

Community Chest Grant				
Reference	WQBGMHWS			
Name of Organisation	CB Mobility Support			
Role of Applicant	Committee Member			
Organisation Type	Community Group			
CCVS Registered	No			
Parish	Cambridge area and surrounding district. This is based on experience of coverage by the previous Red Cross Office.			
Landowner	Shelford Rugby Club			
Project Type	Startup costs			
Green option considered?	Second hand storage container is being used			
Documentation Status	Safeguarding	Yes	Accounts	No
	Quote	Yes	Constitution	Yes
District Councillor Support	N/A District-wide service			
Does the Parish Council Support this Project?	Yes			
Have the Parish Council supported the group financially previously? If yes when, what did the group purchase and how much?	No as District-wide support being provided			
Officer Summary				
<p>Due to finances, The British Red Cross Mobility Aids service have made a decision to close down their depots around the country and move to an online system for wheelchairs only. As a result, other mobility aids equipment such as rollators, walking sticks and toilet equipment will no longer be supplied to clients. The British Red Cross Cambridge branch on Newmarket Road closed in August 2024. Prior to closure it was open four days a week, would receive approximately 30/40 enquiries a week including calls from Addenbrookes hospital requesting equipment before discharging patients.</p> <p>The four volunteers that ran the recently closed Cambridge British Red Cross office are in the process of setting up 'CB Mobility Support' to replace the service lost in Cambridge. The new service, which will run from Shelford Rugby Club, will keep the same coverage as before- Cambridge, South Cambridgeshire, Newmarket, Bury St Edmunds, Royston, St. Neots, Ramsey and Huntingdon. Two of the four volunteers have already been trained to service/safety check equipment and The British Red Cross have also let them keep most of the tools required.</p>				

Cambridge City Council have offered the group a free 20x8 ft shipping container for equipment storage. This will be located at Shelford Rugby club and the Club will also provide the volunteers with use of an office near the proposed site for the container.

Equipment will be rented out / provided at a small charge. For example, clients will be charged £30-40 for a Rollator and toilet seats will be rented out at £10 /week. Clients will be asked to return equipment when no longer needed. Advertising of the service will be via leaflets, a website (once created) and Cambridge Radio. An article has also recently been published in the Cambridge independent newspaper. It is anticipated that 20 to 30 enquiries will be received per week. Income is estimated to be £400/month initially, rising to £1,000/month after 6 months of radio, press and leaflet publicity and £1,500/month thereafter.

CB Mobility Support differs to other providers such as the NHS and NRS Healthcare:

- NHS-does not provide short-term use items and equipment cannot be returned
- NRS Healthcare- this is a business, not a not-for-profit organisation



Estimated Budget:

- Rent- £200/month based on opening 2 days a week initially
- Insurance- £42/month
- Mobile Phone and card machine- £20/month
- Stationery- £10/month
- Publicity and website costs-£50/month
- Storage of equipment-£4,635:
 - Transport of Container to new location--£495
 - Providing an 8m x 3m concrete base and ramp for the storage container-£3,450
 - Painting of Container- £690

£2,000 has been requested from the Community Chest towards the costs needed for the concrete base. This will require a lot of work to ensure the base is secure and will involve digging out a soil bank for an area of approximately 200 square feet, laying hardcore, laying a suitable concrete layer and ramp - all above possible water damage level. To cover the shortfall, a £2,000 startup cost loan will

be applied for, and applications made to other grant providers. No application has been made to Cambridge City Council as their Community Grants are only for activities.

Total Project Cost:	~£7,000	Total Applied For:	£2,000
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Community Chest Grant				
Reference	SVZNCDPQ			
Name of Organisation	Marleigh Residents Association			
Role of Applicant	Treasurer			
Organisation Type	Community Group			
CCVS Registered	No			
Parish	Fen Ditton			
Landowner	N/A			
Project Type	Startup costs			
Green option considered?	Digital communication will take place where possible to avoid unnecessary printing. Consideration will be given to the ecological impact of any suppliers used and they will aim to minimise waste at any events.			
Documentation Status	Safeguarding	No	Accounts	N/A
	Quote	Yes	Constitution	Yes
District Councillor Support	Yes- Cllr Graham Cone (waiting to hear from Cllr Carla Hofman)			
Does the Parish Council Support this Project?	Yes			
Have the Parish Council supported the group financially previously? If yes when, what did the group purchase and how much?	Discussions are currently underway regarding match funding but a decision will not be made until the Parish Council's November meeting.			
Officer Summary				

Marleigh Residents Association is a newly formed (September 2024), community-run Residents Association. The group, which consists of around 50 formally registered members and several hundred informal members, are looking to build a strong, vibrant community in the new-build Marleigh development.

As part of their work, any concerns from Marleigh residents will be sourced and communicated back to the relevant stakeholders- which include the estate management organisations (Hill, Land Trust).

Participation and the joining of the Committee has been publicised to all residents to ensure that all are aware of the work being done by the Residents Association. Like-wise, any events run will also be open to all residents in the local community.

Funding of £2,000 has been requested from the Community Chest to support the general start-up costs of the Residents Association, including hall hire, leaflet printing, website hosting and software and service licenses. These costs are estimated to be around £500 per year and funding from the Community Chest would sustain the group for multiple years, and potentially help them fund more projects (examples include social events and space improvements).

- **Venue Hire of Marleigh Community Centre- £105** (includes a resident discount of £5/first hour, £8/subsequent hour). Below costings are based on 3 hour meetings:
 - AGM x 1- £21
 - Committee meetings x 4- £84
- **Leaflet Printing- £250** (avoiding paper communications where possible, but ensuring critical information reaches all residents):
 - First AGM notification- £100
 - Noticeboard flyers x 4- £20
 - Second AGM notification- £130
- **Web Hosting- £150** (rough estimate, may be cheaper for a very basic site)

Discussions are currently underway with the Parish Council regarding match funding:

Fen Ditton Parish Council:

We are pleased to inform you that your request has been positively received, however the final decision will be taken in the next council meeting.

In the meantime we would like to have a pre-meeting before the November's council meeting to discuss in more detail, please let us know your availability.

No other funding has been sought.

Digital communication will take place where possible to avoid unnecessary printing. Consideration will be given to the ecological impact of any suppliers used (e.g. at event venues, web hosting), and they will aim to minimise waste at any events.

Cllr Graham Cone:

As District Councillor for the Fen Ditton and Fulbourn ward, I support this application. It is my view that this money would help establish the Residents Association which in turn will have a big impact on the community of Marleigh. I am always happy to champion locally driven community input and engagement which is what this grant would achieve in my view.

Total Project Cost:	£2,000	Total Applied For:	£2,000
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Community Chest Grant				
Reference	KMTTJRRV			
Name of Organisation	A M Challis Trust Limited			
Role of Applicant	Trustee and Deputy Archivist			
Organisation Type	Charity-1135860			
CCVS Registered	No			
Parish	Sawston and surrounding villages			
Landowner	Own or have a long-term lease on the venue			
Project Type	Improvements to community buildings and spaces			
Green option considered?	Recycled timber to house the map will be provided by the RNIB.			
Documentation Status	Safeguarding	Yes	Accounts	Yes
	Quote	Yes	Constitution	Yes
District Councillor Support	Yes- Cllr Brian Milnes			
Does the Parish Council Support this Project?	Yes			
Have the Parish Council supported the group financially previously? If yes when, what did the group purchase and how much?	Yes- £500			
Officer Summary				

Mary Challis was a local resident of Sawston and when she died in 2006 her house and garden were left in Trust for people of Sawston to enjoy. The [A M Challis Trust Limited](#) (informally known as the Challis Trust), was subsequently set up and is a registered charity with a board of 8 trustees who meet once a month.

The Challis Garden is a traditional cottage garden, tended by volunteers. It seeks to offer a sustainable refuge for local fauna and wildlife with mature trees, flowers, shrubs and perennials, a wildflower meadow, winding secret paths, woodland, beehives, an orchard, a pond with a viewing platform, benches, and a summerhouse. The 2-acre garden is free to enter and open 4 days a week to the public. The garden, along with four other gardens in Sawston, opened for the National Garden Scheme (NGS) in July. The event attracted close to 200 visitors raising £1,300 for the NGS who raise funds to support several caring and nursing charities, including Marie Curie, Macmillan Cancer Support, Hospice UK, Carers Trust, The Queen's Nursing Institute and Parkinson's UK.

The house is open to the public during special events and during museum opening times, which vary depending on what volunteers are available to steward. Private Group visits to the house and garden at times other than opening times can be arranged.

Each year the Trust run a series of Saturday workshops for children. Fund-raising events take place in May and July and a Horticultural Show takes place in the autumn. The garden is also visited by many groups and charities including Sawston Youth Groups, schools and art groups. Several disability groups regularly visit including Camsight and Cambridge Rare Diseases Network.

In recent years, the Trust have made improvements in disability access to improve the visitor experience for those with mobility issues. Currently, funds are being raised for a Royal National Institute of Blind People (RNIB) Map. This will be specifically designed for the garden will assist people of all ages and abilities with sight loss and can be read by sight, by touch or a combination of both.

Example of a RNIB map:



Total costs for the RNIB map are £5,217 (including VAT) and £2,000 has been requested from the Community Chest:

- Artwork preparation, design and proofreading of Map- £626.75 +VAT
- Manufacture of Map- £3,570.75 +VAT
- Estimate delivery costs- £150.00 +VAT

Funding has also been provided by:

- Sawston Parish Council- £500
- Redrow Homes-£250
- Sawston Discount Food, Drink and Household Goods- £2,000

The applicant has provided assurance that the £467 shortfall can be covered through local fundraising and/or through a self-funded donation.

The acrylic map will be approximately 150 x 60 cm long and will include logos of all sponsors. Recycled timber will be used to house the map.

Cllr Brian Milnes:

I'm more than happy to support your Community Chest bid, and wish you well with it. The Mary Challis bequest and the work the volunteers have done with the property and gardens is something you should be very proud of. I'd be pleased to have an updated visit, I'm afraid I largely enjoy the concerts/events from my own garden which is almost next door!

Total Project Cost:	£5,217	Total Applied For:	£2,000
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