

WOOD NORTON CHARITABLE TRUST

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Report to the Wood Norton Annual Parish Meeting 2023

For those of you who are unaware Wood Norton has its own charity, similar to many other rural villages, once known as the Fuel Allotment Charity. Established over 3 centuries ago following a bequest of a smallholding with house and mill (demolished many years ago) and known, appropriately, as Windmill Farm, situated on the periphery of the village on the B1110 and from which the Charity's income is derived, it was created to benefit the needy of the village, mainly through providing coal to heat their homes.

The main aims of our modern-day charity are to provide financial support for those in need residing within our parish, both individuals and community organisations. This year, as well as supporting individuals the Trust has given a grant to the Village Hall towards the up keep of the field and Children's Play Area. Past examples include help to purchase the defibrillator and to repair the Church wall. If anyone listening to *or* reading this is in need of such support or knows a village resident who might benefit from our assistance however small, could you please contact one of the Trustees listed at the end.

All applications will be treated confidentially and assessed by the trustees on a case-by-case basis.

The trust also administers the Taxi Club open to **all** residents of the village of Wood Norton over the age of 14. Referred to as members, as such they are entitled to claim for a contribution of 60% or £18 whichever is the lesser towards a taxi fare. Each member may claim up to 2 journeys per month. The aim of the Club is to go some way towards making up for the lack of public transport around here, so there is no restriction on the purpose of the journey. Some people claim for a shopping trip, or a visit to the Doctors or hospital, perhaps when their car is in the garage or indeed for a social occasion, meal out and so on. Please contact Rosemary for further details.

This year has seen some changes in our trustees. Firstly our Chair, The Rev Cartwright has sadly left us for retirement, and we have said goodbye to Meg Smith who after many years of support for the Trust, including hosting our meetings for several years has called it a day. They go with our thanks and good wishes. In their place, The Rev Sally Kimmis returns as Chair and we have welcomed Julie Cullum as a new trustee.

The Trustees

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