

# United Charities of Cockfield

## Report for year ending 28/2/2023

Due to inflationary pressures brought about by the war in Ukraine, funding during the covid pandemic and the return to normal life following covid restrictions, increased costs of food and fuel has affected many people. But despite regular publicity in Green Links about support that the Charities can provide, the Trustees have been surprised to receive virtually no requests for help from any Cockfield residents. Whilst it is important that laws preventing release of identities are important this does restrict us hearing about residents who might qualify for help. We confirm that all approaches are treated in the utmost confidence with identities kept strictly confidential in order that we can help people with respect during difficult times.

The amendment to the deeds in 2019 to increase funding from £100 pa to £300 pa for educational purposes has been accepted by The Charities Commission, but the Trustees have begun to consider whether the deeds should be 'overhauled' to widen the scope of grant use for the parishioners of Cockfield.

We are indebted to Mr Lyndon Mills who has again audited the Charities' year end accounts for 28/2/2022 which have now been forwarded to the Charities Commission. We would also thank Mr M Swiney who looks after the Charities' accounts throughout the year.

At the year end of 28/2/2023 the investment in COIF (Charities Investment Fund) was £18,274.16 with a further amount of £705.47 in the bank account, providing total assets of £18,979.63. During the financial year we were able to help seven residents of Cockfield totalling £513.60 expenditure. We have £1265.03 (included in the total asset amount above) interest available for grants to parishioners at 1<sup>st</sup> March 2023.

Our annual request to be provided with the identities of families or individuals living in Cockfield Parish is still repeated and the Trustees are available for anybody to seek the help of the Charities.

My thanks also to the Trustees, Mrs Barbara Ruffell, Mr Dick Bayes, Mr Robin Morley and Rev. Canon Sharon Potter for their commitment and help during the last year.

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