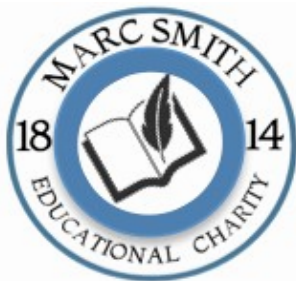


The Marc Smith Educational Charity



ANNUAL REPORT FOR MARC SMITH CHARITY 2025

The Charity was established in 1814 to promote education in the villages of Claybrooke Magna, Parva, Ullesthorpe and Wibtoft. Marc Smith left the income from his property in Coventry to establish a small school. Local landowners gave land on which the school was built in 1840. The Old Schoolhouse has been rented out to provide an income for the Marc Smith Charity for many years.

The Charity funds clothing grants for children from the area moving up to senior school and larger grants to students from our area going on to further education.

The Trustees met in March, June and September.

Zoe (Trustee) and husband Neil Ridley participated in the preparation of grant applications. A successful outcome of £5000 from Harborough District Council and £1000 from Ullesthorpe Parish Council were received.

£10,000 grant received from Gazeley which helped cover the huge outlay last year in refurbishing the schoolhouse.

Renovation of the OSH was completed and a new tenant moved in. The management contract with Clarkes was terminated and is now provided in-house to enable a saving of around £2000 in fees each year.

All of the 6 allotment plots are being utilised.

School Uniform grants of £70 each were awarded to 12 children who were going up to senior school.

Further Education grants of £300 each were awarded to 17 students.

List of Trustees

Trevor Dawes (Chairman) Permanent Trustee (Claybrooke Magna)

Simon Smith – Rep for Ullesthorpe

Hugh Edgeley – Rep for Ullesthorpe

Jo-Ann Allcoat – Rep for Claybrooke Magna

Jo Stuart Matthews – Rep for Claybrooke Magna

Zoe Ridley – Rep for Claybrooke Parva

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