

SMITHS CHARITY

Registered Charity No: 200155
Area of Benefit – Ancient Parish of Chobham

Annual Report and Accounts for the Year ended 28th February 2025

The various Charities created by Henry Smith date back to the Seventeenth Century and separate Charities exist for many parishes including the Ancient Parish of Chobham.

Smiths Charity Chobham is registered as a Charity (No. 200155) and its address is c/o The Pavilion, Benner Lane, West End, Surrey, GU24 9JP.

The area of benefit of the Charity is the "Ancient Parish of Chobham" which now covers the civil parishes of Chobham and West End. The four Trustees are nominated by both Chobham and West End Parish Councils (two trustees each) for terms of four years. The Trustees of the Charity during the year ended 28th February 2025 were Mr D Elliott (Chairman), Mrs P Tedder, Mrs D Beach and Mr A Astall.

The income of the Charity is derived from the revenues of Henry Smiths Charity (Eastbrook and Tellescombe Estates). The original objects intended some 360 years ago are mainly inappropriate in present circumstances and the object of the Charity is now the assistance of parishioners "in need".

The Charity advertises by posters and in local publications each year inviting applications from parishioners who consider they are in need and eligible to assistance from the Charity. In approved cases vouchers are issued and sent by post to successful applicants. These vouchers may be exchanged for goods and services from local tradesmen. During this financial year the distribution of food vouchers took place in January 2025.

January 2025 Voucher Distribution

This year 61 households (19 households less than last year) in the Parishes were helped by receiving the Annual Distribution of food vouchers in January 2025. The Trustees have noted the decline in voucher beneficiaries and will be looking into additional ways of helping parishioners in need.

At the end of the year the records showed that of the 1655 vouchers that had been issued (£5 each= £8275.00) on behalf of the Smiths Charity to assist parishioners in need, 1602 (£8010) had been submitted by tradesmen for redemption.

Unfortunately, 53 vouchers (£265) had been recorded as not being presented for goods or services. Due to the passing of two beneficiaries, 50 vouchers had not been redeemed, leaving just 3 vouchers unaccounted for. It cannot be ascertained whether these vouchers were not received or not used by the recipients, or if some tradesmen had failed to redeem them by the deadline.

ANNUAL DISTRIBUTION JANUARY 2024	Distribution Agreed by Trustees	Number Vouchers NOT Presented	Vouchers presented	Smiths 97% Portion	Chobham and West End Relief in Sickness 3% portion (rounded to nearest whole)
Total Number of Applicants	61 households	60	1602	61 households	0 (0 applicant)
Total Number of Vouchers Issued Including replacement ones	1655			1602	0* C&WRS had insufficient funds to support one parishioner this year
£	8275	£265	£8010	£8010	£0

*Chobham and West End Relief in Sickness Charity was unable to participate as usual in the January 2025 Annual Distribution, by supporting one participant due to lack of income -

Award of Grants

During the year the Charity provided grants totalling £2594.00, (2024 £3180) to eligible parishioners and Organisations. These included supporting the local food bank, the local Old Folks Club, provision of fuel and a new cooker.

The Charity has continued to assist the Chobham & West End Relief in Sickness Charity in its administration and management by incorporating its annual distribution with that of this Charity. This obviates the need for a separate Clerk, bank accounts, advertising, printing, etc. and that Charity in the current year has borne approximately 3% of these costs and received a similar proportion of the bank interest. All figures in the accounts reflect this arrangement.

The Accounts of the Charity have been audited and approved by all Trustees and are appended to this Annual Report.



DAVID ELLIOTT
Chairman, on behalf of the Trustees

SMITHS CHARITY

Registered Charity No: 200155
Area of Benefit – Ancient Parish of Chobham

STATEMENT OF ACCOUNT AND REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 28th FEBRUARY 2025

INCOME	2024/25	2023/24	EXPENDITURE	2024/25	2023/24
Treasurer of Smiths Charity – Grant 2023	10500.00	10500.00	Vouchers issued to needy parishioners and presented to retailers	8010.00	9270.00
Grant (secondary)	5000.00	0.00	Jan 2024		
Grant 2024	12900.00		Grants made during year	2594.00	3180.00
Bank Interest – Business Saver A/c	8.80	5.52	Postage etc	61.84	72.75
			Admin/Clerk cost (97%)	2162.10	1582.89
			Bank charges,	0.00	0.00
			Printing	82.45	82.45
			Audit	<u>48.50</u>	<u>48.50</u>
TOTAL Income	28408.80	10505.52	TOTAL Expenditure	12958.89	14236.59

BALANCE SHEET

		2024/25	2023/24
BALANCES	As at 1 March 2024	4619.80	8335.87
ADD	Income for year	28408.80	10505.52
	Add back written off chq22/23 100729		15.00
		<u>33028.60</u>	<u>18856.09</u>
LESS	Expenditure for year	12958.89	14236.59
Balances	As at 28 February 2025	20069.71	4619.80

BANK BALANCES AS AT 28th FEBRUARY 2025

	2024/25	2023/24
Community Account at bank statement 28 Feb 2025	20053.28	6804.82
Less unrepresented cheques	(529.00)	(2775.00)
Less end of year balance showing on Balance sheet of C&WERSC**	(66.18)	(27.56)
Business Saver Account '4433	<u>611.61</u>	<u>602.54</u>
TOTAL	20069.71	4619.80

***NOTES:**

* The Annual Grants of £12900.00 (2024) will be used to satisfy an annual distribution to parishioners in January 2026 together with grants to parishioners and local organisations.

**The (£66.18) relates to the balance of funds held by Chobham and West End Relief in Sickness Charity and has been deducted as indicated by **. This is the cash balance as per balance sheet of C&WERSC at 28/02/2025.

AUDITORS REPORT

I have checked the above accounts and certify that they are in accordance with the records and vouchers supplied by the Charity.



8 Gainsborough Close
Camberley, GU15 3UE

Mrs Jill Biden

Date 26th March 2025

SMITHS CHARITY

Registered Charity No: 200155
Area of Benefit – Ancient Parish of Chobham

STATEMENT OF ACCOUNT AND REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 28th FEBRUARY 2025

INCOME	2024/25	2023/24	EXPENDITURE	2024/25	2023/24
Treasurer of Smiths Charity – Grant 2023	10500.00	10500.00	Vouchers issued to needy parishioners and presented to retailers	8010.00	9270.00
Grant (secondary)	5000.00	0.00	Jan 2024		
Grant 2024	12900.00		Grants made during year	2594.00	3180.00
Bank Interest – Business Saver A/c	8.80	5.52	Postage etc	61.84	72.75
			Admin/Clerk cost (97%)	2162.10	1582.89
			Bank charges,	0.00	0.00
			Printing	82.45	82.45
			Audit	<u>48.50</u>	<u>48.50</u>
TOTAL Income	28408.80	10505.52	TOTAL Expenditure	12958.89	14236.59

BALANCE SHEET

		2024/25	2023/24
BALANCES	As at 1 March 2024	4619.80	8335.87
ADD	Income for year	28408.80	10505.52
	Add back written off chq22/23 100729		15.00
		<u>33028.60</u>	<u>18856.09</u>
LESS	Expenditure for year	12958.89	14236.59
Balances	As at 28 February 2025	20069.71	4619.80

BANK BALANCES AS AT 28th FEBRUARY 2025

	2024/25	2023/24
Community Account at bank statement 28 Feb 2025	20053.28	6804.82
Less unrepresented cheques	(529.00)	(2775.00)
Less end of year balance showing on Balance sheet of C&WERSC**	(66.18)	(27.56)
Business Saver Account '4433	<u>611.61</u>	<u>602.54</u>
TOTAL	20069.71	4619.80

***NOTES:**

* The Annual Grants of £12900.00 (2024) will be used to satisfy an annual distribution to parishioners in January 2026 together with grants to parishioners and local organisations.

**The (£66.18) relates to the balance of funds held by Chobham and West End Relief in Sickness Charity and has been deducted as indicated by **. This is the cash balance as per balance sheet of C&WERSC at 28/02/2025.

AUDITORS REPORT

I have checked the above accounts and certify that they are in accordance with the records and vouchers supplied by the Charity.



8 Gainsborough Close
Camberley, GU15 3UE

Mrs Jill Biden

Date 26th March 2025