

**NEW APPLICATION**

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**APPLICATION FOR RATE RELIEF UNDER SECTIONS 43 AND 47 OF THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT FINANCE ACT 1988 FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR AND 2012/13**

**Applicant's Name:** Beacon Centre for the Blind **Account Ref:** 101153487

**Property Address:** 18 Market Place, Cannock, Staffs, WS11 1BX

**Registered Charity:** Yes - 216092

**Occupation Date:** 28 June 2012 **NEW APPLICATION**

**Relief Claimed:** Mandatory and Discretionary **Period:** 28/6/12 – 31/3/13

**Use of Property:** Charity Shop

**Main Objectives:** To help local people with sight loss

**Financial Situation:** As at: 31 March 2012

<b>Surplus (Deficit)</b>	£ (374,424.00)
<b>Reserves</b>	8,513,250.00*
*Regional Organisation	

**Previous Relief Granted:**

<b>Mandatory</b>	-	0%
<b>Discretionary</b>	-	0%

**Rates Payable:**

Details of Charge	2012/13 £
<b>Full Charge (28/6/12 – 31/3/13)</b>	9,123.92
<b>Less Mandatory Relief (80%)</b>	7,299.14-
<b>Discretionary Consideration:</b>	<b><u>1,824.78</u></b>
<b>If 5% Relief Granted (2012/13):</b>	456.20-
<b>Cost to NNDR Pool (25%)</b>	114.05
<b>Cost to General Fund (75%)</b>	342.15
<b>Rates Payable</b>	<b><u>1,368.58</u></b>

**Supporting Information:**

The premises occupied by Beacon Centre for the Blind at Market Place, Cannock are used as a charity shop. The charity shop sells mainly donated goods – currently the proportion of donated goods offered for sale is 92.5%. The remaining 7.5% of goods sold from the shop are new goods. The sale of these goods provides the organisation with one of its principal sources of income.

The main objective of the organisation is to help local people with sight loss to live fuller and more independent lives by offering them the finest facilities and support.

At the Head Office in Wolverhampton there is a day centre, supported living accommodation, an employment suite, IT training, a retail outlet, restaurant and a coffee bar. These facilities are available to all visually impaired people in the community. Currently the total number of users of the facilities are 2,768.

The organisation has continued its major focus on marketing and promoting the work of the charity as widely as possible. They continue to hold open days and other similar events; they also continue to have a very productive relationship with the local media. The organisation also utilises new media such as 'Facebook' and 'You-tube' and have begun a programme of talks to groups in the local community.

In addition to money raised by the organisations charity shops, other sources of income for the organisation come from donations, gifts, legacies and charitable activities.

**Comments:**

None