

Parish Clerk
Cocking Parish Council
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West Sussex
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Dear Cocking Parish Council

I am writing to the Council today to request a grant of £300 to help Air Ambulance Charity Kent Surrey Sussex (KSS) continue to be there for those most in need.

Last year was the busiest year in our 34-year history. We attended 3,224 missions, and treated 1,928 patients, that's 5 people per day - of which 331 were in west Sussex.

An increase in missions simply means it costs more to run our life-saving service and, like everyone, we have faced escalating costs. As an example, rising costs of aviation fuel has had a real impact. At the start of 2022, we were budgeting 85p per litre, this year we are expecting to spend £1.13 per litre for this vital resource, meaning fuel for an average mission now costs the charity around £300. A grant of this amount could help fund fuel for one mission and provide us with the chance to be there for a critically ill or injured person in the future - like Charlie.



"Without KSS and the team at King's College Hospital, he wouldn't be here."

Lauren, Charlie's mum.

When only 8 years old, Charlie was hit by a car whilst playing in front of his home, suffering a severe head injury and broken pelvis. We were dispatched and our expert crew provided life-saving care to Charlie on scene that is usually only performed in a hospital environment, before airlifting him to Kings College Hospital in 17 minutes where his treatment continued. I'm pleased to report that Charlie has made a fantastic recovery and was back at school just a year later.

It currently costs £45,000 a day to run our service with 87% donated and raised by our community, so your support really will make a difference and ensure that we can be there for anyone across our region, including those living within your parish.

Thank you for your consideration - I hope to hear from you soon.

Yours faithfully

Nick Turrell
Community Fundraising Manager