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Dear Sharon,

Supporting Age UK Nottingham and Nottinghamshire to deliver our Information and Advice Service

Age UK Nottingham and Nottinghamshire is a local independent charity supporting older people in our city and county. We are a brand partner of the national Age UK charity and have been delivering services for vulnerable older people in Nottinghamshire communities for over 70 years.

One of our most successful services is our Information and Advice Service. Last year we helped older people in Nottingham and Nottinghamshire claim over **2.5 million pounds** of unclaimed benefits through our service, which is delivered free of charge by Information and Advice Officers visiting older people in their own homes, often in isolated rural locations, offering information and advice on a range of topics, from Welfare Benefits to Health and Social Care.

Our Information and Advice Service costs approximately **£186,000** per year to run and we receive approx. £80,000 from grants and donations per year. Therefore, we have a shortfall of approx. £106,000 each year which comes out of our reserves which are built up from our Trading Companies donating profits, fundraising activities and from our two shops. However, this is becoming very challenging with income from these sources reducing by 47% over the last few years and therefore our main goal is to proactively look at how we can raise money to continue running the service at current levels.

In order to do this, we need to raise **£106,000** and we are writing to all Parish Councils in Nottingham and Nottinghamshire to ask if you would donate money towards this figure.

Section 137 of the Local Government Act gives a Parish Council the power to provide funds to support a service which benefits some or all of the parishioners and

Section 142 of the same Act allows a Parish Council to assist organisations who provide individuals with information and advice on their rights and obligations.

We believe that through our Information and Advice team delivering services within your area, we do provide benefit and support for local older people and therefore any financial contribution would be helpful as we look to raise the money to maintain our delivery of this valuable service.

It costs us a minimum of **£65** to fund one visit to an older person from one of our Information and Advice Officers and any help you could give would support this work to continue.

Thank you for considering this opportunity to support a local charity and contributing to our success in supporting older people and ensuring we can keep this valuable service going. If you want more information about our charity, please visit our website <https://www.ageuk.org.uk/notts/> or email getinvolved@ageuknotts.org.uk

Yours sincerely,



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