

Charity Application History (March 2026)

The first application was made in 2021. The main reason for the application was the fact it was becoming increasingly 'difficult' to operate as an organization without charitable status. When dealing with financial organisations such as banks and companies providing contactless services it was either not possible to get an account without charitable status or there was considerable paperwork or additional costs involved.

Along with the applications it is necessary to provide a copy of the Constitution and the last set of accounts. This first application was complicated by the fact that the show had not taken place in the previous year due to Covid, therefore the accounts were unusual.

When the first application was rejected it was decided to attempt a second application. I worked with a charitable organization called CVS (Community Vountary Service) whose details I was given by Councillor Tracey Wye. Their approach was to create a 'Public Benefit Table' which when completed would contain the information required for the Charity Commission application form. When completing the form it was then simple to reference the table and upload it along with the application.

This application was also rejected at which point the Committee decided not to pursue charitable status any further.

Attached are the 2 completed application forms (with Public Benefit Table for the second application) and the two rejection letters.

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