

**The Kings Langley Charities**  
(Registered Charity No. 234115)

**Report to the Annual Parish Meeting 2019**

The pattern of disbursements from this Fund, as reported to previous Annual Parish Meetings, has continued this year. The Charity itself was established to address “The relief of poverty, sickness and disability among the population of the parish of Kings Langley, Hertfordshire.”

In addition to the grants for general foodstuffs traditionally made to disadvantaged villagers over the Christmas period, the Trustees made similar provision for families with young children. We acknowledge gratefully the assistance and co-operation of the Head Teachers of the primary and secondary schools and the Jack in the Box Nursery school, and their staffs, in this matter. Without their help it would be very difficult to identify these families.

The Trustees also wish to thank local traders for their ready co-operation and patience in ensuring that arrangements worked smoothly. Richard from Kings Langley Butchers and Bala from the sub Post Office store have worked with us and we are very grateful to both of them for providing these outlets for our vouchers which are exchanged for groceries.

Our primary source of funding remains the £2,000 from the Henry Smith Charity. Additionally, in 2018 we received a £200 grant from the Kings Langley Carnival and more recently a £200 grant from Kings Langley Parish Council. It is a pleasure to acknowledge those additional donations. The trustees would like to make more individual grants at Christmas or ‘one off’ payments throughout the year when individual cases are brought to our attention but are restricted by our limited income.

That said, at the request of a local Minister, we were able to help a young man with a small financial grant. Nevertheless, as evidence of the existing demand, we have spent (slightly) more in each of the last 5 years than we have received.

This year also marks a change in trustees. Harold Taylor is stepping down after nearly 20 years as a trustee. We would like to offer our grateful thanks to Harold for his unstinting service to the charity over this period. John Allen and Mary Nobbs have recently joined the board of trustees.

The Trustees continue to publicise the existence and functions of this fund to stimulate greater public awareness of our charity as a potential source of help for those in genuine need in accordance with the provisions of the trust deed. It is this trust deed which requires us to submit a report to each Annual Parish Meeting.

Alan Johnson on behalf of the Kings Langley Charities Trustees