

Help to Shape the Future of Carlton Charity Lands

Introduction

The next meeting of the Trustees takes place on 17th March 2022. Applications for an award of up to £200 are invited from young people from 16 to 23 years old to help with the cost of further education.

If you are, or know of someone, who may be eligible please email madrailfan@aol.com for an application form and more details. Successful applicants must produce evidence of expenditure before an award is released.

More importantly, the Charity has received few applications over the last eighteen months. The dip in applications may be caused by a dip in the number of those eligible and in future there may be more young people of a suitable age. ***However, the Trustees are seeking assistance from everyone in the village to determine the future direction of the Charity.***

A recent change of tenant has led to an increase of funds to around £2,000 per annum and the Trustees are keen to ensure that the monies are being used as effectively as possible.

All people, young or old are invited to suggest alternative uses for the monies.

History

Carlton Charity Lands can trace its history back to 1317. In those days, individuals wanting to undertake apprenticeships had to pay

for their own training. Money was scarce and some far-sighted individuals decided that the annual rent from nearby fields should be used to sponsor young people in the village to take up apprenticeships.

Over time the Charity's work continued culminating in the operation of the Charity being formalised into a Governing Document in 1912. The Trustees follow the requirements of that document which is registered with the Charity Commission. Since the current Trustees were appointed in 2014, a total of 38 grants to 23 applicants have been awarded.

Income

The Charity owns two fields totalling some 9 acres at the South end of the village adjacent to the railway line. The current tenant has planted Christmas trees in the fields which should mature over the next eight years. At that time the tenancy will be reviewed.

Current Position

The operation of the charity is controlled by the Governing Document of 1912 which was amended in 2014 to enable the current distribution of monies to take place. The amendment meant that money could be distributed to young people thereby maintaining the original aims of the Charities' founders.

There are six Trustees, one of whom acts as Chairperson and one who is the Clerk. The election of Trustees to these posts takes place at the annual meeting in November. Four of the Trustees are Representative Trustees who are appointed by the Parish Council

for a three-year term. The other two Trustees are Co-Optative Trustees who serve five year terms.

Advertising for Applicants

Meetings of the Trustees usually take place twice a year in March and November. Prior to the meetings, notices requesting applications are posted in the bus shelters and on the Parish Council notice board in the Churchyard. The same notice is also placed on the two Carlton Facebook pages and an article placed in the previous Carlton News.

The meetings on March of 2020 and 2021 had to be cancelled as no applications were received. The November 2020 meeting was held virtually owing to Covid and 4 requests were considered. In November of 2021 only one application was received.

Applications

The Trustees feel that the alternative ways of seeking applicants may not be the most effective and that this is leading to fewer requests. Are there other means of reaching potential applicants?

Review

The Trustees have reviewed the overall situation of the Charity and have wondered if awarding funds to younger people is the most appropriate use of the funds in this affluent village. Some suggestions have been made about changes to the Governing Document allowing the funds to be used in different ways.

As the Charity is for the overall benefit of the village, the Trustees feel that all villagers should be consulted so that the aims of the Charity accord with current thinking.

Consequently, ALL of the village residents are invited to suggest ways in which the funds could be used in the future. The Trustees would also welcome suggestions about the ways in which advertising could be better targeted. If you have ideas or suggestions and wish to discuss them please contact one of the Trustees listed below.

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Christopher Brockhurst	01455 290551
Graham Jackson	01455 290919
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Ian Sarson—Clerk	01455 290733

*Any ideas or suggestions that you may have should be forwarded to the Clerk, Ian Sarson, by email to **madrailfan@aol.com** or by ringing the phone number above. The Trustees will consider every response and provide feedback in due course.*

If you wish to apply for a grant then call or email the Clerk for an application form which must be returned by 3rd March 2022.

Hazel Davenport – Chairperson.

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