

DERSINGHAM UNITED CHARITIES

Regd. Charity Number 208523

15a PANSEY DRIVE, DERSINGHAM, KING'S LYNN, NORFOLK, PE31 6PX

Clerk: Mrs Sharon Fettes

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ANNUAL REPORT YEAR ENDED March 2018

Membership of the Trustees is limited to nine volunteers who manage approximately 100 acres of land in Dersingham. This land is divided into farm land, fuel allotments (commons) and field gardens (allotments). Revenue from the land is used to provide funding for general benefit to the poor and those suffering hardship and in assisting persons who are preparing for a trade. During the year two obligatory committee meetings are held in May and November, with interim meetings taking place as and when required.

The Charity has a full complement of trustees. Parish council representatives are Dennis Wright and Kate Hathaway with Tony Bubb, appointed recently, Sarah Harmer and John Hunter, appointed by the parish council to serve a four-year term from May 2015. Barry Smeaton, Walter Blaney and Elizabeth Fiddick have been re-appointed by the trustees to serve a five-year term. Revd. Mark Capron completes the committee. Barry Smeaton was elected Chairman at the November meeting. During the year the previous Clerk retired and a new Clerk was appointed.

Annual accounts are produced at the end of March and after approval by the committee, are sent to the Charity Commissioners. Copies will be held by the parish council and are available to parishioners on request. Charity donations are distributed to local charities and individuals whose criteria meet the requirements detailed in paragraph one. Dersingham Day Centre for the Elderly, Dersingham Seniors Club, Dersingham Phobbies and Orchard Close Community Group have again benefited. **Donations are made upon application**, which should be directed to the Clerk of the Charity by 1st November each year, for consideration by the committee, for distribution.

Management of the Commons and the SSI site on the Fen is overseen by the trustees. The SSI site is funded by Natural England under their Higher Level Stewardship scheme. Income from agricultural land, grazing, allotments and shooting rights is regularly monitored and updated.

Allotments at the Station Road site become available at intervals during the year.

Sharon Fettes

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