

Settle and District Aid in Sickness Fund  
Report May 2022

The Settle and District Aid in Sickness Fund is a registered charity, operating since 1960, and its entire purpose is to help people with those increased costs. The Fund makes one-off gifts to applicants in Settle Parish and all the eleven parishes that surround Settle.

Examples of the kind of help available are towards the cost of:

- travel to hospital both for patient appointments and for family visits
- winter fuel bills for the housebound or immobile
- equipment to help with immobility
- domestic help

The Charity aims to help those who are less well off, but there are no formal means tests. Applications are handled in the strictest confidence, there are no age limits and no complicated procedures or forms to be filled out. The amount of each gift is at the discretion of the Trustees, except the rules say there can be no commitment to recurring gifts.

Throughout the various pressures during the past two years of the pandemic, the charity has been able to continue providing support to a number of people. Because the charity is not able to carry over surplus income, in recent years it has been decided that any surplus income not used for individual support, will be passed to an organization that provides support for those in need in our area. Surplus this year and last has been sent to support the work of a number of hospices serving both adults and children.

I have been the trustee representing Hellifield for a number of years and this is a role I took on as a Parish Councilor. However, the role can be done by anyone nominated by the Parish Council. If the new Parish Council wishes me to continue in the role then I am happy to do so but equally happy for someone new to take on the role.

Whoever is to be the Hellifield trustee must be approved by HPC and their nomination sent to the charity chair, Janet Heap.

Bob Moore