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Dear Mr Hutt.

Our appreciative thanks for the very generous contribution to the work of St Albans Mencap from you and your fellow Club cyclists in memory of Mr. Michael Hall. We are greatly indebted to you all.

Because you have kindly supported us, you may be interested to know a bit about what we do. It is our aim to continue to develop a range of services for our clients locally and, following on from the groundwork of our founder members in days gone by, great strides have been made in the last few years. These include a Reminiscence Group for our older members, the development of two Saturday Clubs for young adults with more specific physical or behavioural needs, each running fortnightly, (over and above the one already operating for 16-30 year olds) and an increase in the number of SNAP play schemes to nine - these run for those of 3-19 years, cater for all learning disabled clients whatever their need and operate during the Christmas, Easter and Summer holidays. There is a choice of Pick 'n' Mix groups too, which began as a couple of half day sessions each week, but happen all day every weekday now - these offer our post-25 clients some different opportunities for outings and/or variety in their week once the college course years finish. Mr Hall was involved in the discussion and development of several of these projects. Another more recent idea is to develop a training kitchen, so that some of our more capable members may be able to learn skills that could transfer to the world of work; to this end a building has been acquired and is gradually being fitted out, as resources allow. This building, an old brewery, is sizeable, which means that it can be divided up to offer other clients a base also, for special interest small groups, alongside a social/relaxation space which is another important need. These groups are just starting to use the premises as I write.

We'd particularly like to offer our less able clients an area there too, to make the building really a centre for all; now, with the help of your donation, we can make a start! A Sensory Room requires very individual equipment, much of which is costly because it has to be of the highest standard and offering particular qualities for its users: to have a composite sum to begin this transformation is a real boost!

In these days of economic stringency, moving things forward takes even more effort, and hence generosity such as yours is even more appreciated. We hope you will feel our plan is one you can endorse – in time a very special group of people will have a very special place where life can offer some meaning and enjoyment, and this will be due in no small measure to you!

Sincere thanks once more from everyone at St Albans Mencap.

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Chairman St Albans Mencap





Mr Richard Hutt Harp Road Club

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## Dear Mr Hutt

I am writing to thank you all so much for your very kind donation of £400.00 made to St Nicholas Hospice Care for the **Vic Dashwood Memorial Fund**. Please pass on our thanks to the club members for their hard work and for thinking of us in this way. I'm sure Susan has been very encouraged by the donation.

Your support will enable St Nicholas Hospice Care to continue to work alongside people as they live with their terminal and life-threatening illnesses. We care for patients and their families both in the Hospice building and in their own homes. All our services are entirely free to those who need them. We value enormously the relationship we have with the community we serve and which in turn so generously supports our work.

As a registered charity we rely on the generosity and goodwill of the community and I thank you very much indeed for your support.

Yours sincerely

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Richard Hutt

Dear Richard,

Thank you so much for your wonderful donation of £400.00. We were absolutely delighted that you chose to support Shelter this year through the Harp Hilly Hundred Reliability Ride – it looks like a fantastic event and we are hugely grateful. Please do pass on our sincere thanks to everyone involved.

Shelter believes that everybody deserves to live in decent housing. We are there to help people who are in danger of becoming homeless to keep their home, and to ensure people who are homeless are offered secure housing they can afford. We believe that a home is more than just a shelter – it should be a place that provides comfort, security and stability. One in seven children in the UK currently lives in unfit housing.

Thanks to your support and commitment, we are working to change this.

Kindest regards,

Hannah Lumb

Community and Events Manager

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## Certificate of Appreciation

This is to certify that Harp Road Club

has raised £ 400.00

in support of Shelter's work with homeless and badly housed people.

Thank you for all your support.

Adam Sampson

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