



Dear Friend,

A group of us are setting up a private fundraising group to give out up to £500 weekly to desperate and deserving people in Suffolk who need a little help that cannot be met any other way.

It is really easy to take part and we hope you are able to join us. In our various roles within Suffolk, it is clear there have always been hidden needs and hardships and the pandemic has exposed further inequalities and significant difficulties. Everyone who donates is entitled to make a nomination.

The original idea for this was from actor Joe Simms with his group www.500reasons.org

As his group reached 500 participants more groups have followed. They are easy to find on social media if you are interested and tend to be private groups rather than charities.

We are aiming for 500 participants in this Suffolk fund, each donating £1 per week by standing order. That will enable us to give out up to £500 per week to someone who is struggling. Having 500 members will enable us to reach more people. The group will focus on Suffolk residents. We will let you know when we have sufficient funds to accept the first nominee. In general, monies will be granted to individuals. Nominations cannot have a religious or political bias. As Joe Sims says

'....."working collaboratively and supportively to do some good each week is much easier if we avoid anything potentially divisive".'

Once you have signed up, we will invite you to a closed Facebook group, set up to keep members informed of donations and of any feedback. Members that aren't on Facebook will receive the write up in an email, so everyone is kept informed.

If you are interested in joining this group, details of what to do are below.

*1) Please set up a **STANDING ORDER/REGULAR PAYMENT** (not direct debit) of £1 (more if you wish, although we will never ask you to increase your weekly donation) every Monday payable to*

500 SUFFOLK REASONS

Sort code 52-30-31

Account no 49891979

*2) Please e-mail the group with **FAO ANN** as the subject, to let them know you have set this up, at 500suffolkreasons@gmail.com. This will also be the email address for nominations.*

If you have a friend who might be interested, please feel free to forward this mail.

Grateful thanks from us all

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