

Wrentham Charity Annual Report for Parish Council 2026

We remain in line with the requirements of the Charity Commission Scheme with four nominated trustees – Lindsay Hanger, Chair, Alison Evans, Secretary, Rita Perry, member, and David Fletcher, Treasurer, and two ex-officio officers – Reverend Mark Bee and Lady Suzi Gooch.

We meet in January and June to discuss matters and to review the accounts, which are kept in order by David Fletcher. Members communicate with each other on an ad hoc basis to ensure that every request is actioned appropriately.

The Charity has actively supported a number of Wrentham residents who are in financial hardship. These have been through direct requests or as a result of third party recommendations.

Every request is responded to in a timely manner, usually within a day or two, and the potential recipient is visited by two members of the Charity. This is to meet Safeguarding requirements and to assure that requests are treated fairly and in line with the terms of the Charity.

The funds available remain in a healthy condition with values rising year on year. Available funds at 31st January 2026 were in excess of £75,000.00. Disbursements to recipients in the year have remained low. On average funds are allocated at around £250 per request, although this can change depending on need. We have responded to requests to supplement mortgage payments, buy food, pay outstanding utilities bills and other similar areas of need.

Every transaction remains confidential except to the six above- mentioned people.

It is encouraging that we rarely have to deal with anyone requesting support inappropriately. We have posters around the village and sometimes advertise in The Wren but take-up is very low.