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Dear John,

Council Grants 2024/2025

We would like to make a formal application to the Councillors of St Keyne Parish Council for a grant of between £50 and £100. We appreciate that local budgets are squeezed more than ever, however we hope you may consider our request as part of vital services for both your residents and visitors. We are proud to confirm HM The Queen continued as Patron of our lifesaving charity.



Our Service

Cornwall Air Ambulance provides emergency medical air response.

In 2024 so far, our crew have attended 27 missions in your local area: 20 medical emergencies and 7 trauma incidents, to patients some of whom were children and their families who may be known in the St Keyne community.

In 2023, we responded to 1,159 county-wide missions:

- **19** inter-hospital transfers
- **297** medical incidents, such as strokes
- **305** medical incidents, such as cardiac arrests
- **538** trauma incidents, including road traffic accidents and serious falls.

An ageing population means conditions that become increasingly prevalent with age now account for 33% of missions. We responded to 92 calls to assist children in 2023 and 56 calls this year so far. Additionally, participation in high-risk outdoor activities in hard-to-reach locations form another significant part of our work.

Our service is also vital in transferring patients to out-of-county specialists, such as the Major Trauma Centre at Derriford Hospital in Plymouth, Bristol Royal Hospital for Children, and the Centre for Burns at Morrision Hospital in Swansea, as well as

transferring patients from the Isles of Scilly to the mainland. We also take patients with spinal injuries to Salisbury District Hospital.

#HELi2 Appeal

With the increasing demand on our service, we launched our [#HELi2 Appeal](#) to help purchase a second lifesaving helicopter to support our critically ill and injured patients from across Cornwall and the Isles of Scilly, including those in your local area.

Your new AW169 helicopter is expected to arrive in early 2025. It will enable us to deliver more missions, provide advanced care and, in turn, help us save even more lives. This will be the first time that Cornwall Air Ambulance has owned two aircraft and will put us at the forefront of air ambulance critical care provision in the country.

The cost of your new AW169 is around £9.7 million. We are fortunate enough to be in a strong position to purchase one thanks to the generosity of our donors and gifts in Wills. We are appealing to the incredibly generous people of Cornwall and Isles of Scilly to help us raise the remaining £2.85 million needed to buy the new aircraft.



Our #HELi2 Appeal launched last year, and we are delighted to have raised £1.26 million so far. We now need your help to make this lifesaving opportunity a reality for the people living in and visiting our beautiful county.

Cornwall's geographical shape with its rural and coastal landscape can be challenging. Your new helicopter, along with the back-up of our rapid response vehicles, will allow us to deliver the highest level of pre-hospital care to patients regardless of the distance or weather. We have extended our operational capabilities from 12 to 19 hours, which requires more clinicians and overlapping shifts to facilitate handover between the crew. We must also adhere to all legislation surrounding night operations, which includes providing areas at HQ where the crew can rest in solitude after tough missions without distractions. To enable more patients to receive enhanced critical care, we have improved our training facilities, including a dedicated space for educational training to maintain and update their skills and knowledge, a strength training room and spaces to store our increased range of critical care kit.

Why do we need a second helicopter?

It's important to us that we provide the very best possible service to the people of Cornwall and the Isles of Scilly, and we are constantly looking at ways to advance our care. We want to guarantee that the highest-specification helicopter is always

available, when weather allows. A second helicopter will provide resilience to our service, providing aircraft availability every day of the year. When one AW169 undergoes maintenance or develops a fault, we can instantly bolster our clinical provision by launching the second aircraft to avoid going offline.

Time is everything. Will you help us be the difference?

Our crew never knows which town or parish they will be needed in next. We would be delighted if you, along with other councils within the county, will support us with a grant towards your #HELI2.

Our contribution doesn't stop at funding and providing the helicopter, as we need to equip it with state-of-the-art lifesaving equipment too, including:

- **Cardiac Monitors, £21k:** Zoll Cardiac Monitors are used to monitor our patients' heart rhythm, automatically detecting and recording clinical arrhythmias as well as patient-initiated recordings.
- **LUCAS Devices, £13k:** LUCAS devices are used for cardiac arrest patients. These provide mechanical chest compressions, which we take on all our lifesaving missions.
- **Medical Equipment Rack, £24k:** The medical equipment rack provides storage for the PAX bags, mechanical CPR device and ventilator. It also allows in-flight access if the patient's condition changes.
- **Float Bags, £34.5k:** Your aircraft often conducts missions to the Isles of Scilly and locations where over-water transits are necessary. The floatation bags are used in the event of the aircraft needing to conduct an emergency landing on water. They can keep the aircraft afloat in waves of up to 6m high!

[View all the kit we need here.](#)

Please let me know if you need any more information on how you can help us save the lives of the residents and visitors of St Keyne Parish Council. If you would like to visit our HQ, please do get in touch.

Kindest regards,

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