

Wickham Market Parish Charities Report for Annual Parish Meeting April 2022

There are three Wickham Market Parish charities; Town Lands Trust, Relief In Need, and Barker Educational. Trustees meet at least annually. Annual accounts are presented to the Charity Commission. The vast majority of the charities' incomes come from specific charity investment funds. Such income is limited but used wisely .

The Town Lands Trust offers grants to young people taking up apprenticeships or attending further education, towards equipment and other costs. Sadly no applications were made in 2021 despite information being given through Wickham News. The other main impact of the charity's work concerns the annual vouchers presented to elderly people living alone in the parish each Christmas. In 2021, over 120 people were offered a voucher worth £20. Letters and cards sent to the Clerk indicate the considerable value those receiving vouchers place on them. The Trustees are grateful to local businesses for their assistance. The Town Lands Trust also gives a grant to the Barker Trust annually when possible. No applications were received by the Relief in Need charity.

The Barker Trust's remit is to support educational work within the parish. At the start of 2022 trustees agreed to requests for grants to the Wickham Market Brownies, and to Wickham Market Primary School. Communications from these organisations indicate the value which they place on these grants to assist with their work and help to mitigate disadvantage within the parish. As many of the groups usually supported have not met due to the pandemic, further decisions will be made once other groups and organisations usually supported have restarted .

Roger Theobald Clerk to Trustees April 2022