

**APPLICATION FOR RATE RELIEF UNDER SECTIONS 43 AND 47 OF THE LOCAL  
GOVERNMENT FINANCE ACT 1988 FOR THE FINANCIAL YEARS 2007/8 AND 2008/09****Applicant's Name:** Rugeley Open Spaces Association **Account Ref:** 101113074**Property Address:** Nelson Headquarters, Station Road, Rugeley, Staffs, WS15 2H**Registered Charity:** Yes - 1116031**Occupation Date:** 15 January 2008 **NEW APPLICATION****Relief Claimed:** Mandatory and Discretionary **Period:** 15/1/08 – 31/3/08  
1/4/08 – 31/3/09**Use of Property:** Storage**Main Objectives:** To provide and manage open spaces for the benefit of the community which shall be used for leisure and recreation for the inhabitants of Rugeley and surrounding areas.

<b>Financial Situation:</b> As at 31 March 2007	<b>Surplus (Deficit)</b>	£ 14,372.00
	<b>Reserves</b>	14,372.00

**Previous Relief Granted:** **Mandatory** - 80%  
**Discretionary** - 10%

<b>Rates Payable:</b>	<b>2007/08</b>	<b>2008/09</b>
	£	£
<b>Full charge</b>	142.45	704.55
<b>Less Mandatory Relief (80%)</b>	<u>113.96</u>	<u>563.64</u>
<b>Discretionary consideration</b>	28.49	140.91
<b>If 10% granted</b>		
<b>NNDR Pool (25%):</b>	3.56	17.61
<b>General Fund (75%):</b>	<u>10.68</u>	<u>52.84</u>
<b>Rates payable:</b>	£ <u>14.25</u>	£ <u>70.46</u>

**Supporting Information:**

Rugeley Open Spaces Association came into existence in November 1986 as a result of the 'Save St. Augustine's Field' campaign. The field is an open space on the edge of Rugeley and was threatened at the time with being lost to the local populations due to development.

These premises were acquired by the organisation in January 2008 in addition to St Augustine's Field, Station Road, Rugeley; at present these premises are only used for the storage of items of equipment which are used in conjunction with the use of the playing fields.

Regular users of the playing fields include Rugeley Rugby Club (Junior Section), school sports days and local Brownie Group events.

Principle sources of income for the organisation are from fund-raising events, cash donations and grants.

The income and any properties owned and managed by the Association are only used to help the organisation achieve its aims and purposes.

**Comments.**

Rugeley Open Spaces Association are currently in receipt of the additional 10% top-up discretionary rate relief in respect of their other rating assessment, St Augustine's Field, Station Road, Rugeley.