

THE GREAT SHELFORD PAROCHIAL CHARITIES
(Registered Charity 231486)
Trustees Annual Report 1.1.2022 – 31.12.2022

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The Trustees meet every second month and additionally when necessary.

Key achievements / progress in 2022

Almshouses

We now provide over 50 affordable almshouses at More's Meadow. 21 outstanding energy efficient homes have been built and offered to eligible people over the course of the last year following a 5 year planning and development programme. Those offered homes include young people, families and individuals of all ages who are capable of independent living. We are also continuing a programme to update and improve our older homes.

Individual and other grants

The Charity assists qualifying Great Shelford residents to receive support through collaborative work with John Huntingdon's Charity in Sawston. This has resulted in much improved access to other benefits and grants available to individuals. Again, we have noticed an increase in need for emergency food support over this year.

The Charity has worked with others in the village to provide Christmas food hampers and food vouchers again this year. This was made possible thanks to generous donations from Shelford Free Church, the Feast, and individual donors. A special thanks go to the staff at the Co-op who also gave their time to pack the bags. The Charity added food vouchers to the bags destined for needy Great Shelford families.

The Charity has also provided grants to qualifying organisations supporting the village through the year.

Green space

The six acres of the Charity's land continue to be made available for everyone to visit and use. The allotments are popular and actively and productively used. The community garden, run by volunteers, is used by both individuals and groups. Saplings and trees have been planted by village primary school students, a Neighbourly volunteer from Heineken, individuals as part of Duke of Edinburgh awards scheme, and village volunteers. Over 350 trees and shrubs have been planted to date. Our space is being used both for recreation and as a place to sit and enjoy. A bench has been installed to celebrate the Platinum Jubilee of the late Queen.

Constitution

The Charity has continued the process of updating its constitution and 'objects' to better serve the village in the future.

Keeping the village informed

Follow the Charity on Facebook or via website alerts.

Thank you.

We continue to invite, and are very grateful for, donations, grants, and voluntary work, all of which help the Charity to support the village.

Dr. S.F. Rann: Chair 1st March 2023