

THE WESTHORPE TRUST

REPORT TO THE ANNUAL PARISH MEETING – MAY 2024

Most of the Trust's income derives from its investments and it follows the advice of its independent financial adviser, Kevin Froggatt of Lucas Fettes Financial Planning. Its portfolio is invested in ethical funds by Brooks Macdonald Investment Management and follows the objectives laid down in its Investment Policy Statement. The value of investments has recovered slightly from last year and is now on a slight upward trend.

During the past twelve months over £8,500 has been distributed to Westhorpe residents covering personal grants, academic and education, family and transport grants.

- A grant was made to the Westhorpe Bell A-peal.
- A grant was made to the Rural Coffee Caravan to help them continue their invaluable work of bringing people in villages together over coffee and cake and to show how much Westhorpe appreciates their work.
- A final grant was made to the Community Food Bank in Walsham before it closed. Now the Food Bank is run from Stowmarket, the Trust can no longer contribute.

There is information about the history of the Trust and how it works on the Westhorpe Village website. There is also information about how to apply for grants, a downloadable application form and information about how to contact Trustees. The same information is available inside the Village Hall and in the Parish magazine.

The Westhorpe Trust is registered with the Charity Commission, Charity number: 263332 and its details and financial overview may be viewed on the website of the Register of Charities: www.charitycommission.gov.uk

All requests for assistance from the Trust are treated with the utmost confidence and may be addressed to me – details below – or any of the Trustees:

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