



CHARITABLE OBJECTIVES

The primary purpose of WightAid is to provide funding to charities, groups and organisations which aim to improve the lives of people who are living on the Isle of Wight.

More specifically, WightAid shall support underfunded charities, projects and good causes across the Isle of Wight that help those in need especially the vulnerable, disadvantaged and disabled, play a fuller role in society.

The following is a list of causes and organisations that may be supported by WightAid:

SOCIAL AND COMMUNITY NEEDS

A wide range of activities are supported and the following are meant as a guide only;

- Charities that support and work in the arenas of: Young people at risk; crime prevention; promotion of volunteering; victim support; mediation; rehabilitation of offenders.
- Family centres, youth clubs, older people's clubs, after schools clubs, self-help groups, childcare provision (where no other provision is available) preschools and playgroups.
- Charities that offer advice regarding: Homelessness, addictions, bereavement, family guidance, money advice, helplines and suicide awareness.
- Charities that work to improve access and skills development in the arts and national heritage for disadvantaged people and those with special needs
- Charities that provide accredited, vocational or personal development training opportunities for disadvantaged people and those with special needs;
- Charities that work with people with special needs, providing: Residences; day centres; transport; carers; information and advice, and advocacy.
- Charities and Projects which help disadvantaged people develop their potential and secure employment.
- Charities and Projects that promote life skills and independent living skills for people with special needs.
- Charities that support people in poverty or at risk of poverty, involved with the provision of items such as furniture, heating appliances, washing machines and fridges, services such as essential house decorating, insulation and repairs.

The advancement of health or the saving of lives

- Charities that provide conventional, complementary, alternative or holistic medical treatment, care and healing. Hospitals, healing centres and groups supporting their work or associated with them, e.g. Friends of St Mary's
- Charities that provide comforts, items, services and facilities for people who are sick, convalescent, disabled or infirm, e.g. Hospital Radio
- Charities that promote activities that have a proven beneficial effect on health

- Charities that provide rescue services - lifeboats, fire, ambulance, air ambulance and first aid services, or which assist the work of the police and rescue services for example by providing emergency radio communication at local disasters
- Charities set up to assist the victims of natural disasters or war
- Charities that provide health information and advice, mental health, hospices, day care, home nursing, independent living for older people.

The advancement of citizenship or community development

- The promotion of civic responsibility and good citizenship, such as good citizenship award schemes provided by Scout and Guide groups etc.
- The promotion of volunteering
- Charities concerned with social investment

The advancement of culture, traditions and heritage

- Local history or archaeology societies
- Charities that preserve ancient sites or buildings
- Charities that preserve a specified monument, building or complex of historic/architectural importance, or the preservation of historic buildings in general, such as building preservation trusts
- The preservation of historical traditions, such as carnivals, country or folk dancing

The advancement of amateur sport for Young and disabled People

- Charities advancing youth sport at a local club, e.g. local football, rugby, tennis clubs etc.
- Other organisations concerned with the promotion of a particular amateur sport or game that has specific emphasis on youth development or people with a disability.

The advancement of environmental protection or improvement

- Charities concerned with the conservation of flora, fauna or the environment generally
- Charities concerned with conservation of a particular geographical area within the Isle of Wight
- Charities concerned with conservation of a particular species

The relief of those in need, by reason of youth, age, ill health, disability, financial hardship or other disadvantage

- Charities concerned with the care, upbringing or establishment in life of children or young people
- Charities concerned with the relief of the effects of old age, such as those providing specialist advice, equipment or accommodation, drop-in centres, etc.
- Charities concerned with the relief of disability, such as those providing specialist advice, equipment or accommodation or providing access for disabled people, etc.

Any other charitable purpose

- The provision of facilities for recreation and other leisure-time occupation in the interests of social welfare with the object of improving the conditions of life for the persons for whom they are intended.
- The promotion of certain patriotic purposes such as war memorials
- The social relief, resettlement and rehabilitation of persons under a disability or deprivation (including disaster funds)