

WORLINGWORTH CHARITIES REPORT 2026

As many of you will be aware the Worlingworth Charities consist of The John Godbold Charity which has the original objective of helping the church and the poor, and the Educational Charity which was set up to help education in the village. I realise we start every year's report by stating this, but we are so often asked "just what are the Worlingworth Charities about" - so it does seem worth repeating

Once again we have been able to organise our £30 Christmas distribution to qualifying pensioners who wish to accept the donation and also to provide some financial help to the church, the Community Bus, the Village Newsletter and also of course our Village School. In addition, some small help has been given to a few students with their further education expenses.

The Charities income from investments has continued to be very uncertain as result of so many uncertainties in the world and we will have to wait and see how our investments develop, but we are doing our best to make sure that the funds we have are used, in the best interests of the village and its residents based on the objectives of the original charity trustees.

If you are aware of any situation where the charities may be able to help individuals of organisations in a small way, please do not hesitate to put them in touch with us.

Very sadly we lost long serving Trustee Shirley Rutterford at the end of last year. Shirley was very dedicated to her role as trustee, and spent many hours researching the Worlingworth Charities history in order that we could prove the ownership of land in Worlingworth. She will be missed by all those who knew her.

I am very pleased to be able to tell you that during the year the Trustees unanimously voted that Lois Sheard should become Vice Chair of the Worlingworth Charities

Chris Watson

Chair of the Trustees of the Worlingworth Charities

Trustees – Nora Ingate, Julia Rodwell, Paul Maybury, Graham Catling, Emily Mills and Lois Sheard