

ALREWAS AND FRADLEY CHARITIES ANNUAL REPORT 2019

In 2019, Trustees met on 4 occasions.

We continued to promote the work of the Charity holding 2 major fund raising events - one at the Delhi Divan Restaurant in Alrewas, the other, a Quiz at Alrewas Cricket Club. These events, together with donations from Alrewas Cricket Club representing income from the Orme Cup and the Breweries Cup, and donations via collecting boxes, standing orders and small change boxes, raised a total of @ £3000. Sales of jams and garden produce by one of our Trustees, Mrs Wendy Walker, assisted by Jayne Thomas, raised a further £1500.

We welcomed a new Trustee, Mr Stanley Whitehead of Fradley, replacing Lynn Beaumont as representative of Fradley Parish Council.

During the year we made donations of @ £4500, to the following:

A young adult with increasing disability enabling the purchase of a Klaxon Wheel, to convert her wheelchair to a motorised unit.

Financial support for a child enabling her to attend Stepping Stones Nursery.

Fradley Heritage Group towards the cost of printing leaflets.

Alrewas and Fradley Guides towards updating training guides and equipment.

We also donated to and spearheaded, the purchase of an Infra red Vein Finder for use at Queens Hospital Burton, supporting "Alfie's Appeal".

The Charity owns a Field which was rented out as grazing land until the death of the tenant in 2017 and we continue to try and secure a new Tenancy agreement with his successors.

Our focus for the future is to continue to promote the work of the Charity, to raise further funds by encouraging donations by standing order, and small change collecting boxes, and to support

more individuals and groups needing financial help. To this end, another Trustee Mrs Chris Evans has set up a "Monthly Magic Numbers" Lottery, and the first draw will be in January 2020.

We are grateful to all our supporters for attending events, donating prizes and funds, to our treasurer Mrs Kim Brookes and to all of our trustees for their unfailing hard work, ideas and advice.

Trustees:

Dr Robert Horton - Chairman
The Rev John Allan - Deputy Chairman
Miss Felicity Jane Arblaster
Mr Tim Aston
Dr Elaine Dolman
Mrs Paula Dumolo
Mrs Christine Evans
Mrs Angela Noble
Mrs Jo Spence
Mrs Becky Walker
Mrs Wendy Walker

The following Trustees remain nominated following consultation with the Parish Councils

- Alrewas Parish Council - Mrs Jane Reilly
- Fradley and Streethay Parish Council - Mr Stan Whitehead who replaced Mrs Lyn Beaumont mid year.

NB: At an ordinary meeting held on 21st November 2013 the trustees reviewed the past performance of the Charity and determined they wished to make a more positive contribution to improving the welfare and quality of life of those people resident in its area of benefit.

In order to be more effective the trustees agreed they needed to update and expand the Charity's objects to make them more relevant to people's needs in the 21st century. The trustees also agreed they needed to attract more energetic and enthusiastic

trustees to promote the work of the Charity within the area of benefit and to explore additional sources of income.

The trustees acknowledged that the Charity's governing document, sealed nearly 80 years ago, was archaic and not helpful in attracting potential trustees and beneficiaries. It was devised long before the advent of the National Health Service and the Welfare State, contained complex and ancient descriptions of the area of benefit, made reference to legislation long out of date and was written in language difficult to comprehend by today's generation. It was agreed that a thorough revision and modernisation of the governing document was an essential first step in raising the Charity's profile.

In drafting the new governing document the trustees have endeavoured to retain much of the spirit and intent of the Charity's original benefactors. The Charity's area of benefit has been retained in essence, though consolidated and redefined in terms of current geography.

The nominating bodies have been amended to reflect shifts in local demographics. The original scheme determined that all trustees were nominated by Alrewas Parish Council but this has now been amended to recognise the relative growth of Fradley and the recent split of the parish councils of Alrewas and Fradley & Streethay. The trustees have also chosen to change the process of appointing trustees. The trustees consider it is no longer relevant to expect the nominating bodies to perform this function and that the body of trustees should properly assume this responsibility. The trustees have however chosen to retain some input from the nominating bodies as they consider it would enhance the legitimacy of the Charity by ensuring the conduct of its business is transparent and open to public scrutiny.

The trustees have broadened the Charity's objects by including a clause permitting the promotion of any charitable purpose of benefit to the residents in the area of benefit.

The new Constitution came into effect in 2015.

Public Benefit

In exercising their powers and duties the Trustees have at all times complied with their duty to have due regard to the guidance on public benefit published by the Charity Commission.