**Trustees’ Report for Annual Meeting of the**

**Dennington Parish Council 2016**

This Report covers the period since the previous Annual Parish Council Meeting in 2015.

The management of the Dennington Consolidated Charities is administered by a group of Trustees who meet twice a year, in March/April and November. The purpose of the Consolidated Charities is for the general benefit of the inhabitants of Dennington.

There are seven Trustees including the Rector of the parish as an ex-officio Trustee. Mrs Anne Keys has been co-opted as a Trustee.

Grants made on a regular basis are Christmas Grants to the elderly (£2,375 in total for 2015) and Educational Grants to young people undertaking Higher education (£1,175 in total to the end of December 2015). A proportion of the income of the Charities (fixed by the Charity Commissioners) is for the Church Restoration Fund (£2,259 for this year). Other grants are made when the need arises subject to the rules of the Charities. The Charities have supported the primary school (£500), the Village Hall Mower repairs (£1,000), and the Allotment & Gardeners Society (£150).

There is also a Nursing Fund for the provision of small gifts when a person is taken sick. This fund is administered by Mr Robert Wardley, who would be pleased to be notified when such cases arise.

Funds are available for other, larger projects which would involve one or more of the village organisations. The Trustees are continuing to support the Village Hall refurbishment programme with the emphasis this year on contributing towards the costs of making a bid for Lottery Funding.