

Hi Kirsty,

I hope all is well. Apologies, my day job has been a bit full on recently.

Please see the spreadsheet here, also shared below:

<https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1lDxKBnnUFtJQ7RdVSkY-1sR56CG2ohfDK2mDIX4QQ8U/edit?usp=sharing>

As you can see, we have a number of applicants who have been vetted, and I have spoken to each of them personally. They are all fantastic young people and are part of the Broadstairs community in one way or another.

I hope you understand that I can't share any more personal information than I've provided, as I need to protect the applicants' personal data. There are also additional applicants who aren't included on this list. The six candidates shown consist of five young women and one young man who would all be excellent participants and have strong links to the Broadstairs community.

I'd like to request that the eligibility criteria be amended to **"Lives in Broadstairs OR studies in Broadstairs."** Our programme is aimed at 16–21-year-olds, and many within this age group may have left school to attend college or university, started an apprenticeship, entered employment, or become NEET. Requiring applicants to both live and study in Broadstairs risks excluding young people who are clearly part of the Broadstairs community and who the programme is intended to support.

In addition, I noticed the request for audited accounts. We're a new charity which, so far, has only received very small contributions from our membership. We've raised £525 through the community and recently received a £400 donation from a group of kitesurfers in Whitstable who closed their members' group and donated their remaining funds to us.

Any grant funding, such as the money we've received from Vattenfall, is allocated for a specific purpose, namely lessons and equipment. Commissioning an audit at this stage would consume a significant proportion of our unrestricted funds, leaving very little available to cover the charity's running costs. However, I'm more than happy to provide bank statements for any period you'd like to see, along with any other financial information that would be helpful.

I look forward to your reply.

Kind regards,

Chris