

Annual Report of Hewars Charities for the Year Ending 31st December 2024

Introduction

Hewars Charity, operating under the Thomas Hewars Educational Charity, continues to support educational and community initiatives in Oxborough. This report summarises key developments of the charity for the financial year ending 31st December 2024.

Trustees and Governance

The charity is governed by a scheme dated 19th October 1963 and is registered under Charity Number 3111184. The Trustees who served during the year were:

- Mr. Miles Griffin
 - Mr. Charles Ashley
 - Rev. Linda Lubbe
 - Mr. Paul Smyth
 - Mr. Simon Willies (also serving as Honourable Clerk)
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Key Activities and Decisions

Hewars & Hammonds Trust

- Rent for land and shooting rights was collected.
- A small grant from the Yorkers Trust, based in Cockley Cley was gratefully received.
- Surplus income is invested in Schroders Equity Income Trust for Charities and The Growth Trust for Charities.

Oxborough Church Contributions

- Contributions to Oxborough Church remain a priority, with payments structured according to agreed allocations.

Support for Village Defibrillator

- The Trust is committed to covering maintenance costs for the Oxborough Village Hall defibrillator, with a review scheduled in 2028.

Grant Awarded from the Educational Trust

- A grant was awarded to a Village resident from the Educational Trust to support their higher education studies.

Public Awareness and Advertising

To ensure the community is informed about the work of Hewars Charity, the trust is advertised through the following channels:

- Bus stop notice board
- Village hall notice board
- Church notice board
- Online Oxborough Voice
- Leaflet drop to all houses in the village in the past year

Despite these efforts, there remains a very limited number of applications for grants. The Trustees continue to seek ways to encourage more eligible individuals to apply and benefit from the support available.

The Trustees remain committed to identifying and assisting more eligible applicants in the future.

Conclusion

Hewars Charity continues to fulfil its mission of supporting education and community welfare in Oxborough. The charity remains committed to supporting Oxborough Church and maintaining essential community services, with the limited funds available.

The accounts for the year 2024 can be viewed on the Charity Commission website, with a link available on the Oxborough Voice website.

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