

Report of the Bodenham Community Charity 2019

The Bodenham Community Charity is a registered charity Number 218404

The current trustees are

Mr. Rowland Hunt
Mrs. Louise Layton
Mrs. Margaret James
Mr Barry Wilson
Miss Susan Newbould Secretary

Mr. R Hunt is a nominative trustee and was appointed by nomination of the Parish Council for a term of 4 years in 2019. Mrs. James is also a nominative trustee and was appointed by nomination of the Parish Council for a term of 4 years in 2017. The remaining three trustees are co-optative trustees and are appointed in each case for 5 years.

The Trustees normally meet twice a year in May and November when any applications are considered. The Trustees will, if required, arrange additional special meetings to consider urgent applications.

The objects of the charity are to help "either generally or individuals resident in the Parish who are in conditions of need, hardship or distress by making grants of money or providing or paying for items, services or facilities calculated to reduce the need, hardship or distress of such persons"

There is further detailed guidance in the charity scheme concerning the making of grants but the objects enable the trustees to make a wide range of grants. For example, the charity has in the past assisted with medical equipment and expenses not otherwise available on the NHS, travelling expenses, fuel costs, equipment and books for students and the cost of extra curricular school expenses such as school trips and music tuition. It has also in the past made grants to Parish organisations including a past Bodenham Youth Club and Bodenham Local History Group, Bodenham Compassionate Community as well as assisting the Flood Protection Group and contributing to the cost of installation of defibrillators. It is an express criterion for the making of any grant that all other sources of finance (particularly public funds) have been considered or otherwise exhausted. There is no means testing but the trustees consider carefully what applicants tell them about their personal circumstances or the funding of any group or organisation.

All applications and grants are treated in the strictest confidence and the identities of individuals receiving grants are not generally disclosed. During 2019 grants were made to two individuals.

S Newbould Secretary May 2020