

# THE LONGWORTH CHARITIES, also known as the LONGWORTH AREA TRUST ANNUAL REPORT 2020

## The Trusts of the Charities

These are set out in a Charity Commission Scheme dated 20<sup>th</sup> May 1974. Six small local charities were grouped together under one body of Trustees. The income of the Charities is to be used for the relief of need within their “area of benefit” – the parishes of Longworth and Charney Bassett and the former parish of Draycott Moor as constituted on 31<sup>st</sup> March 1971.

## Charity Status

At the request of the Trustees, Longworth Charities (also known as the Longworth Area Trust) was removed by the Charity Commission from the Central Register of Charities on the 20<sup>th</sup> August 2012, on the basis that assets and income fall below the minimum requirements for registration. HM Revenue and Customs confirmed in a letter dated 11<sup>th</sup> April 2017, their Charity Reference EW62088, that for tax purposes the Trust remains a charitable body.

## Trustees as at 31<sup>st</sup> December 2020

Chair Mr. Michael Hodgkins	Appointed by Longworth Parish Council
Mrs. Mary Castle	Appointed by Charney Bassett Parish Council
Mr. Ian Charlton	Appointed by Kingston Bagpuize with Southmoor P.C.
Mr. Richard Frost	Co-optative
Mrs. Nicola McLintock	Appointed by Longworth Parish Council
Mrs. Valery Rose	Co-optative
The Reverend Talisker Tracey-MacLeod	Ex officio as Rector of Cherbury with Gainfield.

## Activities during 2020

Only one Trustee Meeting held. The planned meeting of the Trustees in May had to be cancelled because of the Corona Virus “lockdown”, the Trustees were able to meet in November by “Zoom”.

Two grants of £150 each were made during the year to a family in Longworth and a £150 grant made to a resident of Charney Bassett. These three grants were made in accordance with the emergency payments provisions of the Trust.

A grant of £150 was agreed at the November Trustee Meeting towards the costs of School Trips undertaken by pupils at Longworth Primary School at the start of 2020. Some parents had been unable to pay the cost, which had instead been met from school funds in order that no child was excluded.

## Financial Situation

At 31<sup>st</sup> December 2020, the bank account balances were £32 on current account with Barclays Bank, Abingdon and £216 on a COIF Charities Deposit Account. There were no debts. Total income from all investments amounted to £434 in the year.

The permanent endowments from which the Charities derive income are invested in COIF Charities Investment Fund Units. As at the 31<sup>st</sup> December, the mid-market value of all these “restricted” units totalled £8,930.

In addition, Longworth Charities held further COIF Charities Investment Fund Units which were originally purchased out of income, and which can if required be sold and the proceeds used as income. As at the 31<sup>st</sup> December, the mid-market value of these “non-endowment” units totalled £6,139.

The net. total of all Trust funds as at the 31<sup>st</sup> December 2020 was £15,317.

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