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F.A.O. Mrs K Ripley – Clerk to Salehurst and Robertsbridge Parish Council

Please will you bring this letter to the Chairman's attention

Dear Cllr Brown,

Re: Parish precept for allocation

This letter is in consideration of Precept funding from this year's allocation.

Battle Area Community Transport asks that you consider us for a grant as, since restarting services following the Covid pandemic, we have incurred increased expense in maintaining our vehicles and services. We have spent over £6,000 on vehicle maintenance in the last six months alone, to say nothing of the increase in fuel costs.

All Community Transport operators are now facing significant challenges in obtaining funding, especially in the current cost of living crisis. As a CT operator, BACT operates on a purely non-profit basis, only taking on services that they cannot operate on a commercial basis, or bus hires for local non-profit community groups.

As I'm sure you are aware, Battle Area Community Transport serves Rother Parishes with its routine timetabled services, flexible shopping services and hires for community organisations. It is a lifeline for those in the community who have very little in the way of accessible transport services.

If there is any further information you require, Peter, our office administrator will be happy to either e-mail or post it to you.

We would be grateful for any amount you can afford and look forward to hearing from you in due course.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'B. Newman'.

Bryn Newman
Company Secretary