

## Grants and Donations Policy

Grants and donations are made by the Goring Gap News Association under the relevant Objects of the Association. Currently these are:

1. To establish or support any charitable or benevolent associations or institutions.
2. To co-operate with or become a member of and afford financial or other assistance to any associations or bodies whose purposes or objects are similar to the objects of this Association.
3. To afford financial assistance at the discretion of the Management Committee to any person under the age of 25 years who has resided in Goring or Streatley for at least two years within the past five years and who is to give voluntary service with an aid or charitable organisation either in this country or abroad, or is to undertake study, training or an activity of special merit.

Although these are sufficiently wide ranging to cover the awards made by the Committee in the past, they do not provide specific guidance. The purpose of this note is to propose more detailed guidance to the Management Committee. It is determined that:

- a) Generally awards will be limited to non-commercial organisations that serve Goring and Streatley. For this purpose Goring and Streatley is defined as encompassing those households and businesses that are on the delivery lists for the Goring Gap News magazine.
- b) Individuals will not normally be eligible for an award other than under item 3 above.
- c) Applicants should:
  - demonstrate genuine need
  - offer a service or improvement in service for the community
  - not expect recurring funding
  - demonstrate that there is no other more obvious source of funding
  - agree to submit an article (c350 words) and photographs if appropriate on the completion of the project for possible publication in the GGN.
- d) Applications where a GGN Award will allow something to get started or help to trigger other funding will be favoured.
- e) Awards up to but not generally exceeding £5,000 will be considered.

- f) The GGN Award will not be actively promoted but an article reviewing the Awards made in the past year will be published in the January edition of the magazine, and the website will contain information about how to apply.
- g) Communication about awards will be to and by the Chairman of the Association.
- h) Discretionary awards of up to £250 maximum may be approved by the Chairman and Hon Treasurer acting together.
- i) Otherwise the Chairman will make recommendations about Awards for consideration by the Management Committee at their ordinary regular meetings.
- j) No awards should be authorised that might compromise the impartiality of the Goring Gap News which should continue to maintain an apolitical and even handed approach to all issues.

**The Committee of the GGN Association are responsible for this statement which relates solely to the GGN Association and its Management Committee. They reserve the right to amend it at any time and undertake to review it annually.**

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