

Lackford Charities

Annual Report for Lackford Annual Parish Council Meeting, 17th May 2021

Since the 16th century, four benefactors have made bequests to benefit Lackford residents in distressed circumstances. But as no claims had been made for many years it was decided to seek amendment of the Charities' remit, which was approved by the Charity Commission in 2019.

Lackford Charities now has two objectives: relief of poverty in Lackford by grant of money or payment of bills, available to anyone resident in Lackford for 10 years or over; promotion of community and social inclusion in Lackford by financial support for hiring community facilities in the village. Thus, the ancient purpose to alleviate poverty remains, but in addition the use of the new community facilities in Lackford church is encouraged.

The administration of the charity is currently being transferred to other Trustees: Colin Smith, moved away from the area in February 2020 and was replaced by Harry Lidster as Chairman; Alan Chinery died in January 2021 and is being replaced as Treasurer by John Sadler. Simon Dry continues as a Trustee.

Income from the land and investments in 2020 amounted to £680, which is available for disbursement by the Trustees within the limits of the objects of the Charity Commission scheme for Charities. A notice is displayed in the Parish Magazine/Lark Valley News, announcing that if anyone wishes to submit a claim, they should contact the Trustees in strict confidence. Applicants are invited to contact Harry Lidster (728876), or John Sadler (729565).

Harry Lidster

Churchwarden & Chairman 2021