

Report for Annual Parish Meeting 12th May 2016

Drinkstone Educational Charity, year ending 2015

As in previous years, the Charity has continued to support educational activities within Drinkstone Parish. In total £1630 has been awarded during the financial year ending Dec 2015.

Awards were made to the following individuals and groups.

The Village Hall fees are fully paid for the meetings of Senior and Junior Youth Club. Whilst for meetings of the Drinkstone History Group, 50% of the Hall fees are funded. And towards the end of the year, 50% of the Village Hall fees for the new Stitch and Craft Group has been funded.

There have also been funding towards the cost of archiving by the Drinkstone History Group. Two students in further education received funding towards their course books, and the cost of insurance for the Youth Clubs is fully covered by the Charity.

Throughout the last year, the Trustees have sought to promote the Charity within the village in a number of ways. Following each meeting of the Trustees a summary of awards is published in the Drinkstone Parish Magazine. Also there is information about the Charity on the Drinkstone village website. In addition a full page was published in the March Drinkstone Parish magazine, outlining the purpose of the Charity, who could apply and examples of awards in recent years. And the 'New Villagers Pack' now includes this page about the Charity published in the March magazine.

The accounts for the year ending 31st December 2015 have been examined and signed by Robin Jackson, Churchgate Accountants Ltd in Bury St. Edmunds. Investment income for the year was £2296 and as already referred to grants totalled £1630 leaving us with a balance in Barclays Bank of £2492. This amount includes £129 remaining from the restricted donation from the Parish Council being the surplus on the Royal Wedding event in 2011. Outstanding grant commitments at the year end were £895, which included £450 for the Youth Club to assist them with their planned activity weekend at Thorpe Woodland, this has now been paid following their visit in April and which has utilised the outstanding £129.

David Ford
Treasurer & Trustee