

Townland Trust Annual Report 2022

The Townland Trust is a village charity, established in the 1600's, to provide support in equal measure for St. Mary's Church and for those in the village who are in need of some financial help. The Trust owns the Townland meadow and pavilion in the middle of the village and also one cottage which is currently rented out. In previous times the Trust owned more land and property but these were sold off over the years and the Trust's income now comes from interest from investments and the rent from the cottage.

2022 was a relatively quiet year for the Trust. A small amount of maintenance was required on the cottage. Grants were given to the church, towards the late Queen's Platinum Jubilee party in the Village, towards Hygge in the Hut, and to a small number of individuals who approached the Trust for help. At Christmas, the usual Christmas boxes or gift tokens were distributed, in particular to older people in the village.

All help given by the Trust is in strictest confidence. The Trust cannot offer financial support on a regular basis, but may be able to **contribute** where an emergency or unexpected expense is incurred. The Trust can be approached for help directly via one of the trustees but we also rely upon good neighbours to inform the Trust, in confidence, where help might be appreciated or required.

Currently the trustees are the Rector, the Rev. Martin Percival, Mr Andy Franklin, Mrs Sandy Rowe, Mrs Jill Sedge and Mrs Sheila Tesh.