

## **NORTH CRAWLEY UNITED CHARITIES**

### **HISTORY OF THE CHARITY**

The Charity was formed as a result of bequests left to the village, some as far back as the 17th century. The benefactors were Hester and John Bryan, John Cooper and Roger Hackett. The Charity originally known as Town Lands (which includes Kilpin's gift) was founded in 1535. You can see where the road names in the village come from! In 1906 the charities were all brought together as United Charities to be administered jointly for the good of the village.

The original purpose of the Charity was to assist "those in need in the village and to help apprentices purchase the tools of their trade".

### **TRUSTEES**

The Charity is run by a Board of Trustees consisting of 7 Trustees including a clerk. All live in the village

It is the duty of the Trustees to administer the Town Lands allotments and land at Broadmead, collect the rent from these and other sources and distribute the proceeds as they see fit within the village. The Trustees are always mindful to keep within the scope and respect the wishes of the original benefactors.

### **APPRENTICE/STUDENT GRANTS**

The Trustees will consider anyone for a grant who lives in the village, is under the age of 21 and is taking up an apprenticeship, planning to study at college or university or training for a profession. The grants can be used to put toward the purchase of tools, equipment, books or anything that may help with studies or training.

### **TOWN LANDS**

The Charity administers the allotments in Folly Lane known as Town Lands. Anyone who would like to rent a plot to grow vegetables, fruit and flowers, please get in touch to find out about availability. The cost is currently £16 per plot per annum payable in September. There is water on site. It is a fantastic hobby giving plenty of exercise and enabling everyone to enjoy the fruits of their labour.

### **BROADMEAD**

The Charity administers the parcel of land at Broadmead which covers Cradle Plank and Peter's Path.

### **CHRISTMAS DISTRIBUTION**

There is an annual distribution of funds at Christmas to certain elderly villagers and occasional one-off payments during the year to people who have perhaps been ill or in need due to unforeseen circumstances.

If you are interested in finding out about any of the above, please contact the Clerk, Chris Stapleton, on 01234 391205 or email [Chris.Stapleton23@gmail.com](mailto:Chris.Stapleton23@gmail.com) .