

About the Greenwich Charity of William Hatcliffe and the Misses Smith

We are a charity founded in the late 1600's by William Hatcliffe. In the 1800's the Misses Smith added their own bequest to the charity. Their money was used to build homes and shops in East Greenwich, and the proceeds of renting out these buildings are used to support elderly people in the area.

As a charity we have to stay within the terms of the bequests which means following some rules.

The recipient of the grant must be 55+ years old, live in their own homes (not in a care home) and reside within the catchment area of the Charity's remit (basically inside the Borough of Greenwich).

Applications may be made by one person on someone else's behalf, provided the person benefiting from the money is 55 or over, and lives in the locality.

Grants are not means tested but we need to ask for a basic financial disclosure.

Applicants are expected to make a contribution of at least 10% of the value of the item being paid for.

Applications will be considered for amounts of £50-£500. Grants are made on a one-off basis.

We will not undertake to pay continuing or repeat costs such as for services (e.g. cleaning, gardening, caring) or for Internet connections, subscriptions etc.

We are happy to contribute our grant to large or expensive items along with other individuals, associations or grant making bodies. If an applicant wants to buy something for, say, £3,000, we will happily contribute £500, provided the applicant provides £300 themselves, and the remaining £2,200 can come from other sources.

We are unable to make grants for items provided by local or central government. To ensure we fulfil this, we may ask for a copy of the applicant's social services needs assessment.



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Need a little help...

..and over 55?



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Are the things you do every day a little more difficult these days?



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Getting older and retaining your independence in your home, and your enjoyment of life, can be a struggle sometimes.

Maybe we can help you

We are Help at Home - one of the Greenwich Charities of William Hatcliffe and the Misses Smith (Registered Charity No. 227721). We want to assist older people living independently in Greenwich to continue to do so with dignity and comfort. This leaflet tells you about us and what we do.

Who do we help?

We can make grants to people aged 55 and older, and who live South of the River Thames within a 5 mile radius of East Greenwich (basically, inside the London Borough of Greenwich).

How we can help?

We are able to make small one-off grants to assist you in retaining a measure of your independence and remaining in your own home in comfort. This could be in any number of ways...

Mr P is in his 60's disabled and living on his own. He finds it difficult to get about. When his washing machine broke his daughter had to travel from her home by bus to pick up his laundry and bring it back to her house to wash

and then return it to him clean once again by public transport. He made a successful application for a grant to buy a new washer and is much happier now that his life has returned to a manageable norm.

What can we do?

We can make grants of up to £500 for single, one-off items which will help people to continue to live in their own homes. People are expected to contribute part (at least 10%) of the cost of any item themselves. We will make payments towards very expensive items, but our contribution will not exceed £500.

What can't we do?

We cannot make repeated or recurrent payments for services over a long period. We cannot pay for anything that local or central government agencies are supposed to provide.

How do I apply?

