

# Hetton Town Council



## **Hetton Town Council gives emergency cash aid to local care charity**

Hetton Town Council has provided £1000.00 in cash aid to help Hetton Home Care Services purchase essential Personal Protective Equipment for its' frontline staff.

At the Town Council meeting held on 27 April, Councillors learned from a report how the charity was experiencing difficulty in sourcing PPE and that due to current demand outstripping supply, costs had greatly increased.

Comprising aprons, masks, gloves, shoe covers and goggles, PPE is essential kit for care staff to be able to fulfil their roles in the current circumstances, and for their personal wellbeing.

After discussing the difficulties facing Hetton Home Care, Councillors agreed to make the cash award.

Cllr Kathleen Pearson, Town Mayor commented "The Town Council is delighted to provide financial help to this well-regarded local charity delivering frontline services to some of the most vulnerable members of our community."

Jan Caterer, Registered Manager at Hetton Home Care Services said "The Charity is grateful to the Town Council for their support in helping us fund the rising cost of PPE for our staff who are working hard in these very difficult times. Keeping our staff and clients safe is our main priority and the extra funding is very welcome".

Councillors also agreed that the Town Clerk keep in touch with the charity during the Coronavirus crisis to monitor the position and consider what other help the Council may be able to provide.