

**LOCAL GOVERNMENT FINANCE ACT 1988 –
APPLICATIONS FOR DISCRETIONARY RATE RELIEF**

1. **25th Knutton Methodist Scout Group, Former Knutton Methodist Church, High Street, Knutton, Newcastle, Staffordshire, ST5 6DB.**

The 25th Knutton Methodist Scout Group is part of the Scouting movement, a registered charity and as such already receives 80% mandatory charity relief. It occupies the former Knutton Methodist Church to provide a venue for meetings and events for the group. The aims of the Scouting movement are well established but include the development and education of young people.

It is your usual practice to grant such an organisation 5% additional discretionary rate relief, to the mandatory charity relief it already receives, 75% of which cost will be met by the council tax payers

The rates payable for the current financial year are £2,473.20. The cost of granting the additional discretionary relief would therefore be £92.75.

2. **Scotia Aid Sierra Leone, Parkhouse Interchange, Parkhouse Road West, Chesterton, Newcastle, Staffordshire, ST5 7DU**

The Scotia Aid Sierra Leone is a registered charity and as such already receives 80% mandatory charity relief. It aims to provide donated educational materials schools in Sierra Leone and occupies Parkhouse Interchange to store these.

It is your usual practice to grant such an organisation 5% additional discretionary rate relief, to the mandatory charity relief it already receives, 75% of which cost will be met by the council tax payers

The rates payable for the current financial year are £89,768.00. The cost of granting the additional discretionary relief would therefore be £3,366.30.

3. **Elim Pentecostal Church Silverdale, 62 & 64 Bath Road, Newcastle, Staffordshire, ST5 6QW**

Elim Pentecostal Church Silverdale is a registered charity and as such already receives 80% mandatory charity relief. It occupied 62 & 64 Bath Road until the 14 May 2012 to store second hand furniture prior to sale to provide funds for its youth and community centre.

It is your usual practice to grant such an organisation 5% additional discretionary rate relief, to the mandatory charity relief it already receives, 75% of which cost will be met by the council tax payers

The rates payable for the period of occupation were £2,939.13 in respect of number 62 and £3,803.58 in respect of number 64. The cost of granting the additional discretionary relief would therefore be £110.22 and £142.64 respectively.

4. **Silverdale Youth & Community, Unit 1, Stonewall Place, Newcastle Street, Silverdale, Newcastle, ST5 6NR**

Silverdale Youth & Community is a registered charity and as such already receives 80% mandatory charity relief. It occupies Unit 1, Stonewall Place to store second hand furniture prior to sale to provide funds for its youth and community centre.

It is your usual practice to grant such an organisation 5% additional discretionary rate relief, to the mandatory charity relief it already receives, 75% of which cost will be met by the council tax payers

The rates payable for the current financial year are £1,576.53. The cost of granting the additional discretionary relief would therefore be £59.12.

5. **Mow Cop Residents Association, Mow Cop Community Centre, Congleton Road, Mow Cop, Stoke On Trent, ST7 3PL**

Mow Cop Residents Association is a not for profit organisation with the aims of providing a range of social and educational activities for the local community. It occupies Mow Cop Community Centre, a former church hall, to provide a centre for these activities.

Mow Cop Residents Association currently receive small business rate relief, a separate scheme of relief which has been temporarily enhanced by central government, meaning there is no liability for the current financial year. However, this temporary enhancement is due to cease on 31 March 2013, meaning there will be a liability in future years.

It is your usual practice to grant such an organisation 95% discretionary rate relief, 25% of which cost will be met by the council tax payers

Based on current values, the rates payable would be £877.50. The cost of granting the discretionary relief would therefore be £208.41.

6. **Douglas Macmillan Hospice (Staffordshire) Enterprises Ltd, 8-14, York Place, Newcastle, Staffordshire, ST5 2AH**

Douglas Macmillan Hospice (Staffordshire) Enterprises Ltd is a registered charity and as such already receives 80% mandatory charity relief. It occupies 8-14, York Place as a charity shop to raise funds for its work with providing end of life and respite care for people with life limiting illnesses.

It is your usual practice to grant such an organisation 5% additional discretionary rate relief, to the mandatory charity relief it already receives, 75% of which cost will be met by the council tax payers

The rates payable for the current financial year are £19,808.50. The cost of granting the additional discretionary relief would therefore be £742.82.

7. **University Hospital of North Staffs Charity, Breast Screening Unit, Goose Street, Newcastle, Staffs, ST5 3HY**

University Hospital of North Staffs Charity Ltd is a registered charity and as such already receives 80% mandatory charity relief. It occupies the Breast Screening Unit as part of a programme delivering free breast screenings to local communities.

It is your usual practice to grant such an organisation 5% additional discretionary rate relief, to the mandatory charity relief it already receives, 75% of which cost will be met by the council tax payers

The rates payable for the current financial year are £698.29. The cost of granting the additional discretionary relief would therefore be £26.18.

8. **Trustees of The Salvation Army, 102a High Street, Talke, Stoke-On-Trent, ST7 1PY**

Trustees of The Salvation Army are a registered charity and as such already receive 80% mandatory charity relief. It occupies 102a High Street on a temporary basis for the purposes of storage and distribution of toys to needy families at Christmas.

It is your usual practice to grant such an organisation 5% additional discretionary rate relief, to the mandatory charity relief it already receives, 75% of which cost will be met by the council tax payers

The rates payable for the temporary occupation will be £297.13. The cost of granting the additional discretionary relief would therefore be £11.14.

9. **The Galley Centre, The Galley, William Road, Kidsgrove, Stoke-On-Trent, ST7 4BS**

The Galley Centre was a not for profit organisation with the aims of providing a worship and outreach centre for the local community. It was a mission project under the Chester and Stoke District Methodist Church Group and occupied The Galley, a former public house, to provide a centre for these activities.

It is your usual practice to grant such an organisation 85% discretionary rate relief, 25% of which cost will be met by the council tax payers

The rates payable were £4,743.65. The cost of granting the discretionary relief would therefore be £1,008.03.

10. **Shape London, Unit 7, The Roebuck Centre, High Street, Newcastle, Staffordshire, ST5 1SW**

Shape London is a registered charity and as such already receives 80% mandatory charity relief. It occupies Unit 7, The Roebuck Centre to display art produced by disabled artists and to engage with the wider community regarding their participatory arts activities and development programmes.

It is your usual practice to grant such an organisation 5% additional discretionary rate relief, to the mandatory charity relief it already receives, 75% of which cost will be met by the council tax payers

The rates payable for the current financial year are £14,958.86. The cost of granting the additional discretionary relief would therefore be £560.96.

11. **Burslem School of Art Trust, 13-14 Lancaster Building, Newcastle, Staffordshire, ST5 1PG**

Burslem School of Art Trust is a not for profit organisation with the aims of providing educational and employment participation in the arts. It temporarily occupies 13-14 Lancaster Building, to provide a centre for the promotion of their activities, workshops sessions to encourage public participation and for its students to display and sell their output.

It is your usual practice to grant such an organisation 80% discretionary rate relief, 25% of which cost will be met by the council tax payers

Based on current values, the rates payable would be £2,104.29. The cost of granting the discretionary relief would therefore be £420.84

12. **Partners in Creative Learning, 14 King Street, Newcastle, Staffordshire, ST5 1EJ**

Partners in Creative Learning were a registered charity and received 80% mandatory charity relief. This had been top up with a further 5% discretionary relief.

From the 10 October 2012, Partners in Creative Learning changed their legal status from that of a charity to a Community Interest Company and therefore no longer became entitled to the mandatory relief they previously received.

The aims of Partners in Creative Learning have not changed with this change in legal status, it is just a change which offers certain financial advantages with regard to taxation matters. Community Interest Companies need to be registered with Her Majesty's Revenues and Customs and Partners in Creative Learning have provided all the necessary proofs of registration to the Council.

This is the first application for discretionary rate relief received by the Council from a Community Interest Company but on the basis that the activities of Partners in Creative Learning are unchanged and were previously supported with combined relief to the value of 85%, it would appear reasonable to now grant the same level of relief entirely on a discretionary basis.

Based on current values, the rates payable would be £4,837.50. The previous cost of granting the discretionary relief would have been £181.41. The changed status would increase this to £582.65 for the current financial year.