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Dear John Hesketh

Council Grants 2025/2026 Formal Grant Application from Cornwall Air Ambulance Trust

We are writing to formally apply to the Councillors of **St Keyne Parish Council** for a grant as part of your 2025/2026 community funding programme. We fully appreciate the financial pressures on local budgets, but we hope you will consider supporting a service that is vital to both your residents and the many visitors to our beautiful county.

#HELi2 Appeal – A Lifesaving Milestone

Thanks to the incredible generosity of the public, we are thrilled to share that our #HELi2 Appeal has enabled us to purchase a second lifesaving helicopter. This new AW169 aircraft is currently undergoing its final 20 hours of flight testing before entering service.



This marks the first time Cornwall Air Ambulance has owned two helicopters, placing us at the forefront of air ambulance critical care in the UK. With this second aircraft, we can respond to more emergencies, deliver advanced care faster, and ultimately save more lives across Cornwall and the Isles of Scilly—including in your local area.

Our Missions in 2024

- In 2024, Cornwall Air Ambulance responded to **1,064**

missions, 82 were paediatric emergencies, (involving children) including:

- **18** inter-hospital transfers
- **327** medical emergencies (e.g. strokes)
- **274** cardiac arrests
- **445** trauma incidents (e.g. road traffic collisions, serious falls)

Our service is essential for transferring patients to specialist centres such as Derriford Hospital (Plymouth), Bristol Royal Hospital for Children, Morriston Hospital (Swansea), and Salisbury District Hospital for spinal injuries. We also provide critical transfers from the Isles of Scilly to the mainland.

Why We Need Your Support

Cornwall's rural and coastal geography presents unique challenges. With our extended operational hours (from 12 to 19 hours daily), we now require more clinicians, enhanced training facilities, and rest areas for our crew to comply with night operation regulations.

We are proud to confirm that **HM The Queen** continues as Patron of our charity, and we hope she will officially name the new helicopter later this year.

To fully equip our new aircraft and continue delivering world-class care, we are seeking support from councils across Cornwall. Your grant could help fund:

- **A Lifesaving Mission – £5,000** Help us take to the skies or respond by Rapid Response Vehicle. *When someone is having the worst day of their life, time matters. Your support ensures we can be there—fast.*
- **Zoll Cardiac Monitors, £21k** are used to monitor our patients' heart rhythm, automatically detecting and recording clinical arrhythmias as well as patient-initiated recordings.
- **LUCAS Devices, £13k:** LUCAS devices are used for cardiac arrest patients. These provide mechanical chest compressions, which we take on all our lifesaving missions.
- **Float Bags, £34.5k:** Your aircraft often conducts missions to the Isles of Scilly and locations where over-water transits are necessary. The floatation bags are used in the event of the aircraft needing to conduct an emergency landing on water. They can keep the aircraft afloat in waves of up to 6m high!



Be the Difference

Time is everything in an emergency. Your support could be the difference between life and death for someone in your community. We would be honoured if St Keyne Parish Council would consider a grant to help us continue this vital work. If you would like more information or to arrange a visit to our HQ, please don't hesitate to get in touch.

**With kindest regards,
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