

# **THE DRINKSTONE EDUCATIONAL CHARITY**

## **Report to be presented at Parish Council AGM – 3<sup>rd</sup> June 2024**

The Drinkstone Educational Charity was set up following the closure and sale of Drinkstone School. The money from the sale was used to set up a charity and the interest on that money is used to support Drinkstone residents for educational purposes.

All residents of Drinkstone can apply for funding for broadly educational activities, from university students to mature students, vocational courses to World Challenge trips and much more.

For the year ending 31 December 2023, the Educational Charity had an income of **£3169**, and awarded grants totalling **£1390** towards village activities and individual residents.

Awards made from the Charity were to individuals, village activities and a group within the village. These awards were:

- Books and stationery for a university student.
- Contribution towards special tuition for a young person in the village.
- Equipment needed by student starting a Diploma course at college.
- Software and electronic equipment needed by a university student.
- Equipment needed by a resident starting a new career.
- Village Hall hire costs for the meetings of the new Choir in Drinkstone.
- Contribution towards the cost of Song Books for the new Choir.
- Contribution towards the cost of insurance necessary to use the field next to the Village Hall during the organised Coronation Event in May.
- Village Hall hire for the History Club meetings during the year.
- Storage boxes for the History Archive Group.

The trustees of the Charity have continued to promote the Charity within Drinkstone village to encourage more applications. For example, a summary of each meeting of the trustees is published in the Parish Magazine, promotion on the village 'Jungle Drums', a page on the village website and also the Thurston Community College website.

The accounts for the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> December 2023 have been examined by Lionel Denny, a retired bank manager in Woolpit and approved by the Trustees. They have been uploaded to the Parish Council website.

Anne Lane – Secretary & Trustee

David Ford – Treasurer & Trustee