

This Report covers the period since the previous Annual Parish Council Meeting in 2018.

The management of the Dennington Consolidated Charities - a grant-awarding body following specified criteria - 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. During the course of the year the Trustees welcomed Rev Martin Percival as the ex-officio Trustee.

Grants made on a regular basis are normally Christmas Grants to the elderly (£1,875 in total for 2018) and Educational Grants to young people undertaking Higher education (although no applications meeting the criteria were received within the reporting period to the end of April 2019). A proportion of the income of the Charities (fixed by the Charity Commissioners) is for the Church Restoration Fund (£2,518 for this year). Other grants are made when the need arises subject to the rules of the Charities. The Charities have also supported families in need.

During the course of the year 'The Clothes Peg' ceased operating and the tenancy became vacant. Following an extensive selection process, a new tenancy agreement was made with 'About Media' for office and café which opened in April. Work on refurbishing the building took place during the early months of this year. This has been the Trustees' priority to date.