

The John T Shuttleworth Ropner Memorial Trust

Charity No. 227186

This fund provides grants of up to £1,000 to sick, elderly or disabled individuals and their carers in the Tees Valley area who are in need of respite care, or who need temporary support following hospitalisation, bereavement or because of dependency treatment. Applicants must live in one of the following areas: Stockton, Thornaby on Tees, Redcar, Middlesbrough, Hartlepool or Darlington.



The Ropner Convalescent Home at Middleton-St-George was originally endowed by Robert and Mary Anne Ropner in 1897 in commemoration of the 60th year of Queen Victoria's reign. The Home closed in 1999 and its sale raised the funds to establish the John T Shuttleworth Ropner Memorial Fund, named after the late, long serving Chairman of the Trustees, whose dedicated work over recent years helped many people enjoy convalescence at the Home.

Who is eligible to apply?

You must fit **at least one** of the criteria in Section A:

Section A

- You were recently discharged from hospital, or
- You have a long-term illness, or
- You are being treated for a dependency (drink/drugs/eating disorder etc), or
- You are a carer for a disabled or sick person, and be under some physical or mental strain yourself, or
- You were recently bereaved of a partner or dependent child.

In addition, you must fit **all** the criteria in Section B below:

Section B

- You must be unable to fund your request yourself.
- You must have exhausted all statutory funding or support available.
- Your savings must total less than £16,000.
- You can only hold one grant per family each financial year starting in April.
- You may not reapply within twelve months of receiving an award.
- Priority will be given to first time applicants.

What we will fund

- Recuperative or respite care (i.e. a break for the person who is ill or disabled, or for their family, or for them all to go away together), including travel costs up to £100
- Short-term help for people discharged from hospital (e.g. home help, cleaning).
- Exceptional costs following bereavement of a partner/dependent child (e.g. extra child-care or home help)
- Travel and accommodation for individuals undergoing dependency treatment at a clinic or centre away from their place of residence, and for their families.

IF YOU HAVE STARTED YOUR ACTIVITY, BOOKED/RESERVED THE HOLIDAY OR SPENT ANY MONEY ON YOUR PROJECT, YOUR APPLICATION WILL NOT BE CONSIDERED.

How to apply

Please telephone Brenda at the office if you need any help.

Please return the completed application form to the address below. You will need to obtain a reference from your GP, Community Nurse or Social Worker who knows you and is happy to discuss your request. A reference form is included with the application form. Please ask them to include a covering note on headed paper or a compliments slip.

Apply **at least three months** before you want to go on holiday.

What we will not fund

We will not fund

- ***Holidays which have already been booked or reserved***
- medical equipment
- medical treatment
- nursing care
- anything that is the responsibility of Social Services or the National Health Service to provide.

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