



Drighlington Parish Council

Donation Policy & Application Form

1. Introduction:

Drighlington Parish Council sets aside a percentage of the annual precept each year to provide financial donations to local community organisations and groups based within the village. The Parish Council initiates all donations.

Any non-profit organisations, community groups, and voluntary organisations are encouraged to contact Drighlington Parish Council members to inquire about donations.

2. Terms and Conditions for Donation Applications:

The following terms and conditions apply to all donation requests:

- All donations will be considered and approved at a formal meeting of Drighlington Parish Council.
- Donation requests are member-led and recommended by a Parish Councillor.
- Parish Councillors must not propose or recommend a donation to any organisation or community group of which they are a member, to avoid a conflict of interest.
- All donations must directly benefit the community within the Drighlington Parish Council area.
- Donations will only be made to non-profit organisations, community groups, and voluntary organisations.

3. General Criteria Applied to All Applications:

Drighlington Parish Council recognises the importance of supporting local community groups and organisations that contribute to the well-being of the parish.

The Parish Council initiates all donations.

To ensure fairness, transparency, and accountability, the following guidelines apply to all donations made by the Council.

4. Financial Donations to Community Groups:

- Drighlington Parish Council may make financial donations to community groups that hold an official bank account in the name of the organisation.
- The amount of any donation awarded will be at the discretion of the Parish Council.
- No organisation or group may receive more than one financial donation from the Council within a single calendar year.

5. Donation Application Form: Parish Council member to complete

Parish Councillor Request: Cllr H Irving

Organisation Name: Drighlington Old Folks Outing Committee

Reason for the Donation Request:

Drighlington Old Folks Outing will be holding their 100th trip on 16th June 2026 and in celebration they will be recreating their very first trip by visiting Pateley Bridge & Knaresborough before arriving at the Doubletree Hotel in Harrogate for lunch.

The Drighlington Old Folks Outing Committee is run by volunteers for the community and the outings are available to residents of Drighlington who will be aged 70 or over on the day of the outing. They aim to provide 200 places for the outing this year.

The outings are solely funded by fund raising and donations, with every year getting financially more difficult and some years have run at a loss and their reserves will not cover the cost of the 2026 outing.

I would like to recommend that DPC makes this donation to celebrate this wonderful activity for its 100th outing and thus to ensure it can take place. This outing for some residents is their only time they can experience such a magical day.

The Drighlington Old Folks Outing a brief history

The Outing Committee first met on 30th August 1927 at St Pauls Sunday School, and agreed to hold the first trip to Harrogate & Knaresborough on Tuesday 20th September. The minutes record that 75 guests attended & travelled in 14 cars.

By 1935 guests increased by such a number that a bus was hired for the first time. In this year also, prizes were awarded for the first time to the oldest gentleman & lady (10/- each), and oldest couple (£1.1.0) The lucky recipients were Mrs Walcott (84 years), Mr Unwin (85 years), and Mr & Mrs Bell (156 years in total!).

The Committee met on 30th August 1940, the last meeting during the War years. It was agreed that a trip was inappropriate in the circumstances, and that a bag of coal may be given instead.

The Committee meetings resumed on 3rd May 1945, and a trip to Knaresborough was arranged. 144 guests attended, and were joined by the Mayor & Mayoress of Morley.

In 1948, the Committee for the first time agreed to hold a house-to-house collection to fund future outings. It is the continuation of this unique funding arrangement that makes the Drighlington Old Folks Outing a true community event even today.

Since 1965, the outing has traditionally visited towns on both the East & West Coasts in alternate years.

Amount Requested: £1000

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Parish Council Meeting Date:

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