

Samuel Wallace Smedley Trust 2024

Request for funding for 2024 £50,000 in two projects, a 5-year plan for building upgrades.

- 1) Annual grant of £20,000 for running costs.
- 2) Exceptional payment of £30,000 to stabilise 42 High Street

The Trustees of SWST request £20,000 annual payment for 2024

This is to demonstrate continued support for our services as detailed below. The fund generously given in 2023 provided breathing space as we ensured that our accounts were brought up to date, that we appoint new accountants to reduce costs and that we get to a position ready for future fundraising (see below)

Thanks to the stability and efforts of the team and the easing out of covid, rentals have increased this year and so we have more money than anticipated at year end. Some of this has been used for emergency repairs at 42 High Street.

Trust buildings and the legacy.

The buildings will require significant expenditure over the next few years. We have commissioned a ten-year maintenance plan for the main Wallace House property and will have a 5 year budget plan in place by the start of the next financial year.

We have been able to spend £10,000 on 42 High Street in the final quarter to essentially stop leaks and keep safe. The request for £30,000 will enable us to re-let in the short term as we establish the best medium-term position for the property.

The expenditure will secure windows, roof and the outbuilding as well as make secure for a potential interim let we have for 1-2 years. The aim then is to work on the change to accommodation use. Having this time will enable a major fundraising project plan to be developed in conjunction with several partners to allow a development that subsequently accrues the majority of the rent to Wallace House. This will secure the future of the centre on a much more permanent basis.

Future sources of funding

Contact has been established with the original trust but the trustees wish to go to them with a major programme based around full refurbishment of 42 High street to a standard that will allow long term recurring income to the trust. This needs to be in conjunction with Wychavon and a number of other partners. The allocation of this £30,000 will enable us to develop this project on 2024.

2023 Achievements

Wallace house have successfully increased rents and are currently reviewing the rents for the internal leases. This will bring increased revenue again in 2024.

Wallace House have restructured staffing to increase our ability to meet community needs. This has resulted in an increase to 3.4 FTE employees an increase of .4 for 2024.

You Turn are now fully functioning in the Red Cross building thanks to the council and Wychavon's support. With the three year lottery grant in place, additionally funding success is happening. There will be an open day in early 2024 for you all to visit and experience what is a fantastic facility.

The commercial proposal for 42 High Street is being reviewed in preparation for our 2024 future planning.

New accountants Taylor Hobbs are introducing new processes and a reduced cost to develop both current account information and preparation of our future plan. Summary accounts for the current year will be available before the full meeting.

Your representative Mark Goodge has been a welcome presence offering good IT technical support as well as participating in HR and operational matters as required, thank you.

Thank you for considering our request and please ask any questions of clarification.

Mark Hutchinson

Chair Samuel Wallace Smedley Trust.

Wallace House Community Centre: reasons to invest in Evesham's future.

Wallace House was built in 1969 with the aim of providing facilities and opportunities for the whole community, especially young people, and since then has always strived to meet the needs of those in our community.

Wallace House has a diverse programme of activities for all ages, cultures, and abilities.

We are home to many community groups including:-

☐ U3A (University of the 3 rd Age) groups,

☐ Football,

☐ NHS clinics,

☐ Counselling,

- ☒ Youth justice which includes panel meetings,
- ☒ Social services which involves contact,
- ☒ Table tennis,
- ☒ Bulgarian folk dancing,
- ☒ Dance Academy,
- ☒ a community café which is mostly run by a group of adults with disabilities who attend a training facility which is housed here,
- ☒ senior citizens groups and other friendships/crafting groups for the community which aids in lessening the effects of isolation,
- ☒ back to-work advocacy,
- ☒ Substance abuse support professionals,
- ☒ Mental health provisions,
- ☒ Refugees bulk cook their meals here to ensure that their children will and can eat.
- ☒ Worcester County Cricket Club have sessions here for all abilities.
- ☒ Music club for young people helping families access music sessions.
- ☒ Community non-referral food bank also known as the pantry.

The list really does go on and on, in addition to these exciting opportunities we offer a dedicated youth provision which is our YouTurn project. This supports young people aged 12-25 who are at risk of becoming NEET, offering them help and support to remain in education and access vocational training. YouTurn currently has a 100% success rate of young people either returning to full-time education or gaining vocational qualifications such as Asdan and OCN and we are very proud of the work we all do as a team.

Mark Hutchinson

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And on behalf of the staff and trustees.