

Bluntisham Saywells School Charities Annual Report 2015

The charities consists of two separate Trusts set up many years ago one under the will of a former Rector of Bluntisham cum Earith the Revd. Samuel Saywell who in his will left some land in Earith Washes the rents from which to be used for the education of the poor children of the parish.

The second trust was also established by a former Rector the Revd. Tillard to provide a school to be used for the education of poor children in the parish in the religious principles of the established church of England ...for the teaching of boys in reading, writing, casting of accounts and girls in reading, writing, sewing, knitting, mending and makingand to provide a place for the rector curates and successors to use as a lecture room within the said parish to promote the growth of piety within the said parish or a similar purpose in such a manner as the rector and successor rectors from time to time think fit.

The trustees have agreed a proposed scheme and has requested the Charity Commission to finalise the scheme whereby they can modernise the objects of the old school trust (charities), a reply is pending and is being chased. The trustees will work on a further scheme in relation to the School Wash Land if needed to enable them to effectively manage the properties owned by them.

Both of these charities were at one time registered with the Charity Commission but under various changes in charity law charities with incomes of less than £5,000 per year are no longer required to be registered, as the incomes for both are less than this threshold they are no longer registered.

The Trustees receive requests from time to time from schools, educational groups and occasionally individuals who require financial assistance and make grants and awards within the principles of the establishing trusts.

The trustees of the charity are:

The Rector: Rev Sheila Anthony

The Churchwardens: Mike Bateman; Philip Marshall

Two nominees of Bluntisham Parish Council: Jane Godfrey, Sue Everest

Any requests for support for educational purposes should be made to the trustees in writing

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or Jane Godfrey, 59 Wood end Bluntisham PE28 3LE pmdgodfrey@btinternet.com

The trustees believe that they have complied with their duty to have due regard to the guidance on public benefit published by the Commission in exercising their powers or duties.

The reports and accounts for 2015 are attached.

At meetings this year trustees agreed grants/awards for the following:

- 1) Grant to Somersham Town Band for tuition at St Helens school (£500)
- 2) Grant to St Helens School for support for Storytelling chair (£100)
- 3) Brambles Play Group – play equipment (£250)