

Help at Hand Scheme

The scheme provides 'crisis funds' or financial help when an emergency, short term problem or issue arises, such as when :-

- a carer is suddenly taken ill and more help at home is needed;
- an urgent domestic problem arises;
- help is needed with transport costs such as to hospital, a Parkinson's disease related appointment or branch functions; and in addition if
- a few sessions of an approved alternative therapy would alleviate symptoms or stress.

These are just examples: other needs will be considered, so please ask.



Rules of the scheme

- funds are only provided for Branch members and their carers
- payments are limited to £150 per annum per household
- payment can cover all or part of costs
- The branch does not organise the help; it is up to the applicant to arrange it
- receipts for expenditure are required in all cases
- prior approval is normally needed but retrospective applications will be considered for costs incurred in an emergency
- applications are considered by two branch committee members who form the 'approval panel'
- all applications will be dealt with in strict confidence by the approval panel; no names appear in the branch accounts
- there is no means testing

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Application form

Name of Applicant - PD sufferer/carer (Please delete one)

Mr/Mrs/Miss/Other.....

Forenames

Surname

Address

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Postcode.....

[NB this is the address the cheque will be sent to]

Daytime phone number.....

Brief description of how the money is to be used:-

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Payments are made to the applicant only and not to third parties.

In accepting the funding the applicant undertakes to provide receipts. If this is a retrospective application please attach receipts to this application.

Signed.....Branch Member

Date.....

Please give/send this form to your Information Support Worker or to a member of the Committee.