

**APPLICATION FOR RATE RELIEF UNDER SECTIONS 43 AND 47 OF THE
LOCAL GOVERNMENT FINANCE ACT 1988 FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR 2011/12**

Applicant's Name: The Home Farm Trust Ltd **Account Ref:** 101018399

Property Address: 6 Upper Brook Street, Rugeley, Staffs, WS15 2DN

Registered Charity: Yes - 313069

Occupation Date: 25 March 1998 **NEW APPLICATION**

Relief Claimed: Mandatory and Discretionary **Period:** 1/4/11 – 31/3/12

Use of Property: Charity Shop

Main Objectives: Provision of care services for adults with learning disabilities and the provision of advice and support to families and carers of people with learning disabilities

Financial Situation: As at: 31 March 2010

Surplus (Deficit)	£ 2,617,000.00
Reserves	4,496,000.00*
* National Organisation	

Previous Relief Granted:

Mandatory	-	80%
Discretionary	-	0%

Rates Payable:

Details of Charge	2011/12 £
Full Charge	4,546.50
Less Mandatory Relief (80%)	3,637.20-
Discretionary Consideration	<u>909.30</u>
If 7% Relief Granted:	318.26-
<i>Cost to NNDR Pool (25%)</i>	79.56
<i>General Fund (75%)</i>	238.70
Rates Payable:	<u>591.04</u>

Supporting Information:

Home Farm Trust Ltd is a registered charitable organisation who has been operating a charity shop from the premises at 6 Upper Brook Street, Rugeley since March 1998. The organisation has continually been in receipt of Mandatory Rate Relief; however, on their annual renewal application for 2011/12 they have indicated that they now wish to be considered for top-up discretionary rate relief.

The charity shop only sells goods donated by the public. Donated goods include books, clothes, household items and bric-a-brac. The shop operated by Home Farm Trust Ltd is open to all sections of the community; they offer family carer support services and also allow other community organisations to share their facilities

The main objective of the charity is to enable and support people with learning difficulties in order for them to experience fulfilling lives in ways which maximise their involvement in the community.

Membership of the organisation is primarily made up of people who have family members with a learning disability. The charity also has an active diversity group supported at board level to ensure that all services are available to all members of the community and that there are no barriers to employment. Membership is charged at £20.00 per annum or £200.00 for a life membership.

In addition to income from memberships, the principal source of income for the charity is from Local Authority fees, donations and legacies.

Comments:

None