

**LONGSTANTON HATTON CHARITY AND**  
**THE POOR'S LAND CHARITY REPORT**

The Trustees of the Longstanton Hatton Charity have had a very busy year. Firstly we had a change of tenant for one of our pieces of land we own and that resulted in a new tenancy agreement having to be drawn up. We were also advised that we should get the land registered at the same time with the Land Registry.

It became clear from the outset that we would need legal advice for both the tenancy and registration and this was quite worrying for the Trustees as we had virtually no funds to pay for a Solicitor. After a considerable amount of research we managed to engage the services of a Solicitor through the Pro-Bono Scheme, but even so the Trust still incurred costs. The registration with the Land Registry was far from straight forward as we had no original deeds to the land and resulted in the Trustees carrying out even more research. Luckily The Archives at Cambridgeshire County Council had documents dating as far back as 1837 showing the Parish owned this land at that time. We were able to purchase copies of these documents and we forwarded them with an application form to the Land Registry. The Land Registry accepted the documents as sufficient proof of ownership and we were granted registration.

Sadly because of the expense we incurred carrying out the above we were not able to give our elderly recipients any monetary gifts in December, but with a new Tenant in place we should be able to carry on the practice as usual next Christmas.

**ANN MEADOWS**  
**CLERK TO THE TRUSTEES**

**10<sup>th</sup> APRIL 2016**

**LONGSTANTON HATTON CHARITY**  
**AND THE POOR'S LAND CHARITY**

**RESUME OF YEAR – APRIL 2015 – APRIL 2016**

<b>OPENING BALANCE</b>	<b>£108 76</b>	
<b>INCOME</b>	<b><u>£744 75</u></b>	
	<b>£853 51</b>	<b>£853 51</b>
<b>EXPENDITURE</b>		<b><u>£ 80 00</u></b>
<b>BALANCE</b>		<b><u>£773 51</u></b>

A Meadows  
01/04/16

**HATTON CHARITY AND THE POOR'S LAND CHARITY ACCOUNTS –**  
**APRIL 2015 –APRIL 2016**

<b><u>DATE</u></b>	<b><u>ITEM</u></b>	<b><u>INCOME</u></b>	<b><u>EXPENDITURE</u></b>
1/04/15	Opening Balance	£108 76	
16/06/15	Rent	£210 00	
01/01/16	Rent	<u>£534 75</u>	
18/12/15	Expenses incurred with Land registration		£50 00
25/01/16	“ “		<u>£30 00</u>
		<b><u>£853 51</u></b>	<b><u>£80 00</u></b>
<b><u>01/04/16</u></b>	<b><u>CLOSING BALANCE</u></b>	<b><u>£773 51</u></b>	

**Ann Meadows**  
**1/04/16**

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**RESUME OF LONGSTANTON HATTONS CHARITY**  
**AND THE POOR'S LAND CHARITY**

**This Charity consists of 2 pieces of land, both situated in Over.**

- a) 3 acres (approx) of land at Bare Fen**
- b) 7 acres (approx. of land at Gravel Bridge**

**The Trust was set up by the Charity Commissioners in 1898 but the land belonged to the Parish of Longstanton as far back as 1624. Formal Tenancy agreements were only drawn up in 1975 although the land was leased to the existing tenants before this.**

**The income of the Charity is supposed to be used for the benefit of deserving and necessitous persons residing in the village. In practice cash payments are given to approximately 60 persons per year at Christmas who are over 70 years old and have resided in the village for at least 20 years. It is not a hard and fast rule and in the past has relied heavily on Trustees with local knowledge.**

**The present Trustees are Ann Meadows (Clerk), Carol Collis, Sylvia Hicks and Pat Sheridan.**

**1 April 2016**