

This Report covers the period since the previous Annual Parish Council Meeting in 2017.

The management of the Dennington Consolidated Charities is administered by a group of Trustees who meet twice a year, in March/April and October/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. Following the retirement of the Rev Jonathan Olanczuk the ex-officio position is currently vacant.

Grants made on a regular basis are Christmas Grants to the elderly (£2,375 in total for 2017) and Educational Grants to young people undertaking Higher education (£1,250 in total to the end of April 2018). A proportion of the income of the Charities (fixed by the Charity Commissioners) is for the Church Restoration Fund (£2,158 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 (£2,009), the Sports Club (£5,000 to improve the young people's play environment), the Allotment & Gardeners Society (£1,745 for fencing repairs) and have made donations totalling £1,750 towards supporting individuals and a local pre-school group. Monies have been set aside to support the village hall funding application to the National Lottery

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.