

# Annual Report for 2018 of the Trustees of the Thomas Galon Charity, Swavesey Registered charity No. 202515

## 1 Charity correspondent

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Santander, Cambridge Building Society

## 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 2018

Mr Austin Day (Chairman)  
Mr Ben Baker  
Mr James Dodson  
Mr Oliver Hodson (elected April 2018)  
Mr Roger Holland  
Mr Dudley Morgan  
Ms Hannah Parish  
Mr Will Wright  
The Vicar of St Andrew’s Church Swavesey (Ex-officio Trustee)

## 5 The Work of the Charity during 2018

During 2018 the Trustees met formally on three occasions – February, 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 2018 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 and is very well received in the village. Discussion has continued through this year on the impact of the A14 Improvement Scheme and compulsory purchase of 8.5 acres from two of the Trust’s landholdings has been completed and payment is expected by the end of 2018.

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