

A stained glass window with a central arched panel depicting a classic car. The window is surrounded by various colored glass panels in shades of blue, yellow, and green. In the foreground, there are large, dark green leaves, possibly from a plant like a peace lily.

SUPPORTING HORSPATH

**Supporting Residents Suffering Financial
Hardship During COVID-19**

Horspath Stone Pit Charity

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Background

Horspath Stone Pit Charity is exclusively for the benefit of residents and village organisations within the Village and Parish of Horspath in Oxfordshire.

Horspath Stone Pit was given to the residents of the village by virtue of the Inclosure award of 1858 and was incorporated into a registered charity in 1988. The original land is leased by Stagecoach PLC as their Oxford Bus Depot with an internal section being sub-leased to Hanson.

The charity trustee feels it is important to continually review how best to support the residents of Horspath in line with the charitable objectives of the charity. The Trustee feels that during the pandemic of COVID-19 additional support measures should be launched for residents suffering hardship.

COVID-19

The Charity is going to launch a hardship fund for residents of the village. This will allow households to obtain assistance in assessing food and medicine. The scheme will run for the duration on the COVID-19 emergency as detailed by the Coronavirus Act 2020 (2020 c.7).

The Trustee reserves the right to review this document, funding and eligibility at any point. Changes will be notified on the village website

Assistance

The charity will make a contribution to household food and medical costs. Payments will be made in the form of vouchers for high street stores or NHS prescriptions.

Confidentiality

Horspath Stone Pit Charity believes that keeping records of hardship grants confidential is of utmost importance. For this reason, when referrals are received, the hardship grants will be processed by the Clerk of Horspath Parish Council only. Trustee representatives and advisors will receive a monthly report detailing the number of grants made but not the names of those receiving them.

How can I get assistance?

Horspath Stone Pit Charity has issued referral forms to various organisations. If you need support, please approach your local education, welfare, medical or religious organisation. A full list of referral organisations can be found on the village website.

How do I become a referral organisation?

If you are currently getting support from a professional organisation that has not been issued with referral books, they can request to become a recognised referral partner by contacting parish.council@horspath.org.uk.

Other Forms of Support

The village has a network of volunteers that can help if you are self-isolating or shielding. They can help in the following ways:

- Picking up shopping
- A friendly phone call
- Posting mail
- Getting urgent supplies

If you would like further details, please contact parish.council@horspath.org.uk.

Coronavirus Community Support

South Oxfordshire District Council has established a dedicated support network:

- 01235 422600
- communitysupport@southandvale.gov.uk
- <http://www.southoxon.gov.uk/services-and-advice/coronavirus-community-support>

Staying Safe

Follow national guidance and stay up to date

The best place to stay up to date on guidelines and advice on how you can keep you and your family safe during the coronavirus outbreak is via [gov.uk/coronavirus](https://www.gov.uk/coronavirus).

You can also keep up to date on coronavirus information by using the government's WhatsApp information service. Its free to join and aims to provide you with official information about coronavirus to help reduce the burden on the NHS.

Here's a useful guide on how you and your household can wash their hands correctly.

Avoiding scammers

Don't let strangers into your house or give them any money, personal data or information. The Thames Valley Police website has some useful guidance on how you can stay safe at home and online.

If you have been a victim or would like to report any fraud, please contact Action Fraud:

- 0300 123 2040
- <https://www.actionfraud.police.uk/>