SAWSTON PARISH COUNCIL

APPLICATION FOR GRANT OR DONATION

Name of Organisation	Magpas Air Ambulance
Address	[redacted]
Registered charity number (if applicable)	1119279
Telephone number	01480 371060
E-mail	[redacted]
Contact name and position in Organisation (plus address if different form above)	Helen McLean Senior Philanthropy Officer (maternity cover)
Bacs payment details	[redacted]
Describe the overall aim of your organisation and the activities or services it provides	Magpas Air Ambulance provides the very best pre-hospital emergency care, in the air or on land, including treatments usually only available in hospital. Operating 24/7, we answer five calls for help a day on average, treating around 1,100 patients in life-threatening emergencies every year. We serve the communities of Cambridgeshire, Bedfordshire and the wider East of England and are dispatched by both the East of England and the East Midlands Ambulance Service Trusts—caring for a population of over 10 million. We rely on voluntary donations to continue saving lives.

Explain the direct benefit to Sawston of your organisation's activities including the number of Sawston residents who have benefitted in the past	Every day, our clinicians provide interventions not available from a standard land ambulance, giving patients the best possible chance of survival and recovery. During our last reporting year (2025-26), we were activated to Cambridgeshire 1,148 times and treated 723 patients, 212 of whom were in cardiac arrest and 171 involved in road traffic collisions. Over the last five years, demand for our lifesaving service has grown by 63%, and the demand is here to stay - we experienced our busiest month on record in May. Last year we were called to more critically ill and injured patients than ever before. We have been saving lives in Cambridgeshire for 55 years, but we could not do this without the generosity of our communities, who enable us to provide our service 24/7 – we receive no regular statutory funding. Your parishioners could be anywhere when they need us – commuting into Cambridge, at home, crossing a road or perhaps simply enjoying a family walk. Any donation you can give will go directly towards helping us save lives and reduce disability.
Amount requested	£500

Explain why your Organisation is applying for funding and the purpose for which is will be used	We need to raise around £6.5 million each year to continue saving lives and limiting disability, but are facing several challenges: inflation, rising fuel costs, NHS transformation and competition for funds. On every shift, our medical team combines the skills of a doctor and critical care paramedic. Our doctors are specialists in Pre-Hospital Emergency Medicine (PHEM), and our critical care paramedics are highly trained experts with significant experience in immediate care. Our helicopter is flown by a qualified Helicopter Emergency Medicine (HEMS) pilot, and is always accompanied by a Technical Crew Member (TCM), who assists with the navigation and on-board computer systems, as well as looking out for dangers both in the air and on the ground. In addition to operating a helicopter, we have four rapid response vehicles, each equipped with the same lifesaving devices and medical kit as our helicopter, for example, a hospital standard ventilator, a portable ultrasound device, and equipment to perform surgical procedures.
Detail the total cost of each item covered by your funding request (please use separate sheet if needed)	We are asking for an unrestricted grant towards our service as described above.
Have you applied to Sawston Parish Council for assistance before? If so give details	Yes, we received a grant of £350 in October 2024.
Signed	
Date	6th October 2026
Position in Organisation	Senior Philanthropy Officer (maternity cover)

Completed form should be sent to:

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