



## **Working with St Stephen in Brannel Parish Council**

and

## **St Dennis Parish Council**

# **Hardship Fund**

### **Introduction**

This fund has been set up to give temporary relief from financial hardship during the current Covid-19 Pandemic. This is available to those who live in the electoral division of St Dennis and Nanpean which includes Trelion, Step-a-side, Hill Head, Trethosa Village, Little Treviscoe, Central Treviscoe, Nanpean, Old Pound, Rosevear Park, Enniscaven, Gothers, Trerice Terrace and all of St Dennis.

This fund was created by St Dennis and Nanpean Community Trust and will be project managed on our behalf by St Stephen in Brannel Parish Council and St Dennis Parish Council. The fund seeks to help ease the financial hardship by gifting vouchers of £15 per voucher up to a maximum of 4 for a family, whilst waiting for other sources of financial assistance – for example universal Credit. The vouchers can be used at St Dennis Spar Shop, Phoenix Stores (Nanpean or St Stephen) Asda, Tesco's or Morrisons.

The fund will be administered by the Clerks of St Dennis and St Stephen in Brannel Parish Council - all applications will be verified and allocated by a panel.

### **Eligibility:**

Circumstances in which you may be eligible for a voucher include if you are:

- Waiting for your first universal credit payment;
- Waiting for a payment through the coronavirus job retention scheme;
- Waiting for a statutory sick payment;
- Waiting for a payment through the self-employed income support scheme;
- Named on the shielded list;
- Self-isolating and have no access to money;
- Referred by another agency such as St Austell Food Bank or your GP;
- A victim of domestic abuse.
- And live within the St Dennis and Nanpean Electoral Division

You cannot get a voucher if you or someone you live with:

- Were previously in receipt of, and are still receiving benefit payments;
- Do not reside in St Dennis or Nanpean Electoral Division.
- Intend to spend the voucher on non-essential goods
- Have made an application within the last fortnight.

These lists are not exhaustive and the Trust's decision to gift a voucher is final.

**Application:**

To apply for a voucher within the Parish of St Dennis please contact the clerk of St Dennis Parish Council on 01726 821700 or [clerk@stdennisparishcouncil.org.uk](mailto:clerk@stdennisparishcouncil.org.uk) .

To apply for a voucher within the Nanpean Electoral Division please contact the clerk of St Stephen-in-Brannel Parish Council on 01726 823003 or [clerk@ststepheninbrannel-pc.org.uk](mailto:clerk@ststepheninbrannel-pc.org.uk)

Your application will involve a short conversation to see if you are eligible and getting the support you need; we can then fill in an application on your behalf or email you an application form for completion. Please note proof of address must be provided with each application

The completed forms will be reviewed on a daily basis by three Trustees from St Dennis and Nanpean Community Trust and a decision will be given on your application within 48 hours of submission during the normal working week. All conversations and details discussed will remain confidential under the General Data Protection Regulations.

If and when it has been agreed to gift a voucher, the clerk of the associated Parish Council will arrange for the relevant voucher to be delivered to your home address or emailed directly to you.