

Harry Sloyden Charity (Wickhambreaux)

For Annual Parish Meeting Wickhambreaux Parish Council 18th April 2023

Peter Collinson

Harry Sloyden, a resident of Wickhambreaux died in 1568. Queen Elizabeth had been on the throne for 10 years, and this year marks the start of the second half of her reign. Harry Sloyden left various small things to his family but wanted to provide for his wife. He left her 7 acres in Littlebourne that was intended to keep her. After her death, the land was to be left to the 'poor of Littlebourne and Wickhambreaux'. I wonder, but have no proof, that the money was used to support the Workhouse in Wickhambreaux.

In 1910, the Charity Commission created a trust for the charity. The trust laid down how the charity was to be governed. Littlebourne and Wickhambreaux had separate bodies of trustees, and the annual revenue was to be divided equally between them.

In 1965, the trustees applied to the Charity Commission to sell the land and divide the sale price equally. The sale was agreed, and the documentation shows the location of the land. However, the Charity Commission didn't seem to point out that this act would in fact create two charities and one of the two sets of trustees should acquire a new registration number with the commission. Both charities continued to use the original registration number.

The situation caused the previous trustees some problems when they took over the control of the Wickhambreaux charity, the fund that holds the capital for the charity objected a little, but things continued on, with the Charity Commission saying 'Don't worry'.

I and Tina Burton took over as trustees about two years ago. Now the Charity Commission has a web site displaying public information about the charity, and the fund holding the money said "Nah, we can't believe you are trustees because you don't appear on the Charity Commission's web site".

I started what was a long drawn out wait to register the charity again and fix the 1965 bug. The Charity is now registered as a Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO). It has its own constitution based on the Charity Commission's model.

The trustees have access to the money and we are ready to help people in financial need that live in the 'ancient parish of Wickhambreaux', which sadly excludes Stodmarsh because it was different parish in 1658.

If you come across someone who needs help, please feel free to contact one of us.

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Charity number: 1202019

Receipts and Payments

Investment account

For the period from 01/10/2022 to 30/09/2023

	This year to the nearest £	Last Year to the nearest £
Receipts		
From CCLA Investments	£266	£239
Total	<u>£266</u>	<u>£239</u>

Payments	to the nearest £
Total	<u> </u>

Summary

Net of receipts/Payments	£266
Cash last year end	<u>£4,673</u>
Cash this year end	<u>£4,939</u>

Assets

CCLA: The Church of England Investment Fund Inc
CCLA: COIF Charities Investment Fund Inc

Date of approval 15/11/2023
Signature on behalf of Trustees

RA Gillingham