and collaborate with the wider health and social care system, to pioneer standards in palliative care and bereavement support.</p>

**What are the aims and objectives of your organisation?**

**St Catherine’s charitable aims and objectives are:**

- To advance research and education in palliative care and end of life care.
- To relieve suffering, provide comfort and improve quality of life for people with progressive life-limiting illness.
- To relieve the suffering of people facing or experiencing bereavement by the provision of counselling.

Our specialist services, which are free at the point of access for those in the community we serve, include:

1. Symptom management, pain relief and end of life care on our new Meadow Ward, in people’s own homes, local care homes and hospitals.
2. Wellbeing services including social work, therapies, welfare advice, spiritual care and bereavement care, including counselling.
3. Specialist medical advice and support, 24/7 through our telephone service for patients, their families and our health and social care colleagues.

Our vision is a world where everyone can face death informed, supported and pain free.

*“St Catherine’s have helped me make the most of however long I have left. They shine a light into the darkness and help make my life – because I am still living – better.” Fran*

<b>When was your organisation formed?</b>	We were registered as a charity on the 02 November 1980		
<b>Has it operated previously under another name?</b>	Yes		No ✓
<b>If so, when did the change take place?</b>			
<b>Is your organisation part of, or affiliated to, a national organisation?</b>	Yes		No ✓
<b>If yes, please provide details</b>			
<b>What is the catchment area of your organisation?</b>	West Sussex and East Surrey, including Cuckfield Parish Council		
<b>How many members belong to your organisation?</b>	n/a		
<b>Cuckfield Residents</b>	n/a	<b>Non Cuckfield Residents</b>	n/a

<p><b>If your organisation is not membership based, please give details of the number of people you work with/provide services for and how many are resident within Cuckfield</b></p>	<p>Last year St Catherine's</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Cared for <b>2,150</b> patients and families in the community with <b>246</b> on our wards</li> <li>• Provided <b>3,902</b> days of inpatient care, with an average bed occupancy level of <b>87%</b> and an average length of stay of <b>11</b> days</li> <li>• Made <b>2,891</b> visits to peoples' homes supporting them in practical care</li> <li>• Community teams made <b>3,147</b> home visits and <b>26,378</b> telephones calls to patients, carers and professionals to support care at home</li> <li>• Provided <b>2044</b> one-to-one counselling sessions</li> </ul> <p>Over 790 volunteers from the community support the work we do, including 4 currently from the Cuckfield area.</p> <p>In the Cuckfield postcode areas of RH16 and RH17 we treated an average of 23 patients in the community per year, plus their careers and loved ones, over the last 3 years.</p>
<p><b>Briefly describe the project or purpose for which you require a grant</b></p>	<p>We are seeking a contribution of £350 from Cuckfield Parish Council towards our core costs, that will help ensure:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Local residents facing death and dying on our ward, in their own homes and in local care homes get the expert medical care and emotional support the need</li> <li>• Regular visits are made to patients at home (c. 80% of patients), to monitor and review their medication, care for wounds and provide advice on managing pain and other symptoms</li> <li>• Carers feel supported, reassured and better able to cope with the demands of caring for their loved ones</li> <li>• Patients receive help with their personal needs, such as washing and dressing, when this becomes difficult to manage alone</li> <li>• Wellbeing support is provided to help people have as good a quality of life possible in the time they have remaining.</li> <li>• Welfare advice is provided to ease financial anxieties that patients and families face in a cost of living crisis</li> <li>• Bereavement support is available to those grieving the loss of a loved one</li> </ul> <p>We rely upon the continuing generosity of our supporters and the local community to raise the funds required to deliver our vital end of life services and with</p>

an ageing and growing population, demand for our services will only continue to increase.

*“People always imagine that no one can take care of you like your family. But honestly, I think St Catherine’s can, and they did. They did everything possible, and I couldn’t have asked for anyone better to take care of my gran.” Aneesha*

**How will this project benefit the community or residents of Cuckfield?**

Our services are open to anyone with a terminal diagnosis, subject to demand. With your support, local people in Cuckfield facing the end of life will be able to spend their final days as pain free, dignified, and comfortable as possible.

Patients will receive outstanding care in the comfort of their own home or in a patient suite at our new hospice, where they have their own bathroom, direct access to a secluded garden area and plenty of space for loved ones to stay.

Families and carers will also feel supported, reassured, and better able to cope with the demands of caring for their loved one.

*“I was quite overcome when I arrived, it’s an honour to be the first patient here. The room is so lovely and spacious and I love being able to look out into the garden. It’s really beautiful and very comfortable too.” Peter*

<b>Is your organisation VAT registered?</b>	Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	No	<input type="checkbox"/>
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<b>If Yes please write in your VAT number</b>	210944925
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<b>When do you intend to start the project?</b>	01 April 2024
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<b>Completion Date</b>	31 March 2025
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<b>Have you previously received, or applied for, a grant from Cuckfield Parish Council?</b>	Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	No	<input type="checkbox"/>
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<b>If YES, please give details of amount(s) and year(s)</b>	£235 in 2019 £100 in 2018 £100 in 2017 £100 in 2016
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**Please add any further information in support of your application (additional literature, leaflets or recent annual reports may be enclosed with the application)**

A copy our Annual Report is attached to this application.

**Declaration**

I declare that I have read and accept the conditions of the grant and that I have answered all questions fully and truthfully. I also declare that any grant made will be used solely for the purposes outlined in this application. I understand that Cuckfield Parish Council reserves the right to reclaim the grant in the event of it not being used for the purpose specified.

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