

WESTONING ANNUAL PARISH MEETING 2023

Report from Westoning United Charities

The Charity continues in its function of supporting the local community by providing financial support for the elderly and the youth of the village where requested.

This year has seen a continuation of providing financial support for those attending further education or taking up apprenticeships by providing grants towards equipment and books required in their courses, although requests this year have been lower than usual despite the opportunity being advertised as usual in local publications.

We continue to help those elderly residents who may require financial assistance in some way and the provision of providing Christmas vouchers for households with residents over the age of 75 continued. This year, as a consequence of the current financial situation and rise in the cost of living, this was increased to £50 per household to be spent in the local Butchers and Shop.

The Charity still has ownership of three parcels of land which we are continuing to apply to be registered in our name. This has proved to be a long term project but following a recent meeting with our solicitors hopefully will be completed in the near future. Part of this land is rented out to a local farmer for cultivation and provides a small amount of income.

The Trustees have currently been reduced over the year from 5 to 3. This is due to the retirement and non-replacement of the local vicar Nigel Washington (this post will be filled when a new Vicar is appointed) and the resignation of one other Trustee (a suitable resident has been approached as a replacement). The Charity would like to thank both Trustees for all their support and help over a considerable number of years.

The Charity continues to be financially sound.

Paul Ellis
Chairman
Westoning United Charities