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Dear Joe.

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I would like to put forward the National Autistic Society (NAS).as next year's recipient As you are aware I am passionate about autism and the research and campaigning to make the lives of those affected by it as comfortable as possible. I myself have been involved with autism for over 20 years and have seen a lot of improvement in research diagnosis and development, a lot of the work has been carried out by the NAS.

The biggest development is the first ever bill about adults with autism being introduced to parliament in May 2010... Something we have been fighting for a number of years this will give NAS a strong position within parliament to study into the number of adults who are affected by ASD and research into the needs of young people with autism as they approach adulthood, which in turn will be passed on to local authorities, councils, doctor, hospitals, dentists, etc. providing training for those who deal with those on the autistic spectrum. One of the biggest campaigns this year that the NAS are doing is fighting the government's cutbacks particularly the decision on the changes to DLA which will have severe affects on people with LD receiving this benefit and their parents particularly the mobility component. For more information go to www.autism.org.uk/whobenefits.

The NAS provides a wide range of services for children and adults within the autistic spectrum and there families in England Scotland and Wales.

This year alone the NAS has helped over 100000 people and families affected by autism, they provide specialist education and residential care as well as training and courses (available to anyone upon request) enabling people to cope with the disorder


Autism affects not just the individual but parents and siblings, even a village as small as Whitwell has a large number of cases and probably even more not diagnosed, that will at some point in there lives will need assistance from NAS.

Please take a look at the NAS it is a registered charity which exists on grants and general fundraising there is no government money allocated other than by way of grants.

With cut backs from the government life for everyone will be difficult especially those that are vulnerable this in turn has a knock on effect on how much is donated to charity. This will have a massive impact on the NAS regarding the way there services are operated Please visit there web site and have a look just what the NAS provides I am sure you will agree this is a very deserving charity that needs all the help it can possibly get at this very lean time .

Yours Sincerely

Paul Battiste National Councillor NAS

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'P Battiste', written in a cursive style.