

**Annual Report for 2013
of the Trustees of the Thomas Galon Charity, Swavesey
Registered charity No. 202515**

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3 The Object of the Charity

In 1528 Thomas Galon of Wilburton died and in his Will he gave instructions that the income from the land he owned in Swavesey should be distributed each year to: *“inhabitants of the town of Swavesey aforesaid, for the relief, ease and discharge of all persons, husband-labourers and poor craftsmen dwelling in the town and not having lands or tenements or goods to the value of £20 and receiving no relief from the Parish.”*

To carry out his wishes, he stated that twelve Feoffees (trustees) be appointed.

Today under a revised Charity Scheme from 1972, the nine Trustees can consider a request from any organisation that provides a service to Swavesey residents in need and can also themselves offer help in a variety of ways to any individual resident, young or old in the community.

4 Trustees during 2013

Mr J Shepperson (Chairman)
Mr B Baker
Mr A Day
Mr J Dodson
Mr R Holland
Mr D Morgan
Mr A R Parish
Mr W Wright
Rev Dr John-David Yule

5 The Work of the Charity during 2013

During 2013 the Trustees met formally on two occasions – April and November.

Rents for agricultural tenancies and the village allotment site were received.

Taking note of the Charity Commission’s guidance on public benefit, the annual donation to the elderly in the parish was agreed and effected. Two further donations were made to local organisations which provide services to Swavesey residents, plus two donations to local families.

The Trustees also reviewed the way in which the charity funds are distributed and agreed that to ensure this was kept in line with the Trust Scheme, the donation made in 2013 would be the final one. A new Energy Grant Scheme would be established for 2014 to ensure that future donations would be made to those in need or hardship.

Reserve funds are retained and have in recent years built up, with the view of potentially purchasing additional land for allotment use. However following the previous year’s agreement to lease existing land for a community allotment site, this is now not required and the Trustees will review the level of reserves held.