**Charities operating in the Kent area are invited to apply to be our next Charity of the Year.**

Whitehead Monckton has offices across Kent in Maidstone, Tenterden, Canterbury and Ramsgate. We are committed to playing a positive role in supporting the communities around us, partnering with local and national charities and organisations to support social causes and encouraging employee volunteering and charitable giving.

Please note our charity year is 1 April – 31 March as opposed to the calendar year. Our Social and Community Committee and staff organise internal and external fundraising events throughout the year and also like to get involved in fundraising or volunteering opportunities organised by our Charity of the Year. We aim to raise in the region of £5,000 to £10,000 per year for our Charity of the Year.

We select our Charity of the Year by a staff vote after an initial shortlisting of applications by our Social and Community Committee against selection criteria referred to in this application form. Our shortlist is usually 3 charities.

**If you would like to apply to be our next Charity of the Year, please complete this form and send to Bekka Fuszard who heads up our Social and Community Committee –** **bekkafuszard@wmlaw.uk** **– along with any other information you would like us to consider.**

Please submit your application by **31 December** so that we can shortlist applications in January with a view to staff voting taking place in February.

**Section A: Charity Details**

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| Charity Name |  |
| Registered Charity No. |  |
| Charity Website URL |  |
| Registered Address |  |
| Contact Name, Email Address and Telephone No. |  |

**Section B: About Your Charity**

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| Please provide a brief overview of your charity objectives/purpose and the types of activities you undertake *(350 words max)* |
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| Who are the main groups of people that benefit from your charitable activity? *(200 words max)*  |
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| Would you describe your Charity as (please tick):[ ] Local [ ] National [ ] International |
| Please provide details of the main geographical areas you operate in within Kent. Please provide as much detail as possible |
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| Please confirm whether you have any affiliation to politics or a political party (please tick):[ ] No we do not have any affiliation[ ] Yes we have an affiliation (please specify)………………………………………………………………………………. |
| Have you applied and/or received any benefit from the Whitehead Monckton Charitable Foundation in the last 5 years? |
| [ ] Applied and received (please state year(s) and amount(s))……………………………………………………………….[ ] Applied and not received[ ] Not applied |

**Section C: Working Together**

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| Why would you like to be Whitehead Monckton’s Charity of the Year? *(500 words max)* |
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| Please explain how working together with you as our Charity of the Year could bring benefits to: (a) you and your beneficiaries (b) Whitehead Monckton (c) the wider local community in the Kent area *(500 words max)* |
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| If selected as our Charity of the Year, what types of activities and events do you organise that Whitehead Monckton could support, volunteer at and engage with? *(500 words max)* |
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| Please share any other information that you think is relevant and would support your application *(200 words max)* |
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