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Dear Mrs Evett

Winchelsea Advent Windows

In November last year, The Council kindly agreed to fund the cost of printing information and publicity material for this event organised by my husband Graham and myself. Jocelynn Cannings sent me a cheque for £182.60, which was the price quoted to me by Adams of Rye to print the material.

In the event, we did not need to incur this cost because Anna Hargreaves and Stephen Turner, who we had approached to ask for the council's financial support, not only secured this for us, but Anna also suggested that we supported the Rye, Winchelsea and District Memorial Hospital by asking for £1 donations for our map leaflet. When we spoke to the hospital, they volunteered to print the posters, leaflets and numbers for each window free of charge as we were collecting on their behalf.

The money raised by the event was rather disappointing, as it totalled only £155.87 when the collecting boxes were opened. (There were a lot of copper coins among the £1 coins we had hoped for !) As the hospital had printed all the material for the event, this increased our disappointment with the total raised.

The cheque that Jocelynn sent us was made out to 'Winchelsea Advent Windows' and actually there is no organisation set up with that name. The event was simply organised by Graham and I (with Anna's help this year) and so we let her know that we could not cash it. She told us that it might be possible to make the cheque payable to me, but this was not normal practice.

bureaucratic.

In addition, having run the event for two years, Graham and I are not at all certain that we want to organise the event for a third year. In the light of this, we believe we should return the unused cheque (enclosed) to the council with our thanks for its willingness to help us when we expected to have to pay for the printing.

If the council feels able to make a donation to the hospital from the unused money to help cover their printing costs, I feel sure the fundraiser there, Jo Pappenheim, would be delighted. (However, I do realise that the council may wish to use the money differently.)

Thanks once again for supporting us.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "S. A. Rhodda".

Sally Rhodda