

GODSTONE UNITED CHARITIES
REPORT FOR ANNUAL PARISH ASSEMBLY OF GODSTONE PARISH COUNCIL
30 September 2023

Godstone United Charities (GUC) is a Registered Charity with the Charities Commission. There is a total of 6 Trustees. Generally, appointments are made by the Parish Council, GUC Committee and the Clergy and every effort is made to ensure that the whole Parish (i.e. Godstone, South Godstone and Blindley Heath) is represented. Trustees are:-

Mrs Diane Jackson-Grose	Chairperson	Godstone
Rev Peter O'Connell		Rector of Godstone Parish
Mrs Candy Edwards		South Godstone
Mrs Val Faulkner		Blindley Heath
Mrs Paula Quincy: Mrs Helen Simmons		Godstone

Helen Simmons has recently agreed to take over from Gill Rhodes, who after many years has decided to retire while Candy Edwards took over from Terry Tomlinson last year. You will see also that Pat Bamforth is no longer the Clerk, her position has been filled by Trisha Miller, whose contact details are at the bottom of this report.

GUC distributes an amount of money each year to individuals, and to organisations that can help individuals, who live in the Parish of Godstone.

Most of the money received comes from the Henry Smith Charity: the amount is similar each year: this year it was £13,700, a substantial increase on previous, to reflect the rising cost of living. The rest of the income is from funds invested in CCLA Investment Management Ltd.

The Henry Smith Charity define their criteria such that we can give to individuals and families who are poor, elderly and/or disabled: we can give to organisations that directly help individuals who live in Godstone Parish: we can also help with alterations to public buildings when improving their disabled access.

As well as this we currently meet three times a year and give food vouchers. We continue to use Morrisons gift cards and Godstone local shop vouchers which helps our local shops. Each family receives vouchers or gift cards to exchange for goods, the amounts of which are decided at the meetings, then issued by the Clerk and delivered to the parishioners by the Trustees to help with extra expenditure at Christmas and Easter. In addition, we have issued vouchers or gift cards for the children to help with funding meals during the long summer holidays. Over the past year/ 18 months the vouchers were £50 per household with an additional £50 for each child under 18 years per household.

Organisations who would like a grant should apply in writing to the Clerk directly or via the Parish Council. When considering an application for a grant, particularly from an organisation, the Trustees must be satisfied that the Parishioners of Godstone will benefit.

Anyone can apply for a grant or to join the voucher scheme, whether for themselves or on behalf of someone else. If the criteria are met GUC can help with grants for things like school uniform, school trips, essential medical equipment, essential domestic equipment etc. We help by paying directly to the supplier of the goods required, no money is given directly to an individual or family. No application is considered in connection with payment of debts, hire purchase commitments or fines; this is specified by the Henry Smith Charity.

Mrs P Miller - Clerk to the Trustees

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Receipts and Payments 1 May 2022 – 30 September 2023

Receipts

01/05/2022

Current a/c	4312.22
Deposit a/c	361.88

CCLA Payments

Capital @ 30 Sep 2023 £18842.70

May 22	137.65
Aug 22	137.65
Nov22	139.59
Feb 23	139.79
May 23	137.65
Aug 23	137.65

Bank Interest	44.99
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H Smith	6700.00
H Smith Extra	7000.00
H Smith	13700.00

Total Income @ 30 Sep 2023	28274.97
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Total Income + Cash @ 30 Sep 2023	32949.07
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No of Morrisons Vouchers left	200.00
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Payments

Grants to Individuals

Henry Hoover	130.00
Bed/Mattress	579.00
Microwave	59.99

Grants to Organisations

St St RM dinners	247.00
St Stephens Oven & vouch	227.00
Godstone School	178.40
St Stephens trips	976.00
Breath Arts Health	200.00
1 st Laghan Scouts	180.00
Orpheus Centre	50.00

Morrisons Vouchers

Paid out May 22	200.00
Paid out Jul 22	1370.00
Paid out Nov 22	1855.00
Paid out Feb 23	2525.00
Paid out Jun 23	2650.00

Payments to Traders

Flower Farm shop	2240.00
Lindley Store	1670.00
Electric M A	60.00
A Plus	640.00
Godstone News	2180.00

Clerk's Hon Dec 22	150.00
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Total Expenditure	18367.39
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Total Balance Y/E 2023	14581.68
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