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Dear Parish Clerk,

Annual Report and Request for Funding

Following our recent AGM I am pleased to enclose an e-copy of our Annual Report which accompanies our annual request for funding. This year we are asking each parish to make a donation of £100 - £250 towards our core service. We would be grateful if you would share the report with Council Members and ask the Council to consider making a donation in the current financial year.

As well as updates on our campaigns and case studies of people we have helped, the Annual Report details how, in 2016/17, we helped 4,342 people with 9,041 individual advice issues. Supported by 45 trained volunteers and small number of paid staff we helped improve the finances of local people by £1.9mn. You will also find details on how our work impacts people's well-being. We can show that following our interventions people feel more able to cope and better able to deal with their problems.

The report also highlights our status as a local charity, reliant on grant funding and donations from local and national organisations. You may know that despite support from South Hams District Council and Devon County Council we face an annual funding shortfall of some £50,000.

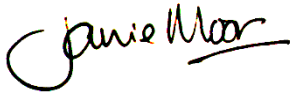
To help raise our profile as a local charity I undertook my first ever triathlon in June which raised over £1,000 for our charity and achieved some excellent newspaper coverage. This year we have established a fundraising committee that has raised almost £4,000 in recent months.

Notwithstanding this good work we face a significant financial shortfall within the current fiscal year. As in previous years, we are asking each town and parish council across South Hams to make a donation to our charity. Together your donations make a significant contribution to funding our service which provides an essential lifeline to some of the most vulnerable people in your community. Every pound you donate will help someone in need.

If you would like a printed copy of our annual report please do let me know. We can also provide specific (anonymised) data to parish or ward level. I would be happy to attend a Parish Council meeting to provide more detail on ways in which we help people in your local community if that would be of interest.

We hope you will consider this request favourably and look forward to hearing from you.

Yours faithfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Janie Moor". The signature is written in a cursive style with a prominent loop at the start of the first name and a horizontal line underlining the last name.

Janie Moor
Manager
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