

Thurston Parish Council

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APPLICATION FOR A GRANT

*Before competing this form, please read carefully the attached document entitled Thurston Grant Awarding Policy. Copies of the form together with the **latest copy of examined accounts** must be submitted along with any supporting documentation requested.*

General information for applicants

It is Thurston Parish Council's intention (subject to budget restrictions and available resources) to support initiatives from local community groups and organisations. Priority will be given to applicants who have not previously received grants from Thurston Parish Council. The size of any grant awarded is at the discretion of the Parish Council but will not exceed £500 in any one application.

If you have any queries on the completion of this form please contact the Parish Clerk, Thurston Parish Council, New Green Centre, Thurston, IP31 3TG. Email: clerk@thurstonparishcouncil.gov.uk

DETAILS OF YOUR ORGANISATION

Name of Organisation: Citizens Advice Mid Suffolk

Address: Milton House, 5 Milton Road South, Stowmarket IP14 1EZ

Contact Telephone No: 01449 742478

Email: manager@midsuffolkcab.org.uk

Registered Charity No: 1107152

If you are part of a larger organisation, enter its name: We are an independent

Charity who are members of the national Citizens Advice network.

Principal aims and objectives: We provide free, confidential, independent and impartial

advice face to face, on the telephone and online. Our goal is to help everyone find a way

forward, whatever problem they face.

DETAILS OF GRANT REQUESTED

Explain your need for a grant with the likely number of beneficiaries, their age profiles and their location

Over the past year, Citizens Advice Mid Suffolk has continued to provide essential services to residents of Thurston, focusing on key issues including debt, financial capability, energy, employment, housing, benefits, consumer rights, legal matters, family concerns, health, and education. In light of the ongoing cost of living crisis, these services have become increasingly vital.

Citizens Advice Mid Suffolk deliver support through various channels. Telephone consultations, email assistance, and face-to-face meetings. This multi-channel approach ensures accessibility for all community members, regardless of circumstances.

The provision of free, independent advice is designed to help parishioners address their issues before they escalate into crises. Our goal is to empower parishioners with the necessary tools and knowledge to improve their situation.

We will continue to monitor community needs and adapt our services accordingly, striving to reach and assist as many residents as possible.

Citizens Advice Mid Suffolk helped 77 clients in Thurston with 689 issues in the last 12 months. A 44% increase in issues compared to the previous 12-month period.

Benefits and tax credits	195
Benefits Universal Credit	49
Charitable Support & Food Banks	35
Consumer goods & services	30
Debt	112
Education	2
Employment	36
Financial services & capability	33
Health & community care	14
Housing	33
Immigration & asylum	1
Legal	13
Other	3
Relationships & family	19
Tax	9
Travel & transport	1
Utilities & communication	104
Grand Total	689

Here is just some of the positive feedback we have received from clients in the last year:

“Mid Suffolk Citizens Advice were very approachable, listened well to the query, came back with solid professional advice, appointment availability and regular follow ups. My life/health situation changed very quickly and without their help/direction I would have been lost with other issues to deal with. I really appreciate all as a team (fabulous teamwork) they have done to help me.”

The referral Citizens Advice provided has resulted in being contacted by services that we would not have known about or known how to contact. They also gave us valuable advice on who to approach regarding a letter we had received.”

Grant requested: £500

DETAILS OF OTHER GRANTS

Received in the last two years 2023/24 £500 2022/23 £200

Currently applied for

We currently have applications submitted for local authority grants and charitable donations.

Please use this space for any significant information about your organisation not already supplied

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I certify that the foregoing replies are accurate to the best of my knowledge

Signature of applicant Peter Chivers

Office Held Business Development Officer

Date 29th October 2024