

Weston-super-Mare National Spiritualist Church AGM 2026 Suggested Charities for the Year

At the AGM, Church Full Members choose three local charities for the forthcoming year for which funds are raised at the Harvest, Christmas and Easter raffles. The Committee suggest the following local charities are considered. Members may make other suggestions. A vote will be taken at the AGM to determine the three charities to be taken forward from those below and any additional ones proposed by Members at the AGM. Each Full Member can only vote for three of the charities.

Please note that these charities are in addition to the Remembrance Sunday collection for the Poppy Appeal and our long standing support of the Children's Hospice South West (Wraxall).

Uncle Paul's Chili Charity

Based in Butcombe and runs the Copper Kettle on Locking Road.

We are a working farm with a social purpose. Our award-winning jams, chutneys, and sauces showcase the amazing taste of home grown veg and generate income to support our work. But our true impact lies in the people we serve. We welcome vulnerable adults, care-experienced young people, carers, and those facing social disadvantage. Many arrive carrying the weight of isolation, poor mental health, or disrupted life experiences. What they find is a community that believes in them. Through practical activity, animal-assisted learning, and social connection, we help individuals rebuild confidence and open new pathways.

In Charley's Memory

In Charley's Memory (ICM) are an award winning, suicide prevention charity providing 1:1 life-saving counselling support for anyone aged 11+. We are located in Burnham on Sea, but support people from all over the county. ICM are considered one of the county's leading providers for mental health services and we routinely support clients who are referred here by all of the local GP surgeries, NHS services, prison service, Social Services, and more! However, we receive no funding from the government to continue to support the work of the NHS and other services. Last year we saved the NHS an estimated £737,000 by providing the 1:1 unlimited support that we supply. Our excellent reputation means we are facing increasing demand for our service and as a result their youngest clients are facing long waiting lists for support. These clients can only be seen by their most qualified staff due to their age and in many cases, the complexity and severity of their presenting concerns.

Secret World Wildlife Rescue

Secret World Wildlife Rescue in East Huntspill near Highbridge was founded in 1992 to support wildlife rescue work. Since 2005, Secret World Wildlife Rescue has grown into a 365 days a year wildlife rescue centre, caring for over 5,000 sick, injured and orphaned animals each year. The aim of our rescue and rehabilitation work is to return the animals to the wild whenever possible, and we believe in always giving an animal the best possible care and the best possible outcome.

Weston Hospicecare

For more than 30 years we've given palliative care to people with life-limiting illnesses in Weston-super-Mare and northern Somerset completely free of charge. We deliver expert care from our base, Jackson-Barstow House where there is a 10 bedroom inpatient unit (IPU), along with a day and wellbeing centre. To complement our in-house services, we have a team of community nurse specialists who care for patients, and their families, in their homes in Weston-super-Mare, and the surrounding area.

Weston-super-Mare Foodbank

We don't think anyone in our community should have to face going hungry. That's why we provide three days' nutritionally balanced emergency food and support to local people who are referred to us in crisis. We are part of a nationwide network of food banks, supported by Trussell, working to combat poverty and hunger across the UK.