



A Guide to Chedworth's Charities

This Chedworth Parish Council Guide provides Information about each of the 9 village charities.

The Guide's aims are to:

- **Help you to understand the efforts being made by each charity to enhance the whole community's well being.**
- **Allow each charity to benefit through everyone understanding the organisation and their objectives.**
- **Help you to direct your enquiries and support to the charities that are most relevant to you.**

The Chedworth Allotment Charity

The Chedworth Allotment Charity, also known as the Laines Allotment Charity, is a charity for relief of need. It was reconstituted with new rules in 1982 by Nigel Finch and Chedworth Parish Council following many years of the funds being used to supplement Parish rates.

It has a permanent endowment of £10,000 which is invested. The charity also owns the field between Setts Farm drive and the Laines turning from which it derives an income.

It has five Trustees, 3 nominated by the Parish Council and 2 co-opted who must be persons who through residence, occupation employment or otherwise have special knowledge of the Parish of Chedworth. Meetings are held annually and as required when applications for relief are made.

The Chedworth Allotment Charity principally provides relief for people in need. The rules require that the trustees ensure applicants are receiving all statutory benefits to which they are entitled prior to making payments. The Charity can provide funds for a wide range of needs, just a few of these being assistance with fees for instruction, travelling expenses and tools to enable a person to earn their living. Travelling expenses for Hospital visits, Furniture, Bedding, TV licences.

Any surplus income in any one year can be applied to providing facilities for recreation and other leisure time occupation with the object of improving the conditions of life for the inhabitants of the parish.

Enquiries or applications to Myra Burridge - 01285 720665.

Chedworth Community Lands Charity

The Chedworth Community Lands Charity has its roots in the 16th century, and aims to provide assistance to Chedworth parishioners with financial hardship, healthcare issues, or disability costs. The charity will also consider educational grants.

The Charity has provided valuable help for a number of Chedworth parishioners over the last few years, in cases of financial hardship and for some educational grants.

The Trustees of the Charity are the Vicar and two appointees of the Parish Council, currently David Broad and Andrew Miles.

Enquiries or applications to Bryan Bowley - 01285 720369.

The Chedworth Village Trust

The Chedworth Village Trust was set up two generations ago by three local families with the aim of assisting St. Andrew's Church, the Village Hall and St. Andrew's School.

In recent years the remit of the Trust has widened slightly to include specific projects that benefit the community as a whole, such as the "Chedworth Remembers" project.

The Trust will also consider applications for assistance from Chedworth people wanting to embark on a course of education. This could be an undergraduate degree course, an apprenticeship, vocational training or post-graduate degree.

If you are a student or a community organization, and you would like to apply to the Trust for assistance please contact the

Trust's secretary, *Sarah Green 01285 720401 or sgreen11@btinternet.com*.

The Hugh Westwood Trust

The funds for the Trust originated from an original bequest by Hugh Westwood to found a grammar school in 1607 in Northleach.

When Westwood Grammar School was closed by the county, the then Chair of Governors recommended that the Trust funds should remain in the hands of the Trustees and not be transferred to the new school at Bourton. Further, they suggested that funds should be spent assisting those in the catchment area going on to Higher Education.

To this end, grants are now awarded every year. There were 87 awards made in 2015/16 of which 45 were £150 grants made to first year students on multi-year courses, and 6 on a variety of one year courses. 36 awards of £140 were given to second and third year students continuing their HE courses. PhD students get £200. The overall number of grants awarded was 22 higher than 2014/15, showing improving outreach/advertising to new students.

Although Northleach students gained the largest number of awards (15), with Bourton (home to the main secondary school) getting 12, Chedworth, with 9 awards, did particularly well when a calculation based on per head of population in each settlement is applied.

Enquiries or applications to Rosalind Marsden - 01285 720237.

Chedworth Village Hall

The vision of the Village Hall Committee is that the Hall will, during the next 5 years,

be recognised as the most welcoming, desirable and sought after community-based venue in the Cotswolds.

The Village Hall's aim is to establish and maintain modern and flexible accommodation and facilities within the Chedworth Village Hall which will accommodate small and large local social, community and business groups as well as private functions for people residing inside and outside of the greater Chedworth area.

Contact - www.chedworthvillagehall.org.uk

St Andrew's Primary School PTA

The school PTA (Parent and Teachers Association) exists to raise funds to support and enhance the facilities and resources of the school.

We do this by organising a combination of events, either just for the children in school (eg school disco), for children with their parents (eg beetle drive), evening events for parents only (eg quiz night) or wider community events (eg Summer Fete or Fun Run).

The money we raise is then used for resources to enhance the children's learning. This year we are supporting the school's plan to refurbish the library area and refresh the book stock. Our activities are usually on the school's pages in Hill and Valley, so any support that the community can bring to any of our open events is very welcome.

A summary spreadsheet giving financial information about the charities, where available, can be found on the Chedworth Parish Council's website - tinyurl.com/chedworthcharity .

Equally we are open to contributing to larger village events in any way we can, helping to build links between the different groups in our wonderful village!

Contact - www.st-andrewsschool.co.uk/pta-news

Chedworth Pre-School

The vision of Pre-School is to enhance our learning environments inside and outside so that Chedworth Pre-School has the best possible surroundings for the children.

Chedworth Pre-School's aim is to provide high-quality learning environment for 2-4 year olds of Chedworth and the surrounding villages. We aim to cater for all families in a caring, safe and fun environment. We also want to provide an excellent transition to primary school.

Contact - info@chedworthpreschool.co.uk

Chedworth Society

The Society was founded in 1969 out of concern that the pressures and demands of modern living could result in a gradual loss of Chedworth's natural, architectural and social charms.

The Society's objectives are:

To preserve and enhance the character of the parish of Chedworth and its surrounding countryside and to improve in every way possible its appearance and amenities.

To secure the support of and cooperate with bodies local and national, whose functions or interests affect, or are compatible with the objectives of the Society.

To stimulate public consciousness and appreciation of the beauty, history and

character of Chedworth and its surroundings.

To encourage the preservation, development and improvement of features of general public amenity or historic interest.

To encourage a strong public opinion in support of the above objectives.

To pursue these ends by means or meetings, exhibitions, lectures and the promotion of schemes of a charitable nature.

Contact - chedworthsociety.org.uk

Chedworth Women's Institute

The WI was formed in 1915 and is the largest voluntary women's organisation in the UK. Chedworth WI celebrates its 90th birthday this year. The WI's aim is to provide women with the chance to build new skills, take part in a wide variety of activities and campaign on issues that matter to them and their communities.

At our WI we have approximately 35 members with 10 meetings and at least one outing each year. We have a speaker or activity at every meeting and enjoy a social time with food, tea and coffee. At every meeting there is a sales table in aid of charity, collection for the Cirencester food bank and notification of various WI classes, outings and events locally and nationally.

We have an annual jumble sale, book clubs and a knitting group. Our aim is to increase our membership, particularly welcoming younger members to join us in being a valuable part of our local community.

Contact - chedworth.org.uk/womens-institute