

Committee	FULL COUNCIL
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To consider a request from Essex Air Ambulance

Halstead Town Council has received a request from the Essex & Herts Air Ambulance for a donation. It has now been running for 25 years and provides lifesaving care for those involved in accidents, and gets them to hospital quickly to improve chances of survival. Each trip costs £2200, and running costs are £750,000 per month, all funded by charitable donations.

A few years ago the EHAAT was chosen as the Mayor's charity, and this might happen on another occasion

Looking at HTC's current financial position, it would be possible to make a one-off donation of £1000 in this financial year

Recommendation: that HTC makes a donation of £1000 to EHAAT.



Sarah Greateorex
Town Clerk



Essex & Herts Air Ambulance

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Mrs S Greatorex
Town Clerk
Halstead Town Council

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Wednesday 18th October 2023

Dear Mrs S Greatorex

It has been a remarkable 25 years since Essex & Herts Air Ambulance (EHAAT) began its vital life-saving mission to assist the gravely ill and injured in need of advanced clinical care at the scene of an incident. Throughout this time, we have witnessed the power of collective compassion, dedication and generosity from people across Essex and not least from the Town Council whose previous support has been much valued and greatly appreciated.

As we are all aware these are challenging times but we continue to rely on the generosity of funders and the local community to remain operational and I am therefore writing to politely request that the Town Council consider supporting EHAAT again this year. Whatever contribution the Town Council is able to make will have a direct impact on maintaining and improving this vital life-saving service for your local community.

The air ambulances and rapid response vehicles have now embarked on more than 33,000 missions; in 2022 the total number of missions recorded for the region was 2,582.

Each mission costs approx. £2,200 and it continues to cost in excess of £750,000 every month to remain operational. Despite another challenging year the charity has reached a number of landmarks, including:

- administering more than 270 pre-hospital blood transfusions;
- extending operational capability by flying the North Weald based Agusta Westland 169 (AW169) air ambulance into the hours of darkness;
- teaching Cardio Pulmonary Resuscitation (CPR) to 682 members of the public during Restart a Heart Day.
- achieving an 'outstanding' Care Quality Commission (CQC) rating following inspections carried out during August and September 2022.

It's vitally important that this free life-saving emergency medical service continues to operate 24/7 for people like Spike whose story is attached. We hope that the Town Council will consider supporting EHAAT again this year and ultimately help secure the service for the future.

Please don't hesitate to contact me if you have any questions. Thank you for your time and I look forward to hearing from you.

Yours sincerely

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