

**Annual Report for 2014
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.

The Trustees also administer an annual Energy Grant Scheme for elderly residents in need, which on application, provides a payment towards winter heating costs.

4 Trustees during 2014

Mr J Shepperson (Chairman until November 2014)
Mr B Baker
Mr A Day (Chairman from November 2014)
Mr J Dodson
Mr R Holland
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Mr A R Parish
Mr W Wright
Rev Dr John-David Yule

5 The Work of the Charity during 2014

During 2014 the Trustees met formally on two occasions – April and November.

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

Two donations were made to local organisations which provide services to Swavesey residents, plus one donation to a local family.

In 2014 the Trustees reviewed the annual donation given to elderly residents and instead introduced a new Energy Grant Scheme to help those elderly residents in need or hardship, with a grant towards the cost of winter heating bills.

Trustees also provided a grant towards the new Swavesey Community Warden Scheme, which provides daily contact and assistance to elderly residents.

Reserve funds are retained and the Trustees will regularly review the level of reserves held.