

Ashfield Welfare Trust

Chiltern End
The Street
Ashfield
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Registered Charity No. 209692.

ASHFIELD WELFARE TRUST ANNUAL REPORT 2023

The Ashfield Welfare Trust (AWT) is a registered charity that exists to relieve persons resident in the parish who are in conditions of need, hardship or distress. Sarah Harrison, Simon Pryke and Andy Pitts, the Trustees of AWT have continued recent practice of distributing the interest on its investments to a number of households that supports a pensioner. In Dec 2022 9 households received a cheque for £35. An adequate contingency fund has been retained, which can be used at the trustees' discretion.

In the future, rather than distributing the interest to households that supports a pensioner, it will be retained and given to any individual or family in financial need within Ashfield-cum-Thorpe. The scheme supports this approach '8. *Relief in need.* - (1) *The object of the Charity shall be to relieve either generally or individually persons resident in the Parish of Ashfield-cum-Thorpe who are in conditions of need, hardship or distress.*' and does not make reference to the recipient being a pensioner. A copy of the Ashfield-cum-Thorpe Parish Houses Charity Commission scheme is available from the trustees.

The Ashfield Welfare Trust would like to inform Ashfield Parish Council of the resignation of both Andy Pitts and Simon Pryke as trustees. As described in the AWT scheme, the Parish Meeting shall appoint the trustees. We would like this Parish Meeting of Ashfield-cum-Thorpe to duly appoint Sue Henney as Treasurer and Ann Burton as Secretary.

The trustees would appreciate any information on persons in the village who may be in financial hardship, as they are not always aware of changing circumstances.

The accounts for the last financial year are not yet available, but those for the year ending on the 31 March 2022 have been provided to the Parish Council.

Sarah Harrison, Simon Pryke and Andy Pitts.