

PIDLEY MOUNTAIN RESCUE TEAM

Pidley Mountain Rescue Team became a Registered Charity in September 2004. It was formed for 'the relief of disabled persons in the old county of Huntingdonshire in Cambridgeshire, by the provision of funding for special equipment which will enhance their quality of life and which they would otherwise be unable to obtain out of public funds'.

APPLICATIONS:

Pidley Mountain Rescue Team welcomes applications from any individual living within Huntingdonshire who has a disability / special needs and who needs assistance to purchase **specialised** equipment to help them or their carers.

Examples of the types of equipment that have been supplied previously include: wheelchairs; electric scooters; specialised trikes; adaptive computer software and hardware; and sensory equipment.

Pidley Mountain Rescue Team is often only able to offer assistance up to a maximum of £2,000 for any one individual. The charity does not generally contribute money to partially fund more expensive items for an individual.

HOW TO MAKE AN APPLICATION:

To make an application, an individual should submit a completed application form to the Applications Officer for Pidley Mountain Rescue Team

The Trustees of Pidley Mountain Rescue Team are unable to accept responsibility for the assessment for appropriate equipment provision and therefore recommend that applicants seek professional advice and assessment prior to making an application to the charity.

The exact cost of the required equipment and details of supply should be included with the application form.

Pidley Mountain Rescue Team asks that all recipients pay a £10 membership fee. In addition, applicants are asked to indicate whether they are able to make an additional donation to the charity towards the cost of their equipment. Although this additional donation is not essential, any contribution an individual is able to make will enable the charity to assist a greater number of applicants.

The form requests a brief description of the applicant's disability and an explanation of how the desired equipment will assist them. ***Where possible applicants are asked to submit a letter from a healthcare professional, social worker or teacher to support their application.***

Applicants are also asked to indicate whether they have sought funding from any other sources. An application may be rejected if the applicant should be eligible for support from statutory services such as NHS, social services, and education.

Pidley Mountain Rescue Team relies upon publicity to generate income. Applicants should therefore be aware that brief details of each successful application will appear on its website. Applicants are asked to indicate on the application form if they would be happy to be involved in further publicity if required (e.g. a press release in local papers, by attending one of the fundraising events.)

Applicants should be aware that ***'Pidley Mountain Rescue Team will not be liable for any injury caused in any way as a result of supplying any equipment to an individual. Recipients shall accept responsibility for the safe use and maintenance of any equipment supplied to them by Pidley Mountain Rescue Team'***.

APPLICATION PROCESS:

The Applications Officer will acknowledge receipt of all new applications and may contact the applicant if necessary to discuss details of the application with them.

Each new application will be presented to the Trustees at the earliest opportunity. The Trustees generally meet each month to discuss applications.

Applicants will be informed of the Trustees' decision following this meeting. An application may be rejected if it is not considered to meet the remit of the charity, or if there is insufficient funds to support the application.

The Applications Officer will contact successful applicants to discuss how to proceed with the purchasing of equipment.

HOW TO RETURN EQUIPMENT TO PIDLEY MOUNTAIN RESCUE TEAM:

Pidley Mountain Rescue Team will re-condition equipment that is still in good condition to benefit another individual.

Recipients of equipment are therefore asked to contact the charity or one of the Trustees to arrange for collection of their equipment, if it is still in good condition and no longer required for any reason.