

PATTISHALL PAROCHIAL AND EDUCATIONAL CHARITIES ANNUAL SUMMARY (2025)

Both the Pattishall Parochial Charity and Educational Charity are administered by groups of five Trustees who meet twice annually. Accounts are independently audited and submitted to the Charity Commission in accordance with regulatory requirements.

The Parochial Charity's income is derived from a charity bond, the Bideford Charity and the Foxley Trust, whilst the Educational Charity receives income from field rent, wayleaves and investment returns.

Parochial Charity

The charity continues to provide regular and targeted financial support to parish residents. During 2025, monthly pensions of £40 were paid to widows and widowers, with 18 recipients recorded at the year end.

In February 2025, a grant of £247 was awarded to a resident of Astcote to assist with central heating improvements, where financial circumstances warranted support.

Christmas fuel grants of £80 were distributed to 30 households in December 2025.

The charity also provided a significant grant to the 1st Pattishall Scout Group to cover its annual membership fee to The Scout Association, following financial difficulties. The Trustees considered this an important investment in a group that makes a valuable contribution to the community and supports young people in developing essential life skills.

Educational Charity

The student grant scheme was advertised in *Around Pattishall*, resulting in three successful applications in 2025. Grants of up to £200 per student were awarded in March 2026.

Plans for 2026

The charities will focus on improving administrative efficiency and strengthening processes in 2026. A key priority is the transition to a new banking arrangement to enable direct payments to beneficiaries, reducing reliance on cash and cheques while improving security and auditability.

Application and eligibility processes will also be reviewed to ensure support remains accessible, well targeted and appropriately documented. The Trustees will seek to increase awareness of available grants within the parish and continue to monitor income to maximise support for residents and students.

Maxine Brand

Clerk to the Trustees 29

March 2026

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