

Tichborne Parish Council. Grant Application Form 2024-25

You may use a continuation sheet if necessary.

Name of organisation making the application: Citizens Advice Winchester District	
Name of person to whom correspondence should be addressed: Dr Sue Campbell	Address for correspondence: City Offices, Colebrook Street, Winchester Post Code: SO23 9LJ
Payee name: Winchester District Citizens Advice Bureau	Daytime Tel: 01962 848003

Details of the organisation ie what does it do We're an independent local charity that provides free, impartial advice to people that live or work in Winchester District. Our advice helps local people to overcome their problems, uphold their rights and create a fairer society.	Amount of Grant applied for: £325
What is the Grant for and who will benefit? (Give details of the project)	
<p>We'd like to ask Tichborne Parish Council for a grant to help us to deliver specialist benefits advice to our service-users.</p> <p>The cost-of-living crisis has had a significant impact on people living in Winchester District, and we've seen a growing number of people who are struggling financially.</p> <p>Our trained advisers can help improve an individual's financial security by finding ways to make savings on their outgoing costs, and exploring options to maximise their income. One of the most common ways to help people maximise their income is to make sure they're getting all the benefits and tax credits that they're entitled to.</p> <p>As a result, benefits advice is the most common advice issue that we currently support people with. In fact, over a third of all service-users that we helped in 2023 needed advice or support with benefits. More importantly, as a result of this advice we helped to generate over £1.7 million in income gain for these people.</p> <p>Benefits are designed to support people who are on low incomes, out of work or need extra support because of an illness, disability or caring responsibilities. But understanding and navigating the benefits system can be extremely complex, especially when you're already coping with other ongoing challenges and issues.</p> <p>Our skilled volunteer advisers can help people to unravel the complexities of the</p>	

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benefits system, making sure people who desperately need this support are accessing what's available to them and challenging unfair decisions.

For our volunteers to be able to deliver accurate, high quality benefits advice to people, they need:

- regular refresher training (rules and regulations within benefits change frequently)
- access to high-quality, comprehensive benefits calculation software
- online reference materials and benefit guidelines
- support from an experienced internal supervisor and an external specialist agency
- Good quality, functioning IT equipment, software and phone system

Each of these elements comes at a price and we'd like to raise £16,000 from our local Parish Councils in 2024/25 to go towards the costs of delivering a comprehensive, high-quality benefits advice service.

To give you an idea of how many of your parishioners might benefit from this service: - over the last twelve months our advice team have supported six households from Tichborne with 19 different advice issues.

Have you applied to any other body for a grant towards this project? (If yes, please give details)

We're approaching all the local parish councils to help us support this project and the remaining costs will be covered by a grant from Winchester City Council.

How else do you raise income? (Give details of subscriptions, fund-raising, contributions "in kind" etc)

The majority of our income comes from local funders such as Winchester City Council, local Parish Councils, and other local grant givers. We've also successfully secured some project specific funding from national grant givers such as National Lottery.

What age groups do you cater for?

We cater for all age groups

Total Membership:

We are not a membership organisation

Are you a registered charity, if yes please provide your number?

Yes. 1144965

Signature of Responsible Adult (eg Chairman, President, Leader)

Sue Campbell Chief Executive

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You must attach the following to your application:

Copy of: Last year's accounts, Minutes of your last AGM, current Constitution or Rules.