

# **Carlton Charity Lands**

## **Annual Report 2024-25**

The Trustees held two meetings, November 2024 and March 2025, during the period. Seven applications for financial assistance were considered by the six trustees and each applicant received the maximum award of £300, i.e. a total of £2,100. Awards contributed generally to tertiary education expenses, but as in previous years, covered a broad range of activities. Our next meeting is in November 2025.

Carlton Charity Lands continues to support the village defibrillator in the sum of £200 per year. CCL is also prepared to offer financial assistance for a second unit if required.

In December 2024, two Trustees visited our tenant, Friezeland Christmas Tree farm, in order to negotiate a lower price for the village green Christmas tree. While we didn't agree a price reduction, Mr Riley kindly offered a taller tree at the same price. Subsequently, Trustees have agreed to support financially this initiative in 2025.

The financial status of CCL is considered at each Trustee meeting. On 1st April 2024 our cash balance was £5,275. On 31st March 2025 our balance was £5,000. Awards and other contributions amounted to £2,300. Rental income for 2025, received in Q1 2025, was £2,025. Restoration of a balanced income/outgoings was gratifying to see following the somewhat turbulent preceding period.

While the Charity's primary mission is, and will resolutely remain, supporting Carlton's young residents through their development years (16 to 23), Trustees have agreed to broaden their scope to embrace limited support for a wider Carlton constituency related to health, welfare and well-being. A carefully crafted amendment to our charter is currently with the Charity Commission for approval.

I would like to recognise the valuable contributions afforded by fellow Trustees - Hazel Davenport, Ian Sarson, Franco Onesti, Chris Brockhurst & Andy Tee.

***Graham Jackson, Chair of Carlton Charity Lands***