

Carlton Charity Lands Report: April 2023 to March 2024

Carlton Charity Lands' Trustees held two meetings during the period. Thirteen applications for financial assistance were considered. All applications were successful with the majority receiving the maximum grant of £300; in total, almost £4,000. Awards were mostly based on validated receipts for secondary and tertiary education expenses, but not all. A Girl Guide Jamboree in Munich was also supported, indicative of the broad range of applications.

The financial status of CCL is considered at all Trustee meetings. On 1st January 2023, our balance was plus £5,484. On 1st January 2024 our balance was £6,928. The cash increase resulted from negligible applications during 2023. Rental income received in Q1 2023 was £1,800 for calendar 2023. The negotiated escalating rental schedule provided an increase to £2,025 in Q1 2024.

At our January 2024 meeting the Trustees decided to adopt a proactively assertive marketing campaign. Social media and other channels were fully engaged resulting in a significant up-tick in applications, namely 13 year to date. Our next meeting is in November 2024.

While the Charity's primary mission is, and will resolutely remain, supporting Carlton's young residents through their development years (16 to 23), we have made discretionary awards to other Carlton activities, e.g. £200 to help finance Carlton's Defibrillator. We have also agreed to make a modest contribution to the current Church Bells project, were it to be required.

Consequently, the Trustees are actively considering an extension of the Charity's aims to include limited support for a broader Carlton constituency related to health, welfare and well-being.

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

Graham Jackson Chair of Carlton Charity Lands: 8th May 2024