



SOHAM MOOR
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Soham Moor Old Grammar School Fund – Annual Report 2025.

Charity Commission Registration Number: 1197710.



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Introduction.

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The charity undertakes no fundraising and works hard to keep costs low to be able to distribute as much income as possible to its beneficiaries.

Governance.

The Soham Moor Old Grammar School Fund is a Charitable Incorporated Organisation with the date of its constitution being 28th January 2022. The charity has a rich and interesting history with the previous scheme, relating to the charity by the same name dated 13th August 1985. Although the predates this scheme. The charity continues to revitalise its policies.

Reserves Policy.

The charity is working towards having two years' worth of expenditure at hand. Trustees are satisfied that cash investments are sufficient in the meantime and are working on a review of the investment policy.

Trustees.

Throughout 2024/25 year the charity had 6 trustees. Peter Taylor resigned during the year. The Trustees were as follows.

Angela Bocking, Pam Cole, Kathy Rzecycki, Mark Goldsmark, Paul Dunham, Samantha Warner (Ashcroft).



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Objectives.

The charity has the following objectives.

3.1 to promote educate (including social and physical training) of young persons who are or who have recently been pupils of any school in Soham, Cambridgeshire, and who the charity trustees consider to be in need of financial assistance and in particular, with without prejudice to the generality of the foregoing.

3.1.1 by awarding such young person's scholarships or maintenance allowances tenable at any school, university, college of education, or other institution of further (including professional and technical) education approval for the purpose by the charity trustees.

3.1.2 by providing or contributing towards such special benefits of any kind not normally provided by the local education authority (or its successor body) for any school in Soham as may from time to time be agreed between the charity trustees and governors of such school.

Activities & Fulfilment of Objectives.

Grant Giving.

The charity made a single individual grant award to a student at university in financial need and made grant awards to all the local schools on a per head of pupil basis. Grants can be summarised below. There was an increase in grant giving to schools during the year.

<u>School</u>	<u>2023 Figure</u>	<u>2024 Figure</u>
The Shade	£875	£875
St Andrews	£1360	£1580
Weatheralls	£1275	£1335
Soham Village College	£4650	£4725
	£7500	£8500

Upon review and following feedback the trustees noted that they create the most impact by supporting local schools. Resources and income are limited and further marketing to increase local awareness of individual grant giving, would outweigh impact and deflated from the good work in schools.

Meetings and Decision Making.

The trustees met on three occasions throughout the year including a tour of the estate with tenants, listening to feedback and discussing issues.

The charity was advised by its retained agents Cheffins in respect of the estate, Fenn Wright its specialist advisors for the lake and charity specialist solicitors HCR Hewitsons in respect of its governance.

The charity has no employees but retains a clerk self-employed via Millard Consultants and an accountant.

The charity looks to manage the estate prudentially being mindful that part of the estate falls within a SSSI and as such they regularly liaise with National England and the Wildlife Trust, a local landowner and tenant.

Public Benefit Statement.



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Trustees are satisfied that they are fulfilling the public benefit requirements and that the impact within the community is strengthened and deepened by good governance and proactivity.

Summary and Looking forward.

The trustees hope to recruit some new trustees throughout the coming year. They also aspire to build a better collaborative relationship Natural England and the Wildlife Trust in respect of its agricultural estate and the SSSI.

Signed;

Dated;

3rd April 2025.

Name;

Mrs Samantha Ashcroft – Chair of Trustees.



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