

**CUDDINGTON ANNUAL VILLAGE MEETING 2022**  
**NICHOLAS ALMOND CUDDINGTON CHARITY**  
**UK REGISTERED CHARITY NO. 237677**

With so many new people having moved into Cuddington over the past few years. I thought I should tell you something about the village's oldest charity. **The Nicholas Almond Cuddington Charity** dates back to 1643. Although Nicholas Almond lived in Haddenham, when he died in 1643, he left a parcel of land to the village of Cuddington called Poors Moor. His original intention was that the income raised from the sale of hay from this land should be used to give assistance to poor people living in Cuddington with the purchase of food, coal, clothing and education, etc.

Over the centuries, the income from this bequest diminished considerably, and in the 1950s the trustees decided that it had become insufficient to continue with the original terms of his will, and that the money could be better used to help **young people resident in Cuddington**, with the cost of going into further education or perhaps taking up an apprenticeship.

The Trustees encourage **all young people living in the village** who are already in further education but who have not yet applied for a grant; those who intend to go into further education after leaving school or those who might wish to take up an apprenticeship, to apply for a grant. The grants are not large, but they can be very helpful with some of the expenses incurred by students or apprentices, such as the purchase of books or equipment or even field trips, which can all be very expensive. Applications are all considered CONFIDENTIAL.

Trustees are approved by the Parish Council and serve for four years. The current trustees are the Rev. Jonathan Hawkins, Ex Officio Trustee representing the Rector of the Wychert Benefice, Rev Cassa Messervy, James Gibson, Julia Ridout who has replaced Andrew Vickers as the Parish Council Representative and Jennifer Schram de Jong who is the Hon. Secretary and Hon. Treasurer of the Charity. The Charity has no regular Chairman; a chairman being appointed at the beginning of each meeting.

Applications for grants must be submitted **to the Hon. Secretary by candidates who live in Cuddington** (and not their parents) towards the end of the summer and will be considered by the Trustees at around the beginning of December. More details will be published in Village Voice towards the end of Summer.

With respect to the last few years because of Covid, trustees and candidates have kept in touch over the telephone and by e-mail; during this period of lock-down, we received three submissions from Cuddington applicants during the first year with three follow-up applications from the same students during the second year which we were happy to be able pay! We will continue to pay out grants as long as we are able! We are also waiting to visit the land known as Poors Moor.

Several years ago, the charity increased the size of its grants while at the same time the fete committee decided to award grants to the Nicholas Almond charity which enabled us to continue paying out grants to Cuddington applicants. However, with the fete not being held for two years, these grants understandably ceased.

For more information concerning the St. Nicholas Almond Cuddington Charity, please contact Mrs Jennifer Schram de Jong at Larden, Spicketts Lane, Cuddington Tel: 01844-291501

With very best wishes to all possible candidates from  
Mrs. Jennifer Schram de Jong and fellow Trustees!