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LIFEBOAT/MRS/VHT CHARGES

Dear Sirs,
With no put to your proposal - to raise
user fees for charitable organisations like the
R.N.I. and the Scottish Mountain Rescue Service.
Whether you will ultimately be persuaded to
withdraw this membership fee proposal
remains to be seen! But as a bottom line
of both services I am absolutely convinced
by the members of this proposal. As a member
of the Scottish Mountain Rescue Committee the said
"it is completely unfair that the State should
use charitable donations to pay for services it
should provide! A superb boat out of general
tax revenue

It your members are not aware of the financial
reality it costs the R.N.I. £330,000 per day!
The Mountaineering Rescue Service requires
to raise £28000 just to stay in the same spot!
For a maximum of 1 month rate to various charities
to the maximum of my ability and it is
outragious that you should even consider charging
£260,000 P.A. for example to the R.N.I. I am so
convinced of the cynicism of this proposal with
its side effect that R.N.I. might be offered a 50%
discount to £130,000. "Hide the real agenda?" to
it to carry in the state! "Fanciful but accurate" to
identify an easy way to raise money from the
defenceless - you are thinking of taking 2/3 of a
days voluntary contributions for VHT charges.
I hope you will be thinking about the volunteers
who risk their lives for others in distress. This
is a totally unimpeachable proposal which
is embarrassing and humiliating to the volunteers.
There could be 10 charges for those who wish
their lives for others

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