

Eynsham Consolidated Charity

Grants to relieve local need hardship or distress

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REPORT FOR THE ANNUAL PARISH MEETING 2021

2020 Figures:

<u>Receipts</u>		<u>Payments:</u>	
Dividends	5172	Grants:	
Bank Interest	36	Individual grants (27)	4482
Field Rent	400		
Donations	<u>2400</u>	<u>Administration</u>	
		Clerk's fee & expenses	513
		Auditor's fees	53
		Surplus carried forward	<u>2960</u>
	8008		8008

Bank:

Closing balance: £19.074

The Charity's overall income was higher than in the previous year (£6,715 in 2019), as a result of the appeal for the donation of unwanted Winter Fuel Payments, made in the Community News last December. This was even more successful than in the previous year (£1,200 in 2019) and resulted in the receipt of donations totalling £2,400 to the year end. The Charity's main source of income continues to be from its holdings with the Charities' Official Investment Fund. Periodically any surpluses that may be available are invested in that fund to maintain their capital value.

27 individual grants were made last year (23 in 2018) amounting to £4,482 (£3,258 in 2019). As usual, a number of grants were made in January in the form of cash payments to help needy residents with their heating costs. Other specific grants, for example, were made towards the cost of white goods (washing machines, etc), necessary clothing, special equipment for persons with disabilities, essential furniture, and sundry urgent debts. Often grants are made to families with multiple health problems or other severe difficulties.

The Charity can, of course, make grants to persons of any age in the Parish of Eynsham and Freeland, provided the grant is to relieve need, hardship or distress. The Charity continues to advertise for applications by placing advertisements periodically in local publications, and on the village website.

The trustees meet quarterly, in May, September, November and February. The next meeting is on 17 May. Grants can be applied for (either by or on behalf of a person in need, hardship or distress) by emailing or writing to the Clerk or by applying to any of the trustees. The Charity maintains a sub-committee which is available at short notice to give consideration to urgent cases which may arise between meetings. Trustees living in Eynsham are Andy Mosson (Chairman), Dr Max Peterson, Julie Jordan, Carl Rylett, Nick Relph, Derek Malin, and the Vicar, Duncan Fraser. The Vicar of Freeland (new appointee) and an appointee of the Freeland Parish Council (Mike Foster) also serve as trustees.