

OUR GUIDE TO APPLYING

Pidley Mountain Rescue Team (PMRT) only assists applicants who live in the Huntingdonshire district. Our application form is very simple and quick to fill in but before you apply please check whether the local NHS services or Huntingdonshire District Council are able to provide the equipment you require.

In addition to the application form you are asked to submit a letter or email from a healthcare professional, for example a physiotherapist, occupational therapist or doctor, or a social worker or SENCO teacher to support your application. The letter, which should be addressed to PMRT, needs to specifically outline why you need the equipment, your abilities and any other medical conditions we need to consider. This helps us provide the right equipment for you.

Although we ask you to provide a quote or estimate for the cost of equipment and potential suppliers – we reserve the right to source additional quotes and investigate alternative equipment that may better suit your needs. We will then order and purchase the equipment for you.

Unfortunately we do not consider:

- retrospective applications, ie where the equipment has already been bought and paid for;
- part-funded applications, ie where the equipment is also being funded by another charity or organisation.

PMRT is a small local charity with limited funds and we do have a limit to the level of financial help we can consider. We reserve the right to decide if your application is beyond our financial means, and if this is the case then we will try to offer contact details for alternative national charities that may be able to help you.

What happens when we've received your application?

The application is considered by the PMRT trustees at our monthly committee meetings. The trustees are volunteers so please be patient as sometimes it may take several weeks for us to get back to you regarding your application. We realise that this is not ideal, but often we can process applications faster than many national charities. And please make sure you give us all your contact details.

Our Application Officer will then contact you and may arrange a home visit to meet you and discuss your application further. PMRT relies on voluntary funds and donations so we may ask you to contribute to the final cost if we believe you are able to.

If, in the future, you decide you no longer require any equipment that PMRT has provided or helped fund then we can usually find it a new home with someone else. Equipment should be returned in good working order.

Life membership of Pidley Mountain Rescue Team is only £10 and we encourage everyone, including applicants, to join. An application form is available on our website and cheques can be made payable to: Pidley Mountain Rescue Team.



APPLICATION FORM

NAME (of person for whom request is being made):

ADDRESS:

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D.O.B.: TEL. NO.:

EMAIL ADDRESS:

NAME (of person making the application, if different from above):

RELATIONSHIP TO THE ABOVE NAMED PERSON:

ADDRESS (if different from above):

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TEL. NO. (if different from above):

EMAIL ADDRESS (if different from above):

- DETAILS OF EQUIPMENT BEING REQUESTED AND BRIEF EXPLANATION OF HOW IT WILL BENEFIT THE APPLICANT (please include exact cost of the equipment and details of suppliers / attach quotation if available):

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- HAVE YOU SOUGHT FUNDING FROM ANY OTHER SOURCES (including statutory agencies, e.g. social services, NHS)?

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- ARE YOU ABLE TO CONTRIBUTE TOWARDS THE COST OF THE EQUIPMENT?

YES / NO (please delete as appropriate)

IF YES, HOW MUCH?

- PIDLEY MOUNTAIN RESCUE TEAM IS A SMALL, LOCAL CHARITY. THE TRUSTEES FEEL THAT LOCAL PUBLICITY IS VITAL TO ITS CONTINUED SUCCESS. WE THEREFORE AIM TO PUBLICISE MANY OF OUR ACTIVITIES IN THE LOCAL PAPERS AND ON OUR WEBSITE. WOULD YOU BE HAPPY TO HAVE DETAILS OF YOUR APPLICATION INCLUDED?

YES / NO (please delete as appropriate)

PLEASE READ AND SIGN THE FOLLOWING DECLARATION:

THE TRUSTEES OF PIDLEY MOUNTAIN RESCUE TEAM ARE UNABLE TO ACCEPT RESPONSIBILITY FOR THE ASSESSMENT FOR APPROPRIATE EQUIPMENT PROVISION FOR INDIVIDUALS AND THEREFORE RECOMMEND THAT APPLICANTS SEEK PROFESSIONAL ADVICE AND ASSESSMENT PRIOR TO MAKING AN APPLICATION TO THE CHARITY.

PIDLEY MOUNTAIN RESCUE TEAM WILL NOT BE LIABLE FOR ANY INJURY CAUSED IN ANY WAY AS A RESULT OF SUPPLYING ANY EQUIPMENT TO AN INDIVIDUAL. RECIPIENTS SHALL ACCEPT RESPONSIBILITY FOR THE SAFE USE AND MAINTENANCE OF ANY EQUIPMENT SUPPLIED TO THEM BY PIDLEY MOUNTAIN RESCUE TEAM.

I HAVE READ AND ACCEPT THE ABOVE DECLARATION:

SIGNED: DATE:

**RETURN THIS FORM TO:
 PIDLEY MOUNTAIN RESCUE TEAM
 The Applications Officer c/o Pidley Village Hall
 High Street, Pidley,
 Huntingdon, PE28 3DA
 applications@pidleymountainrescue.org.uk**