

Carlton Charity Lands

Report to the May 2016 Parish Council Meeting

As Councillors are no doubt aware, Carlton Charity Lands uses the annual rental income from two fields in the parish of Carlton to offer financial assistance to young people at the early stages of their careers. Grants are made to help with the costs of apprenticeships, buying books, equipment, fees, travel costs and starting a business.

The current Trustees were appointed in November 2014 and after an initial period of developing criteria and procedures for making awards, the meeting in March 2015 made four awards totalling £650. Subsequently, the award for £50 was not claimed.

Three more meetings took place during 2015 and two further awards were made, each for the sum of £200. One of the awards was support for an individual who had spent time volunteering in Africa. The recipient subsequently wrote a short article about their experiences for Carlton News.

Alternative ways of attracting applications were tried during the year including notices in the bus shelters, fliers and forms in the Church, a stall at the annual fete and articles in each edition of Carlton News.

On the ground, work was undertaken in November to lift the crowns of the trees within the hedgerows of the Charity Lands' fields adjacent to Congerstone Lane. Also, a Willow tree next to the small pool by the railway line was heavily cut back at the same time. The Tree Warden provide much-needed technical expertise and valuable assistance in carrying out these works and the Trustees' would like to record their thanks for that invaluable help.

During the works at the small pool, the culvert that takes flows from the pool and passes beneath the railway was seen to be in a state of disrepair. As the culvert is wholly within the railway's land, concern was communicated to the railway as a partial collapse could obstruct the outflow from the pool. Despite a subsequent reminder, no acknowledgement or response has been received.

Financial Report for 2015

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Balance of funds at start of year	5,233.88
Income	900.00
Expenditure	-1,000.00
Balance of funds at year-end	5,133.88

Hazel Davenport,
Chairperson May 2016