

Report of Little Barrington Charity

Little Barrington Charity continues to provide support to our local communities through the provision of the Reading Room, support for maintenance and repairs of St Peter's Church and grants to organisations and individuals within the benefice.

The area of benefit includes Little Barrington, Great Barrington, Windrush, Sherborne and the surrounding neighbourhood.

The Reading Room is available to the Parish Council for its meetings and hosts several community events, which the Charity supports such as coffee mornings and advent drinks. It is available for hire by members of the community with discretionary preferential rates for private events. It is also available to hire for recreational and leisure uses, for example the local bridge club.

The Trustees of the Charity are always pleased to receive applications for support from qualifying organisations and individuals across the benefice which are then considered by the Trustees on a case by case basis.

The Charity continues to maintain its property endowment in Minnow Lane and at Leys Farm, and will be investing to ensure that its properties will comply with environmental and other regulatory standards due to come into force over the next few years.

The objects of the Charity comprise:

- provision, maintenance and repair of the Reading Room
- maintenance and repair of St Peter's Church, Little Barrington
- maintenance and repair of the Charity's assets consisting of 8 cottages and land
- relief of persons resident in the area who are in need, hardship or distress
- promoting such general public charitable purposes for the benefit of the inhabitants of the area as the Trustees think fit

The current Trustees are:

- Mr James Bainbridge Chairman
- Mrs Venetia Crosbie Dawson Vice Chair
- Mr Charles Neil
- Mr Paul Stanley KC
- Mrs Philippa de Haldevang

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