**Cox’s Charity – information for applicants**

Thanks to a generous gift, left to the vicar and churchwardens of Street by George Frost in 1865, the Cox’s Charity (registered charity number 240491) is able to offer help for residents of Street who are in ‘temporary distress’.

Please read the information below carefully as we regret that we cannot consider applications that fall outside these guidelines.

**What we can support**

Urgent or temporary needs of individuals or families who are resident within the parish of Street. These may include, but are not limited to:

1. Support for holidays for families or carers, who would not otherwise be able to get away.
2. Support towards the repair or replacement of domestic appliances, furniture, furnishings, school uniform or other essential household items.
3. Support towards the supply of adaptive aids and other equipment for the elderly or registered disabled to allow them to remain in their own homes.
4. Support towards one off travel costs required for compassionate or medical reasons.

**What we cannot support**

Organisations of any kind or individuals / families who live outside the parish of Street.

Repeat funding relating to items or situations where we have previously offered support.

Anything that should be the responsibility of statutory authorities.

**Other things to be aware of when applying**

Although urgent requests will sometimes be necessary and can be dealt with quickly in exceptional circumstances, we prefer some notice of needs.

Applications should be completed by a local ‘agent ‘on behalf of the applicant and only submitted on our application form. Agents include the Citizens Advice Bureau, local church leaders, Somersr village and Community Agents. Requests sent by other means will be returned and an application form requested.

We do not usually distribute cash directly to applicants.

We may request further information and / or ask to visit the applicant to help us to make our decision.

Our funds are limited and most of our grants are for less than £200. We are unlikely to be able to make larger grants and applicants may also need to seek alternative sources of funding for more substantial needs.

For larger requests, we would expect to see evidence of attempts made or planned to secure funding from other sources, contributions where possible from applicants themselves and clear descriptions of the statutory sources of support that have already been explored. In these circumstances we may approve a grant ‘in principle’, subject to the rest of the funds being raised. We would then release the grant once evidence is provided that the rest of the funding is secured.