

## **Dennington Consolidated Charities report**

**Presented by Adrian Neill- Chair**

Since the last report from the Charities we have had our AGM on the 19th of June and reappointment of trustees.

The main change has been for my sins I was elected to Chair the committee taking over from Robert Rous who has successfully served in that role for many years.

Robert will continue as my Vice chair, which will be a significant help to me sharing his wealth of knowledge about the village and the working of the Charities even though I have been on the committee myself for over 10 years.

All the other current trustees have remained on the committee

Kier Wyatt, Francis Boscowen Robert Wardley Linda Dunnett and the rev Clair Kiddy.

At the current time we are actively seeking a pro-active individual who would like to join the charities committee to help us with our duties.

The Dennington Consolidated charities as an organisation aim s to assist those in need within the village whether personally or with funding of projects that will benefit all those that live within this parish.

This can take a number of forms for instance if a person is unwell and needs help with medical related travel, or

are suffering short term hardship.

We also provide Education and Christmas grants on an application basis

Similarly organisations or clubs within the village who find they need to finance large investment projects can apply for grants from the Charities.

In the past this has seen donations to the Sports club/ Village hall / Church and Primary School etc.

We are the landlords to the Neathouse/ Allotments and of course the Little Oaks Play School both of which have benefitted from our support to get these significant assets to the village off the ground.

Recently we have granted some money to the Primary School for a new sensory room and the Allotments to help replace the water troughs. We are in the process of having a circular bench made to go around the Jubilee tree on the top green, a request to replace the two pedestrian gates to the Church yard that have failed and present a safety issue to the school visits to the Church. Further enhancements of the area around the Neathouse cafe are all in discussion.

One of the biggest grants we will be looking to support, will be the Church roof which will require significant support and fund raising over the next 5 years.

Thank you to the Parish council for receiving this report

Adrian Neill