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Dear Mrs Charles

Supporting people in your area affected by crime

I am writing to ask if Abergavenny Town Council would consider contributing towards our essential work in supporting people in your area who have been affected by crime when you have your next meeting.

The impact of crime

The effect of crime can be far-reaching, not only to the victim but also their family, friends and the wider community. For example, a Hate Crime can divide a local community and increase the fear of crime, making people feel unsafe where they live. The impact on a victim and their family can be huge, affecting them financially, emotionally, physically and psychologically.

Victim Support - What we do

- We offer a free and confidential service to victims of crime, their family, friends and anyone else affected.
- We support people from all communities, whatever crime they have suffered, whenever it happened, even when they have felt unable to report it to the police.
- We give information, emotional support and practical help for as long as it takes for the victim(s) to find the strength to move on with their lives.

The Benefits for Local Communities

- Our diverse volunteer workforce, live and work locally.
- The high quality of our volunteers' training and the skills with which we equip them develops your communities and has a positive local impact beyond the criminal justice system.
- With their help, victims of crime in your area are better able to recover and move on with their lives.

- Supporting victims, both young and old who are asked to attend court, can be more confident about giving evidence, helping to create a more effective justice system and a safer community and sense of well-being.
- We can help reduce the harm that crime does to people in your area.

What victims say about us

Here is just a small selection of the feedback we receive:

- “Victim Support genuinely care about you - this makes a huge difference because you feel your issues are important and will be dealt with.”
- “Victim Support helped me from the moment I reported the crime to the police until I said I didn’t need them anymore. They were there for me emotionally, answering all my questions, explaining every step of the way to me.”
- “This is the biggest fight I’ve had to face, but we will get through it. I didn’t have support like this when it happened to me when I was younger - I had no one to believe me. But Victim Support sticks by you - I thank them from the bottom of my heart.”
- “You helped me understand the ins and outs of the criminal justice system I was so confused following the crime. Thank you so much.”

How your donation will be spent

Every contribution to the work that we do can make a big difference. For example:

- £50 could pay for us to give 5 burglary victims information about securing their home in the future.
- £100 can help us to ensure our 24 X 7 Supportline remains open so victims know Victim Support is there for them whenever they need us.
- £250 could pay for 15 support workers to receive one-day training on serious crime.
- £250 could help us to support 10 young victims of bullying and harassment.
- £300 could help us to develop ongoing tools that aid a victim to cope and recover from the crime.
- £500 could help meet the cost of developing up to date training materials to support victims of fraud.
- £500 could help us provide give ongoing support to a family recently bereaved due to a violent crime.

No matter how big or small your donation, it will make a real difference to us in our work with victims of crime.

If you would like to read more about Victim Support, you can find details on our website: www.victimsupport.org.uk

Yours sincerely,



Tom Edwards
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