

THE WHILTON PAROCHIAL CHARITIES

Annual Report prepared for the Annual Parish Meeting on 15th April 2015

The Trustees are pleased to report that there have been two successful applications for grants this year. One assisted an elderly couple, the other a family. One required an amount beyond our normal limit but the addition was met by a generous loan to the Charity. As it was we sold £200 of shares to meet the grants. These events led to the Trustees considering appealing to the Parish Community to consider making charitable donations to build up the funds we still hold from previous generous residents. In so appealing we sought and have just been given by HMRC permission to treat all such gifts as eligible for Gift Aid from the Treasury. We intend to make this clear on the Parish website and the magazine/Newsletter. We ask all residents to consider this possibility and are pleased to say the loan in the earlier part of the year has been donated as our very first gift aided contribution.

During the year the Trustees have not had to meet. All three were agreed by Email that the applications were appropriate. We continue to ask parishioners to be aware of situations where our help may be very valuable as the economic situation through job insecurity, benefit reductions and living longer on restricted income seems set to continue. Do suggest to individuals to speak with one of us, or mention to us, so we may approach the individual.

Our view remains that if the need is there it should be met, and if the funds are thereby extinguished then this should be accepted. So again we would remind residents, young and old, of our criteria permanently displayed on the two village notice Boards.

- i) The Trustees are prepared to give grants in sums usually not exceeding £300 and limited to one application from an individual per financial year.
- ii) These would be given on receipt of a written application to the trustees, in confidence, given to one of the trustees explaining the need and difficulty in financially meeting it, or if preferred, an interview with one of the trustees which they would record.
- iii) The need may be for a piece of equipment or experience that anyone with reasonable means could be expected to acquire e.g. A replacement mattress, TV licence, small house repair, musical instrument, evening class/skill giving course, playgroup fee, taxi fare to visit relative/friend in hospital, holiday break or significant school trip/D of E expedition that would fulfil potential. It could be help with fees for, or transport costs including insurance to further training.
- iv) Eligibility for an older or disabled person is defined as living mainly on a basic state pension or benefit, for a family living on an income half the national average wage, and for young people in their own right in a situation where it would not be expected a parent would fund the expense required. The payment may be requested to avoid consequences of a loan or the incurring of further debt

A notice will again be published in the Autumn issue of the Village Newsletter reminding residents about to embark on university study or new work training of our existence, or of any age, in difficult circumstances, and continuing to indicate safeguards for confidentiality of applicants.

We will discuss any 'What If' situation before any name is mentioned if you, or an agency, approach one of us. Recipients of grants in previous years are welcome to apply again if circumstances remain the same or indeed if a new need has arisen.

This fund remains for anyone normally resident in the Parish Boundaries and we would urge you to mention the possibility to those who should benefit from the forethought of previous wealthier generous parishioners.

We remind you that the three Trustees to be approached are the community representative, Ann Gilbert at Langton Cottage, the Rector Reverend Sue Kipling at Brington Rectory , and myself, Keith Hiscock, as the Parish Council nominee, at Langton House.

Accounts	2014-15	2013-14	2012-13	2010-11
Income from Coif Shares	£175.94	£173.70	£178.59	£185.74
Interest from Bank Account	nil	nil	nil	nil
Payments Made	£910	£300	£300	£300.00
Total Bank Balance as at 13.04.15	£58.23	£282.29	£408.59	£180.00
Capital Account Share Value	£1911.49	£1724.59	£1689.30	£1502.41
Subsequent Share Purchases £2676.90	£2752.93	£2675.37	£2620.62	
Both at 13.04.15 value				
Total Value of assets	£4721.65	£4682.25	£4718.51	£4359.31

K Hiscock.
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