

The Kings Langley Charities
(Registered Charity No. 234115)

Report to the Annual Parish Meeting 2022

Kings Langley Charities (KLC) was created in the late 19th century bringing together a number of charities which were active in the village. (Most of these were of a 'legacy' nature, like the Henry Smith Foundation that was originally started in 1628, and others had been running for decades. They involved what we today would consider to be relatively small sums i (generally a few hundred pounds, which had been a considerable sum when left) and all of it was invested.

KLC received the dividends from these investments. These sums were so small that around 12 years ago these investments were all cashed in and the proceeds paid into a single account. The Charity itself was established to address “The relief of poverty, sickness and disability among the population of the parish of Kings Langley, Hertfordshire.” Whilst there are now other safety nets provided in this country, another year overshadowed by the pandemic has placed extra pressures on local families.

The trustees are grateful that the Henry Smith Charity supplemented their annual grant to which was added a very generous donation of £1,000 from the Kings Langley Carnival later in the year. In addition to the grants for general foodstuffs traditionally made over the Christmas period, the Carnival contribution in the autumn enabled the regular Christmas support provided to local people and families to be supplemented this year during a ‘restriction free’ Christmas period.

The Trustees have been delighted to enjoy a busy year and, as importantly, to be able to respond in 2021 in a proactive and compassionate way. The trustees wish to acknowledge the unwavering support of Richard from Kings Langley Butchers and Bhavik Shah from the sub-Post Office store for their ready co-operation and patience in ensuring that these arrangements worked smoothly.