

North Curry Parochial Charities

REPORT to the ANNUAL PARISH MEETING – 2020

For those of you who do not already know – some History: Prior to commencement of this charity, an annual feast would be held in the village to provide a substantial free meal to parishioners, this was known as the Reeves Feast. But, in 1868, 152 years ago, The North Curry Parochial Charities were set up with bequests from 'well-to-do' members of the Parish. Originally bags of coal or clothing would be distributed at Christmastime to the poor in the parish but since 1973, vouchers which can be redeemed by local traders have been distributed to nominated parishioners.

Some £172 was spent on vouchers in 2019.

As a result of the event the Reeves Picnic held in 2018 to celebrate the 150th anniversary of the charity in its present form £150 surplus was added in January 2019 to the investments from which the charities derive the income which provides for the annual distribution.

In 2019 was the end of the term of office of Mrs Stodgell, Mrs Brown, and Mr Dare as trustees. They were re-appointed for a further five years. Subsequently in 2020 these three trustees re-co-opted Mr Roberts and Mr Jeanes to serve as trustees until 2025.

The Accounts have been scrutinised and approved by the Trustees and details will be sent to the Charity Commissioners However it is laid down in the original Charter that they should be presented annually at the Annual Parish Meeting for signature by the Chairman of the Parish Council. I therefore have much pleasure in now presenting the accounts for the year ending 31st December 2019 for signature.

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