

**Annual Report for 2017
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 2017

Mr Austin Day (Chairman)
Mr Ben Baker
Mr James Dodson
Mr Roger Holland
Mr Dudley Morgan
Ms Hannah Parish
Mr John Shepperson (retired Nov 2017)
Mr Will Wright
Rev Julie Anderson – Ex-officio Trustee

5 The Work of the Charity during 2017

During 2017 the Trustees met formally on two occasions – April and November.

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

Donations were made to local organisations which provide services to Swavesey residents, plus donations to local families in need.

In December 2017 the Trustees awarded grants from the Energy Grant Scheme to help those elderly residents in need or hardship, towards the cost of winter heating bills.

Trustees continued their funding support of the Swavesey Community Warden Scheme, which provides daily contact and assistance to elderly residents.

Discussion has continued through this year on the A14 Improvement Scheme. Two agricultural tenancies border the A14 and in August this year approx. 8.5 acres of land was taken through compulsory purchase as part of the road widening scheme. Payments for this have not yet been received but are going through the processes.

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