

THE DRINKSTONE EDUCATIONAL CHARITY

Report to be presented at Annual Parish Meeting - May 2023

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 income from the investments 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.

In the year ending 31 December 2022, the Educational Charity had an income of **£3036**, and awarded grants totalling **£1620** for village activities and individual residents.

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

- towards the books and electronic equipment needed by 6 University students doing various degree courses.
- partial funding of a photography course by 2 residents
- funding of insurance necessary for the village Platinum Jubilee event
- funding the Village Hall fees for the History Club meetings and to help the club get restarted following the Covid shutdown

The trustees of the Charity have continued to actively 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.