



Welcome to the August 2018 edition of Disability Grants News - a monthly round up of highlights on the [Disability Grants](#) website and resources for anyone with a disability, caring for or working with disabled adults or children.

There have been a number of updates this month including....



Holiday Caravans for the Disabled

This is a great map to help you plan next years holiday. Click on the markers to find the information on each caravan. The wheelchair icon indicates that it's wheelchair accessible.

Grant News

Here are some more of this month's highlights....

Individual Grants

- [The Roald Dahl's Marvellous Children's Charity](#) provides grants for families with a child with serious illness in the UK. Closing date: 17th September 2018.
- [The Thomas Read Bursary](#) helps disabled individuals to reach their ambitions to be a journalist with financial support. Last year it was able to help two recipients undertaking journalism courses.
- [The Dan Maskell Tennis Trust](#) provides grants of up to £1,500 for special schools, disability groups and associations for specialist equipment and wheelchairs. Individuals are able to apply for a grant up to £500. Closing date: 29th October 2018.
- Adults and children with an acquired physical disability in England can apply for grants from £100 to £5,000 for items such as specialist equipment not available from statutory services and specialist technology from the [Paul Bush Foundation Trust](#).
- Grants for holidays and convalescent breaks for people of limited means who are recovering from trauma or illness from the [Clevedon Forbes Fund](#). It will also assist with breaks for carers.
- [Chicks](#) provides free respite breaks to children aged 8 to 18 years from all over the UK. It is open to young carers, those in poverty, victims of bullying or abuse or have been bereaved. All children must be referred by an appropriate professional.
- [The George Stephen Charity](#) provides help to farm workers in England or their dependents. Single grants up to a maximum of £350 can be made for the purchase of essential household items.
- [The Queen's Nursing Institute](#) will provide financial support to working and retired nurses who are experiencing financial hardship through physical and mental

illness.

- [The Benevolent Fund for Nurses in Scotland](#) supports nurses who have worked or trained in Scotland and are experiencing financial difficulties due to their inability to continue working.
- [The Barchester Healthcare Foundation](#) supports older people (over 65 years) and adults with physical and mental disabilities. It is able to help individuals with the cost of items that enhance the person's mobility, independence or quality of life.
- The Welsh Government offer the [Nest Scheme](#) to help make your home warmer and more energy efficient. Depending on your eligibility it can include a package of improvements including new boiler, central heating or insulation.

Community Grants

- SEN Schools can apply for grants of up to £5,000 to help them buy sensory equipment from the [Lord Taverners](#). Applications are reviewed quarterly.
- [The Masonic Charitable Foundation](#) are offering grants for charities in England and Wales that support disadvantaged and vulnerable children. Closing date: 5th October 2018.
- Funding is available to support local communities in specific postcode areas of South East Wales, Hereford, Gloucester and Bristol from the [Monmouthshire Building Society Charitable Foundation](#). This includes support groups, carers and older people. Closing dates 6th September 2018 and 22nd November 2018.
- Grants are available for registered charities providing services to people living with significant disabilities or health concerns in South East London from the [Merchant Taylors' Consolidated Charities for the Infirm](#). Closing date: 9th September 2018
- [The Midcounties Co-operative Community Fund](#) is open until 21st September 2018. Grants are available to benefit the local communities within the Midcounties Co-operative trading area.
- Grants are available to local charities, community groups and organisations for community projects that improve the lives of Manchester City residents from the [We Love MCR Charity](#)
- [Lloyds Bank Foundation](#) reopened for applications on 28th August 2018 for both it's short and long term grant programmes.
- [DM Thomas Foundation](#) supports charities and not for profit organisations that help children with disabilities and life limiting conditions. It's next deadline for applications: 9th October 2018

Snippets

- Scottish carers will receive the first payment of the new [Carer's Allowance Supplement](#) from mid-September 2018. It will be back-dated to April 2018.
- A reminder about the Watersure scheme as this allows water bills to be capped. Check out the criteria on the [Ofwat website](#). Applications are made through your water company.
- The Government now has a service called [Tell Us Once](#) to let you report a death to most government organisations in one go.
- [Community Directplus](#) gives charities, community groups and voluntary organisations an ethical way to bank for free from the Cooperative Bank. All Community Directplus account holders may also apply for up to £1,000 from the Customer Donation Fund to support special projects and fundraising activities.
- Contact (for families with disabled children) are reminding parents that you must let the Tax Credit office know by Friday 31st August if you have a 16-19 year

staying on at school. Otherwise, the Tax Credit Office assumes that a 16 year old is a school leaver during the summer.

- [The Kids Pass Sale](#) ends tomorrow (31st August 2018). It's your last chance to purchase a Kids Pass for £1 for a 40 day trial. It gives discount on family days out.

Please don't forget that Disability Grants is a shared resource where everyone helps each other..... So, do participate and share your knowledge and experiences.

Help and Be Helped

All the best

Julia Tyrrell

Founder of Disability Grants

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