

**NEW APPLICATION FOR RATE RELIEF UNDER SECTIONS 43 AND 47 OF THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT  
FINANCE ACT 1988 FOR THE FINANCIAL YEARS 2006/07**

Applicant's Name: Age Concern England Account Ref: 101099127

Property Address: 57 Market Street, Hednesford, Staffs, WS12 1AD

Registered Charity: Yes – 261794

Occupation Date: 24 June 2006 NEW APPLICATION

Relief Claimed: Mandatory and Discretionary Period: 24/6/06 – 31/3/07

Use of Property: Charity Shop

Main Objectives: To promote the well being of all older people and help make later life a fulfilling and enjoyable experience.

Financial Situation:	As at 31 March 2005	Surplus Reserves	£ N/a N/a
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Relief Granted (at other premises):	Mandatory	-	80%
	Discretionary	-	10%

Rates Payable:	2006/07
	£
Full charge	1,483.41
Less Mandatory Relief (80%)	<u>1,186.73</u>
Discretionary consideration	<u>296.68</u>
Less 10% if granted	
NDR Pool (25%):	37.08
General Fund (75%):	<u>111.26</u>
Rates payable:	£ <u>148.34</u>

**Supporting Information:**

In order to fund activities such as information and advice, day care and advocacy, Age Concern adopts a number of measures including charity shops to do this. The shops provide a valuable service to the community at many levels: they facilitate the recycling of clothing, brick-a-brac and other items that might otherwise be thrown away. By arranging collections, either directly from members of the public or via bag drops, this alleviates the pressure on local refuse services.

Although shops are manned by a paid manager, all remaining workers are volunteers who often have varying levels of disabilities – a typical shop can support 30 or 40 volunteers.

The whole process of providing a charity shops provides significant local benefits and a large proportion of the profit made at the shops is diverted to the local groups and spent in the locality.

**Comments:**

Nil