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Sutton Coldfield Charitable Trust

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ABOUT THE TRUST

Sutton Coldfield Charitable Trust aims to alleviate hardship and improve the quality of life for residents of the Royal Town of Sutton Coldfield through the provision of housing for older people of limited means and by making awards to meet needs of individuals and community organisations.

The Trust's origins can be traced back to Tudor times. Throughout a long history, it has improved the lives of generations of people in Sutton Coldfield, particularly those in the greatest need. It has sustained its core priority to alleviate suffering, while redefining and extending its benefits to reflect changing times.

Historical Timeline

1528

Bishop Vesey, a native of Sutton Coldfield, persuaded Henry VIII to grant a Charter in 1528 establishing a Warden and Society (Corporation) to govern the Town. The Corporation was obliged to use rental and other income to provide poor relief and improve the locality.

1707

Thomas Jesson, a local merchant, left land and money to provide apprenticeships for boys and to distribute bread to Sutton's poor. This Charity was administered by the Corporation and it was much later absorbed into Municipal Charities which ultimately became the Trust as it is today.

1825

After a long and famous legal action, the Corporation's charities were reorganised and enriched by lands acquired in the 1825 Enclosure Award. From this time, Almshouses were built and the Trust provided elementary schools (including teaching and uniforms) for Sutton's children. Practical necessities such as coal, blankets and boots were widely distributed. In pre-welfare state days, the charities financed nursing and medical care for needy people and made grants to widows.

Board of Trustees

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(Chairman from
13 February 2019)

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(Chairman until
13 February 2019)

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1886

The Town became a Borough and the Trust took over the Corporation and various related charities within one body. This operated closely alongside the Council and was administered by the Town Clerks. New Almshouses were built, including two in the 1890s from a bequest by Frances Lingard.

1974

At the time Sutton Coldfield became part of Birmingham, the independence of the Trust was safeguarded, ensuring the continuing provision of benefits for individuals and organisations within the former Borough boundaries. Although the separate historic charities have been consolidated into one charity, the Trustees' fundamental aims and priorities are still very similar to those pursued by Bishop Vesey and his successors over nearly five centuries.

2012

The name of the organisation was changed to Sutton Coldfield Charitable Trust to more appropriately reflect the Trust's role within the town as an independent charity, which no longer has a direct association with the local authority.

CHAIRMAN'S STATEMENT



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During the last year the Trust has continued to provide an outstanding Almshouse facility for its 50 or so elderly residents together with making grants of over £1 million to a wide cross-section of beneficiaries throughout the Royal Town of Sutton Coldfield.



Andrew Burley
Chairman

This year, applications have been at a high level for grant assistance to our Town's schools, perhaps reflecting the difficult times for funding within the education sector. The Trust's involvement with education started nearly 300 years ago when funding was provided for free elementary education and uniforms for "poor" children in the Town. Around that time the first Almshouses were built and support was being given to the "sick, elderly and poor". **Although a great deal has changed in many ways over the last 300 years, the importance of the Trust's invaluable assistance to help ease the difficulties of those with similar needs today remains the same.**

Last year the Chairman reported on the commissioning of a Social Needs Review of Sutton Coldfield by the University of Birmingham. Although the commencement of this was delayed a little this is now underway and will influence funding objectives in the future.

The Trust has continued to overhaul its Governance including reviewing the Scheme of Sutton Coldfield Charitable Trust which is the document approved by the Charity Commission governing the work of the Trust. In addition, RSM have carried out a Board Effectiveness Review.

We are fortunate to have an excellent board of Trustees who give their time freely and provide a diverse range of skills and knowledge. They are able to challenge, support and guide the management team when required. This is my first year as Chairman. On behalf of the Trustees I thank my predecessor, Carole Hancox for her hard work, dedication and commitment to chairing the Trust for the last three years. During this time a number of long serving Trustees retired and their replacements have shown great enthusiasm in driving the Trust forward into the future. I am very grateful to Carole for agreeing to continue to chair the Almshouse committee and also to Neil Andrews who agreed to continue

to chair the Finance and Investment committee. I was delighted Keith Dudley agreed to stand as Vice Chairman. As a retired lawyer, his legal experience is invaluable and I am benefitting from his general support and guidance. He is also chairing a new sub-committee to explore opportunities for the Trust to give support to gifted and talented young people with potential to advance in their chosen field where there is a financial barrier to their progress.

The Trust has a very committed and talented workforce both within the office and looking after our Almshouses and residents. They are headed by our Chief Executive, Ernie Murray, who brings a wealth of invaluable experience in guiding the Trust through changing and sometimes challenging times. Our thanks go to them all.

Andrew Burley
Chairman



01 Lingard Suite



02 SCCT Offices from Walmley Road

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S 2018/2019 REPORT

I am pleased to record that the value of the Trust's total assets exceeded £61m at the end of September 2019.

Some £55.7m of those funds comprise the Trust's Endowment Fund, from which, only the income can be spent by the Trustees for charitable purposes. Of this income which, in the year under review, totalled £2.1m, approximately 53% was allocated to grant-making, with 12% being used towards the cost of maintaining the Trust's 46 Almshouses at its Lingard House estate in Walmley, which remain the Trustees' priority.

The Trust's Almshouses are much admired, not just by the delightful older people who reside in them, but also by the many visitors to the site on a day-to-day basis. I am frequently asked, perhaps somewhat whimsically, by postmen, repair men, delivery drivers etc., how they should go about applying for one of the bungalows or cottages on the estate for their own retirement!

The Almshouse Association, a national body, recently released a document titled 'Standards of Almshouse Management', which provides very comprehensive guidance for operators of

Almshouses. All recommendations contained therein have been formally adopted by the Trust as a matter of policy, to ensure that the welfare, safety, security and comfort of all residents are maintained at the highest possible level. However, it was reassuring to find that there was very little we had to change or improve upon, as the Trust's Almshouses are already being run to the high standards set out by the Association.

Naturally, I am always proud to announce how much the Trust has distributed by way of awards to beneficiaries within the Royal Town.

Therefore, I am pleased to report that, during the past twelve months, grant-making to over 90 individuals, community organisations, churches and schools once again exceeded £1m, with a further £31,200 in Children's Clothing Grants awarded to 298 families for the benefit of 416 children. Towards the end of each year, the Trust also makes grants of up to £18 per head to local old peoples' groups for the provision of Festive Celebrations, usually involving a Christmas Lunch. Incredibly, more than 715 older folk benefitted from these awards, mostly during December 2018.

Although very few applications for grants are declined or have the amount reduced by the Trustees, when this does happen, it is their policy not to provide reasons for their decision.

However, I am able to assure applicants, whose requests have been turned down or who have received a lesser amount than expected, that the Trustees robustly assess the quality of each application against a wide range of criteria to ensure that the request falls within the Trust's charitable objectives, which are summarised on page 2 of the Review.

Where the applicant is an organisation, an evaluation is made of the standard of its governance, business and financial management, level of fundraising it has undertaken, its true value to the Community and, importantly, the real need for a grant. An organisation seeking a substantial award which would benefit only an insignificant number of people, is less likely to have its request met than another, where an award would result in an improvement in quality of life for a great many people throughout the Community.

Thankfully, there have been no recorded incidences of fraud against the Trust, but it is an area of potential risk that demands a high level of vigilance on the part of Trustees and staff. The Trust has a strict monitoring process in place to ensure that larger grants are used for the purpose intended and that anticipated benefits are realised. The data gathered from this practice also informs the Trust's grant-making policies for future grant making.

Last year, I mentioned that 83 acres of arable land owned by the Trust on the South East edge of Sutton Coldfield, were destined for housing development.

The site comprises a relatively small part of a much larger area, officially known as Langley Sustainable Urban Extension, which was released from the Green Belt by Birmingham City Council, to facilitate the building of up to 6,000 new houses towards its housing target, as set by the Government.

Whilst the Trustees are not happy at the prospect of seeing a large swath of the Royal Town's Green Belt swallowed by the proposed development, under regulations governing charities, they were duty bound to maximise the value of the Trust's assets and, therefore, had little choice other than to offer up the Trust's land to developers engaged in what is now referred to as the Langley Housing Project.

Although a start to the project has been delayed whilst the developers, Birmingham City Council and planners endeavour to reach agreement on various aspects of the scheme, it will almost certainly get underway in the near future.

Mindful that the sale of land will bring significant financial rewards to the Trust over the next 10 to 15 years, the Trustees have considered ways in which this windfall could be used to assist the people of the Royal Town of Sutton Coldfield. The Trustees are absolutely committed to ensure

that residents of the Town will benefit from the Trust's good fortune and, as the Chairman mentions in his Statement, the University of Birmingham has been commissioned to carry out research into social needs in the Town, some of which the Trust may be in a position to address when the sale proceeds of its land starts to flow in a few years' time.

Meanwhile, it is expected that a strong demand for grants will continue throughout the year ahead and, recognising this, the Trustees have allocated £1.13m for awards to be made during 2019/2020.

A Gifted and Talented Awards Scheme, aimed at helping young people from Sutton Coldfield to fulfil their potential and achieve their ambitions in their field of excellence is presently being piloted by the Trust, with the expectation that it will be rolled out fully during 2020.

Under the Scheme, awards may be made available to support children and young people

living in the Royal Town, from primary age up to the point of leaving full-time education, who are recognised by their teacher, professional worker or mentor, as gifted, talented, or exceptionally accomplished, in one of the following categories:

- Performing Arts
- Music
- Sport
- Academic Excellence

The Trust is particularly interested in children and young people who have overcome challenging circumstances to enable them to achieve their goals.

Finally, I must include a word or two of praise for my hard-working colleagues.

The extent of their commitment to me, the Trust and the Trustees is immeasurable. There is an evident pride amongst all of them to be part of the Trust and its work for the Community. I am very fortunate to have them as friends and colleagues.

More detailed information about the Trust, including details of how to apply for a grant or an Almshouse, can be found on its website, www.suttoncoldfieldcharitabletrust.com

Ernie Murray
Chief Executive

01 Trustee visit to Birmingham Children's Hospital

02 Good Hope Hospital – Children's Outpatients Department



HOW TO MAKE A GRANT APPLICATION

In the year 2018/2019, Sutton Coldfield Charitable Trust awarded grants to individuals and organisations amounting to £1,143,543.

How to Make a Grant Application

- Contact the Trust, either by letter, email, the website, or by telephone.
- Outline your needs and request a copy of the Trust's guidelines for applicants.
- It is usual for organisations that a period of three years has elapsed after receipt of a grant, before a further application is considered.
- If appropriate, seek a meeting with a member of staff to discuss your application.
- Ensure that all relevant documents, including estimates and accounts, reach the Trust by the requested dates.

How Grants are Awarded

The Trust deals with all grant applications as quickly as possible and without unnecessary bureaucracy. An email, a telephone call, or even an answer-phone message, is all that is needed to commence contact.

Applicants receive clear written guidelines, helping them to assemble the information required by the Trustees. The Grants Committee meets regularly (at least eight times each year) and receives carefully researched reports from the Trust's staff, who present evidence from visits, documents and accounts. Applicants usually meet staff, either at the Trust's offices or at their own locations.

The Trustees look very closely at the potential public benefit of applications, either in improving the quality of life for individuals or to enhance facilities within the local community.

They also study applicants' finances and other commitments, assessing how far these demonstrate their need for help. Sometimes, further information is required and decisions are deferred until a subsequent meeting.

If the recommended award is for more than £45,000, it is referred to the full Board of Trustees (which meets quarterly) for a final decision. School Clothing Grants are approved by the Grants Committee, following reports from the Trust's Officers.



**“ Sentimental Journey
were awarded £3,300
towards the provision of
musical shows for the elderly.**

GRANTS WELL SPENT

Making sure that grants are well spent

How the Trust evaluates the benefits:

The Trust maintains close contact with organisations to ensure that the anticipated benefits from the grant have been achieved. For example, has the purchase of a minibus been effective in transporting the elderly to events or scout groups to camp? Has investment in supporting children with autism met the needs of both children and parents? Has investment in the local primary school IT suite been of benefit to the school and other community groups?

A formal monitoring process is also in place. Dependant on the value of the award, this is achieved by completion of a Monitoring Form at the conclusion of the project, with interim reports if necessary.

These reports are presented to the Trustees quarterly for scrutiny. Trust officers also evaluate impact through visits to grant beneficiaries.

Examples of grants that have achieved significant community impact are:-

Jericho Foundation

The largest grant awarded in recent times of £297,251 entered its second of three years' funding to support delivery of an Apprenticeship Scheme. Quarterly Reports were provided tracking the outcomes of the grant funding, which so far has seen 20 apprentices recruited during the first two years of the scheme. Jericho had worked with numerous partners, four of which had received their own grants from the Trust over the last four years. This further evidences the breadth of reach of the Trust's grant giving. The majority of apprentices work at the ReUsers Centre, a Social Enterprise operated adjacent to the Household Recycling Centre at the heart of Sutton Coldfield. Of those completing their Apprenticeship, 75% have been successful in gaining employment, with 40% of those

leaving the programme early doing so as they had secured gainful employment. The Chief Executive and Grants Manager met with officers of Jericho to formally review the first year's progress and the Trustees visited the site as part of their Annual Visits.

Leukaemia Care

At the opposite end of the grants spectrum, the Trust awarded a grant of £1,500 to a national charity, Leukaemia Care, to enable them to continue to fund a Hospital Support Worker at Good Hope Hospital. The funding was used to enhance publications and information provided to patients as they attend clinics. The Grants Manager arranged a visit to view the publications and met with the Support Worker and some of the patients who were all very grateful for the support that they receive.

During 2018/2019 the following Trustees were members of the Grants Committee:

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(Chairman from 13 February 2019)

Carole Hancox

(Chairman until 13 February 2019)

Christine Brown

Malcolm Cornish

Keith Dudley

(from 13 February 2019)

Ranjan Hoath

Laurie-Anne Kennedy

(until 22 January 2020)

Dr Stephen Martin

John Routh

Hon Ald Margaret Waddington MBE JP



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- 01 Jericho ReUsers
- 02 Trustees visit to Falcon Lodge Community Hub
- 03 Disability Resource Centre
- 04 Leukaemia Care

GRANTS AWARDED

Relief of those in need

Help totalling £31,200 was also provided to 416 children towards the cost of school clothing. 25 Sutton Coldfield residents received individual grants totalling £32,807 for items as disparate as the provision of fridges, beds, training and the payment of utility bills.

The relief of those in need has always been at the core of the Trust's purpose.

Spitfire Advice and Support Services

provide a Money and Advice Centre Service at Falcon Lodge Community Hub and the Trust was approached to support the project for a further year. This was to allow Spitfire time to secure additional funding to assist continuation of the service for the long term. Considerable need was evidenced with 174 local families being supported over the previous year. The Trust agreed a grant of £34,000.

Jacobs Well Coffee House, is an established informal faith group of volunteers operating at Wylde Green Community Hall. They provide a monthly meal and friendship meeting to beneficiaries often suffering from loneliness. They were operating on a break-even basis supported by voluntary donations and wished to replace some of their equipment, expand their catchment area and the frequency of the meals. The Trust agreed a grant of £4,220 to support the planned changes over a three year period.

“ The **relief of those in need** by reason of youth, age, ill-health, disability, financial hardship or other disadvantage.



£31,200	School Clothing Awards 2019	298 families, 416 children
£32,807	Personal	25 £130 - £4,000
£34,000	Spitfire Advice and Support Services	Towards one year's continuation of the Money and Advice at the Falcon Lodge Community Centre
£19,500	Norman Laud Association	Towards Market Rent
£5,525	Calder Drive Residents Association	Towards communal garden, laundry and kitchen improvements
£4,220	Jacobs Well Coffee House	Towards kitchen equipment and operational costs over 3 years
£3,000	Park Court Residents	Towards the provision of weekly Keep Fit Classes for 2 years
£1,500	Lingard House Residents	Festive Celebrations 2018
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£1,254	Holy Trinity RC Church	Festive Celebrations
£800	Falcon Lodge Chapel 3GF	Festive Celebrations
£795	Hellaby House Sheltered Housing	Festive Celebrations
£650	NS (RAF) Association	Festive Celebrations
£600	Sutton Coldfield Widowed Group	Festive Celebrations

£600	Tudor Court Residents	Festive Celebrations
£570	Calder Drive Residents	Festive Celebrations
£540	Emmanuel Church Senior Citizens	Festive Celebrations
£500	Hellaby Court Residents	Festive Celebrations
£450	Tanners Close Residents	Festive Celebrations
£450	Emmanuel Evergreens	Festive Celebrations
£450	Pakenham House Residents	Festive Celebrations
£450	Copenhagen Mews	Festive Celebrations
£435	Heron Court Residents	Festive Celebrations
£405	Sacred Heart SVP	Festive Celebrations
£345	Emscote Drive Residents	Festive Celebrations
£285	Park Court Residents	Festive Celebrations
£285	Glovers Trust Residents	Festive Celebrations
£270	Riland Court Residents	Festive Celebrations
£225	Ley Hill Surgery	Festive Celebrations

£143,611 Relief of those in need - organisations

For many years the Trust has supported local residents in sheltered or retirement accommodation with a contribution towards their Festive Celebrations.

This year, 21 groups were awarded grants totalling £13,359.



THE ADVANCEMENT OF EDUCATION

Let’s learn

The Trust has supported the furtherance of education since the 1700s and its continued importance is recognised with a large number of grants. Four Secondary schools benefitted from grants totalling £264,850. This included **Bishop Vesey’s Grammar School** which has an ambitious project to build a new Learning Resource Centre.

In addition 7 Primary Schools benefitted from grants totalling £265,460.

Following the Trust’s previous funding to **MEDaL** (Meet, Eat, Drink and Learn) a further grant of £6,000 was awarded to continue its work with secondary school students in their final year delivering an “Employability Skills programme”.



£100,000	Bishop Vesey’s Grammar School	Towards provision of a new Learning Resource Centre
£65,400	Plantsbrook School	Towards upgraded IT across the school
£60,000	Fairfax Academy	Towards the cost of the school’s Diamond Suite project
£45,000	Boldmere Junior School	Towards improved IT provision
£40,000	Maney Hill Primary School	Towards the provision of Library furniture and Outdoor Play equipment
£40,000	Coppice Primary School	Towards IT development
£39,450	Bishop Walsh Catholic School	Towards refurbishment of the Sports Hall
£37,460	Hollyfield Primary School	Towards IT and outdoor education improvements
£35,600	Penns Primary School	To provide improved IT across the school
£34,900	Holy Cross Catholic Primary School	To provide upgraded IT hardware across the school
£32,500	St. Nicholas Catholic Primary School	Towards improved playground equipment
£6,000	MEDaL	To fund a programme of “Work Ready” workshops for 120 students for one year



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THE ADVANCEMENT OF THE ARTS, CULTURE, HERITAGE OR SCIENCE

The Arts, in their widest sense, are supported by the Trust and a number of Sutton Coldfield organisations have benefited from awards over many years in their provision of high quality music and entertainment for residents.

Concerts in the Park continued to receive support for its third year with a grant of £25,000 towards the cost of the Sunday element of the two day summer event which attracted almost 5,700 people. Two established choirs benefited from support: Emmanuel Choir will be producing a Christmas DVD after a break of several years in addition to performing in France; SC Choirs received a grant towards three events. The choirs received grants of £6,800 and £9,800, respectively.



£25,000	Royal Sutton Town Council	Towards the cost of the Sunday Community element of the 2019 Concerts in the Park
£9,800	SC Choirs CIO	Towards three events
£6,800	Emmanuel Choir	Towards cost of performances in France and production of a Christmas DVD
£3,300	Sentimental Journey	Towards the provision of musical shows for the elderly
£3,186	The Stringcredibles	For the delivery of classical music performances in three Primary Schools



£48,086 Advancement of the arts, culture, heritage or science

- 01 SC Choirs at Concerts in the Park (Sunday)
- 02 Emmanuel Church Choir – trip to France

THE ADVANCEMENT OF RELIGION

Churches make a major contribution to the community life of Sutton Coldfield and the varied support services they offer to a wide range of residents is recognised by the Trustees.



An award was made to **St. James' Church, Hill**, towards a substantial project to improve and re-adapt the church building to meet changing demands of the congregation and community.

The Trust also contributed £30,000 to **Ark Community Church** which is considerably expanding its premises.

£80,000	St. James' Church, Hill	Towards improvement and renovation of the Church building
£30,000	Ark Community Church	Towards refurbishment and expansion of the Church and Community Hall

£110,000 Advancement of religion



01 St. James' Church, Hill

02 Ark Community Church

THE ADVANCEMENT OF HEALTH OR THE SAVING OF LIVES

Grants were made to organisations which provide invaluable support to the residents of Sutton Coldfield.

Salus Fatigue Foundation was successful in securing a grant of £35,000 towards further enhancement of its work to support people suffering from Chronic Fatigue Syndrome.

CPR Counts is a newly formed group of volunteers raising awareness and techniques of cardiopulmonary resuscitation delivering workshops to local community groups.

The grant to CPR Counts of **£1,350** helped to establish the group and will fund hire of suitable venues over **3 years**.



£35,000	Salus Fatigue Foundation	Towards premises' costs for 3 years
£14,431	Beacon Family Services CIC	To fund a Sutton Coldfield Theraplay Circles Parents Group
£8,720	Birmingham Youth Councils	To provide a mental health awareness booklet to Secondary School students for three years
£1,500	Leukaemia Care	Towards provision of a Hospital Support Worker at Good Hope Hospital
£1,350	CPR Counts	To support the delivery of basic Life Support courses for three years

£61,001 Advancement of health or the saving of lives

THE ADVANCEMENT OF CITIZENSHIP OR COMMUNITY



The Trust has continued its support to Falcon Lodge with a grant of £60,000 to **Compass Support Services** which manages the **Falcon Lodge Community Hub**. This grant will help provide a Community Development Officer for 3 years.

The uniformed organisations continue to provide valuable outlets for the youth of Sutton Coldfield and have enjoyed the Trust's continued support with grants. **Focus Explorer Scout Unit** suffered the loss of their previous minibus through theft. The Trust stepped in at short notice to support its replacement with a grant of £24,000. **St. James Hill Scout Group** needed to upgrade their kitchen to enable community groups to use the facility and also improve security. They received a grant of £9,860.

DigiKick are developing an exciting IT program that will enable users in palliative care to record their life stories with a grant of £14,770 and the **Sons of Rest** received £1,300 towards redecoration of their meeting place.

£60,000	Compass Support Services	Towards 3 years' salary and associated costs of employing a Community Development Officer to be based at the Falcon Lodge Community Centre
£24,000	Focus Explorer Scout Unit	Towards replacement minibus
£19,170	Dosti Group	Towards three years' community interaction with the elderly
£14,770	DigiKick CIC	To create and implement life-story software for use in Palliative Care
£9,860	St. James' Hill Scout Group	Towards cost of improvements to HQ kitchen and security
£7,600	Woodlands Adventure – Birmingham Boys and Girls Union	To provide materials for lake safety
£4,000	Sutton Coldfield Wind Orchestra	To establish a new Community Wind Orchestra
£3,000	12th Sutton Coldfield Scout MSF Group	Towards the purchase of camping equipment
£1,695	Duke of Edinburgh Award Scheme	To establish a Young Ambassador's Scheme in Sutton Coldfield
£1,300	Sons of Rest, Sutton Coldfield	Towards cost of redecoration of meeting place

£145,395 The advancement of Citizenship or Community



01 Sons of Rest

02 St James Scout Group – Kitchen

03 & 04 Focus Explorer Scout Group

THE ADVANCEMENT OF AMATEUR SPORT

Sutton Coldfield offers a wide range of sporting facilities and maintains a strong sporting tradition which continues to go from strength to strength.

Traditionally an area of high support, the year saw just two grants, plus one renewal for **Sutton Coldfield Town Juniors F.C.** whose grant agreed in 2016 was revived following a delay to starting the building work. A Grant of £5,640 was provided to help establish a new **Basketball Club** and £40,000 was provided to **Streetly Lawn Tennis Club** who were in process of fundraising for a new Clubhouse and changing facilities.



£50,000	Sutton Coldfield Town Juniors F.C.*	Towards construction of a new Clubhouse
£40,000	Streetly Lawn Tennis Club	Towards improved Clubhouse and sporting facilities
£5,640	Sutton Coldfield Swishers Basketball Club	To establish a new Basketball Club

£95,640 Advancement of amateur sport

* Originally agreed August 2016

01 Sutton Coldfield Junior F.C.
02 The Streetly Lawn Tennis Club

THE ADVANCEMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION OR IMPROVEMENT

Applications for environmental projects were sparse this year. The Trust was pleased to support two Residents' Associations to establish gardening as a pastime and provide enrichment for their residents. The Trust was also able to support an application with an award to purchase equipment to enable research into the health of declining insect populations.



£2,000	Pakenham House Residents Association	Towards Communal Garden improvements
£1,500	Copenhagen Mews Residents	Towards Communal Garden improvements

£3,500 Advancement of environmental protection or improvement

01 Re-Users new showoom
02 & 03 Pakenham House

Sutton Coldfield is fortunate to have an expanse of open spaces, allotments and nature reserves within its boundaries.



THE WALMLEY ALMSHOUSES

Fifty residents enjoy a peaceful, fulfilled retirement and get the best out of life at Lingard House.

Almshouses were built by the Trust from the 1820s onwards in Sutton Coldfield town centre, Mere Green, Boldmere and Walmley when there was no public or sheltered housing and all residential assistance for the elderly was funded by charities. An Almshouse is defined as a property owned by a Trust where residents are appointed as beneficiaries under the charity's governing scheme. Residents appreciate the security of tenure that this affords them.

The original Almshouses built in Walmley in 1863 now house the offices of the Trust and the Trustees remain committed to providing comfortable, modern homes for the older people of Sutton Coldfield who can demonstrate need. The Trust is a member of the Almshouse Association, whose continuing advice ensures strong governance of the charity.

A five year rolling Preventative Maintenance Plan operates to ensure that the Almshouses are maintained to the highest standard. Each property has the benefit of gas fired central heating, a bathroom with either a shower or a wet room, a fully fitted kitchen and a spacious lounge and bedroom and is situated in well maintained delightful gardens.

The Trust employs two Wardens who live on the estate and are available to assist the residents six days a week. During their off duty hours, the Warden Call System is switched to an off-site emergency provider, thus ensuring continual 24 hour support for the residents.

Trustees consider that isolation is hugely detrimental to older people and ensure that there is always a wide range of social events available to residents, both regular weekly events and also well attended special evening events. There is a very strong community spirit at Lingard House and this is enhanced by involvement in the social activities, which are much appreciated by the residents.

During the year residents were asked to complete a Residents' Satisfaction Survey to which 72% of occupants replied. Trustees were most pleased to note that every respondent declared themselves either very satisfied or satisfied with life at Lingard House.

When vacancies occur, these are advertised in Doctors' Surgeries and Health, Church and

Supporting Older People in Sutton Coldfield

Community Centres and on the Trust's website. Leaflets are also delivered to homes in the local area. The Trustees appoint residents who live in needy circumstances and who have resided in Sutton Coldfield for a reasonable period of time.

Carole Hancox continued as Chairman of the Almshouse Committee during 2018/19, reflecting her longstanding interest in the provision of Almshouses and her support for older people in the community.

Information about how to apply for an Almshouse can be found on the Trust's website, www.suttoncoldfieldcharitabletrust.com

During 2018/2019 the following Trustees were members of the Almshouse Committee:

Carole Hancox (Chairman)

Andrew Burley (from 13 February 2019)

Malcolm Cornish

Cllr Diane Donaldson

Keith Dudley (from 13 February 2019)

Laurie-Anne Kennedy (until 22 January 2020)

Dr Francis Murray (from 8 May 2019)

Inge Kettner (until 13 February 2019)

Hon Ald Margaret Waddington MBE JP



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01 Wamley Almshouses

02 Sutton Coldfield Community Games

03 Concerts in the Park (Sunday)

HOW THE TRUST IS GOVERNED

The Board of Trustees

When making new appointments, the Trustees look for people who will balance and complement the range of skills and experience among their members. New Trustees are assisted in various ways by the Trust's staff and other Trustees to become acquainted with their responsibilities and to tackle their demanding but fulfilling roles.

The Board of Trustees consists of people with very wide experience in disciplines that are useful to the Trust and beneficial to those it serves. For example, Trustees have come from backgrounds that include medicine, law, property, industry, the Church, education, engineering, human resources, science, sheltered housing, town planning, accountancy and local government. This combination of skills and experience amongst Board members does much to ensure the Trust's success.

The Board of Trustees is responsible for all of the Trust's activities and meets quarterly to receive reports, make decisions and determine

The Board is comprised of Co-opted Trustees, who are appointed by their fellow Trustees for periods of five years, and **Nominated Trustees**, who are appointed by Birmingham City Council for periods of four years.

strategy. Amongst its many functions, it also identifies and manages any risks to the Trust's assets to ensure the efficient and safe undertaking of its responsibilities.

The Board also oversees the financial health of the Trust, ensuring that management of its investments and accounts are robust and that the income is sufficient to meet the demands of the Almshouse and Grant-making programmes. These elements comprise the core purpose for the Trust's existence and their efficacy is kept under constant review by the Trustees.

During the past 2 years an extensive review of governance and compliance has been undertaken and many action points addressed to the satisfaction of the Board of Trustees. The review will be expanded during the current year to include consideration of diversity issues, stakeholder communication and an in depth review of the Scheme, the Trust's governing document.

THE FUTURE

During the past year, the Trustees have continued to monitor several crucial aspects of the Trust's work to ensure that maximum benefit is achieved from the income available. For example, maintenance and improvements to the Almshouse stock remains a priority to ensure that all residents experience the best possible quality of life in their homes. Trustees are also resolved to sustain and, if possible, extend grant-making to individuals and organisations within Sutton Coldfield. Fund management arrangements are regularly reviewed

to ensure that investments yield sufficient income to help as many people in the community as possible. Benefits that may be available to the public from the Trust are published and efforts are made to contact those who might be hard to reach or those who, despite the Trust's best efforts, may remain unaware of its existence and the assistance it might be able to offer them. The Trustees also remain determined to take a pro-active stance in identifying and promoting special community projects, when funding permits.

FINANCIAL REVIEW

Expenditure

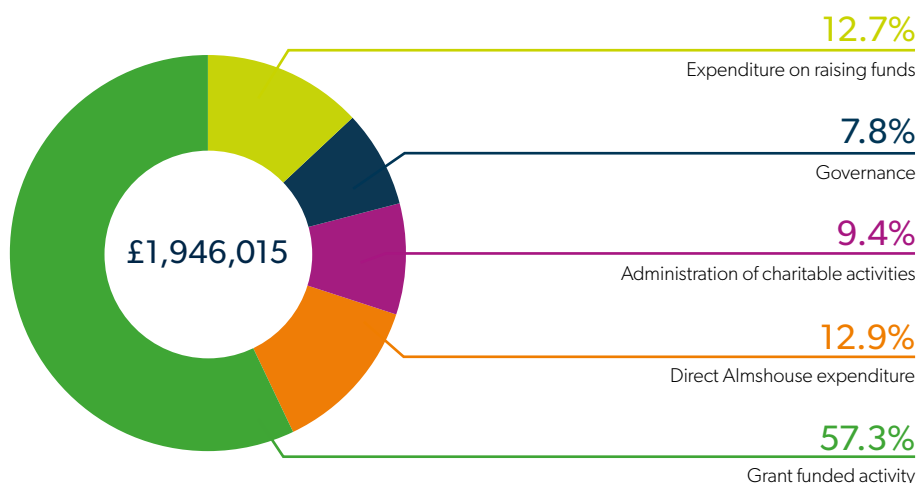
How the Trust spends its income to
30 September 2019

The Trust ranks as one of Britain's larger grant making charities in terms of its property, financial assets and annual income. It does not actively raise funds from the public.

Over hundreds of years, the Trust accumulated land and property through bequests and enclosure awards. A considerable proportion of land has been sold over the years for building development and the Trust was able to invest the proceeds by spreading its assets across a wide range of investments, including commercial property, equities and fixed interest funds. These investments are managed carefully and regularly reviewed to provide capital growth and a secure income.

Although the Trust has significant holdings of property in the Royal Town of Sutton Coldfield, it has important property investments elsewhere in, for example, Kidderminster, Stourbridge, Worcester and in Herefordshire, where it owns a historic farmhouse and land.

Properties and land account for 36% of the Trust's assets. Investments in property bonds, fixed interest, UK and overseas investments, accumulation shares, and alternatives account for 58%, leaving 6% of the Trust's assets invested in cash deposits, awaiting reinvestment.



The Endowment Fund represents capital funds which are not available for distribution but which generate income for the Trust's objectives.

The Trustees periodically review the level of their available Charitable Fund reserves. They retain funds only to the extent considered necessary to ensure that adequate money is available to cover contingencies (for example, major repairs, improvement or rebuilding of the Trust's properties, including Almshouses). The level of these reserves should not drop below £750,000, other than in exceptional circumstances.

The Charitable Fund at the end of September 2019 amounted to £3,508,648, which the Trustees believe is acceptable given the Trust's foreseeable commitments and the possible volatility of investment income. Whenever reserves appear to be accumulating, the Trustees seek to identify and fund larger special projects that bring maximum benefit to local residents.

Other areas which may benefit from special assistance are kept under constant review and the Trust is also committed to major on-going expenditure to maintain and improve the Almshouses and resident's facilities.

The Finance and Investment Committee

meets at least four times a year and has responsibility for the management of the Trust's financial assets, long-term funds and scrutiny of its operating funds, revenues and expenses.

During 2018/2019, the following Trustees were members of the Finance and Investment Committee:

Neil Andrews (Chairman)	Carole Hancox (until 13 February 2019)
Andrew Burley	Inge Kettner
Keith Dudley	Andrew Morris
Dr Francis Murray (from 8 May 2019)	John Routh
	Sanjay Sharma

The Property Management Committee

also meets at least four times a year. The Committee receives reports on property issues and is able to make decisions on behalf of the Board of Trustees, although the most significant matters (e.g. major sales or purchases) are always placed before the Board for consideration.

During 2018/2019, the following Trustees were members of the Property Management Committee:

Andrew Burley (Chairman)	Carole Hancox (until 13 February 2019)
Neil Andrews	Inge Kettner (from 13 February 2019)
Christine Brown	Dr Stephen Martin
CLlr Diane Donaldson	Andrew Morris
Keith Dudley	

The Risk Management Sub-Committee

reports to the Finance and Investment Committee and makes recommendations on the maintenance of efficient processes for the identification and management of Risk.

During 2018/2019, the following Trustees were members of the Risk Management Sub-Committee:

Neil Andrews (Chairman)	Carole Hancox (until 13 February 2019)
Andrew Burley	Keith Dudley

The Remuneration Sub-Committee

also reports to the Finance and Investment Committee and meets at least once a year to consider all matters concerning the remuneration of the Trust's administration staff.

During 2018/2019, the following Trustees were members of the Remuneration Sub-Committee:

Neil Andrews (Chairman)	Carole Hancox (until 13 February 2019)
Andrew Burley	Andrew Morris
Keith Dudley (from 13 February 2019)	Dr Stephen Martin

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SUMMARY OF FINANCIAL STATEMENTS



Sutton Coldfield Charitable Trust

Trustees' Statement. The Summary Financial Statements on pages 30, 31 & 33 are a summary of information extracted from the Trustees' Report and Financial Statements for the year ended 30 September 2019.

They may not contain sufficient information to allow for a full understanding of the financial affairs of the Trust. For further information, the full financial statements, the Auditors' report on the financial statements and the Trustees' Report should be consulted at www.suttoncoldfieldcharitabletrust.com

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The Trustees' Report and Financial Statements were approved on 12 February 2020 and will be delivered to the Charity Commission in due course. The financial statements have been audited by RSM UK Audit LLP, who gave an audit opinion that was unqualified.

On behalf of the Trustees

Andrew Burley

Chairman
12 February 2020

Independent Auditor's Statement to the Trustees of Sutton Coldfield Charitable Trust

We have examined the summarised financial statements of Sutton Coldfield Charitable Trust for the year ended 30 September 2019 set out on pages 30 to 33.

Respective responsibilities of the trustees and the auditor

The trustees are responsible for preparing the summarised financial statements.

Our responsibility is to report to you our opinion on the consistency of the summarised financial statements with the full annual financial statements and the Trustees' Annual Report.

We also read the other information contained in the summarised Annual Report and consider the implications for our report if we become aware of any apparent misstatements or material inconsistencies with the summarised financial

statements. The other information comprises the Annual Review.

We conducted our work in accordance with our engagement letter dated 9 October 2017.

Opinion

In our opinion the summarised financial statements are consistent with the full annual financial statements and the Trustees' Annual Report of Sutton Coldfield Charitable Trust for the year ended 30 September 2019.

RSM UK AUDIT LLP

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12 February 2020



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01 Live in the Lodge

02 Concerts in the Park (Sunday)

03 Sutton Coldfield Community Games

04 Sentimental Journey

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

For the year ended 30 September 2019

Income and endowments

Investments:

Income from investment properties

Income from investments

Short term deposit interest

Charitable Activities

Total Income

Expenditure

Expenditure on raising funds:

Investment property expenses

Investment management costs

Total cost of raising funds

Expenditure on charitable activities:

Cost of running Almshouses

Grant funding (including support costs)

Community purposes

Individual educational and personal

School clothing

Total charitable activities

Total Expenditure

Unrestricted Funds 2019 £	Endowment Fund 2019 £	Total Funds 2019 £	Total Funds 2018 £
526,069	–	526,069	512,750
1,378,495	–	1,378,495	1,266,495
9,887	–	9,887	4,095
1,914,451	–	1,914,451	1,783,340
195,206	–	195,206	196,219
2,109,657	–	2,109,657	1,979,559
91,085	–	91,085	61,854
(2,156)	157,616	155,460	129,458
88,929	157,616	246,545	191,312
410,769	6,105	416,874	516,711
1,180,536	–	1,180,536	1,357,911
50,707	–	50,707	28,635
51,353	–	51,353	47,442
1,693,365	6,105	1,699,470	1,950,699
1,782,294	163,721	1,946,015	2,142,011

For the year ended 30 September 2019**Net income/(expenditure) before gains or losses on investments**

Gains/(losses) on investment assets

Net income/(expenditure) and net movement in funds

Trust fund balances brought forward at 1 October

Fund balances carried forward at 30 September

Unrestricted Funds 2019 £	Endowment Fund 2019 £	Total Funds 2019 £	Total Funds 2018 £
327,363	(163,721)	163,642	(162,452)
12,906	(189,590)	(176,684)	5,292,956
340,269	(353,311)	(13,042)	5,130,504
6,110,453	56,031,736	62,142,189	57,011,685
6,450,722	55,678,425	62,129,147	62,142,189

The incoming resources, resources expended and resulting net movement in funds arise from the Trust's continuing operations.

The Trust has no recognised gains or losses other than the net movement in funds for the year or preceding year.



BALANCE SHEET

30 September 2019	2019 £	£	2018 £	£
Fixed Assets:				
Tangible assets	893,594		923,177	
Investments	61,521,900		61,683,742	
<i>Total fixed assets</i>		62,415,494		62,606,919
Current Assets:				
Debtors	122,875		83,722	
Cash at bank and in hand	997,895		884,651	
<i>Total current assets</i>		1,120,770		968,373
Liabilities:				
Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year	(1,309,047)		(1,307,112)	
<i>Net current liabilities</i>		(188,277)		(338,739)
<i>Total assets less current liabilities</i>		62,227,217		62,268,180
Creditors: Amounts falling due after more than one year		(98,070)		(125,991)
Total Net Assets		62,129,147		62,142,189
The funds of the Trust:				
Endowment fund		55,678,425		56,031,736
Unrestricted funds:				
Charitable fund	3,508,648		3,363,832	
Extraordinary repair fund	2,715,000		2,525,000	
Cyclical maintenance fund	227,074		221,621	
<i>Total unrestricted funds</i>		6,450,722		6,110,453
Total Trust Funds		62,129,147		62,142,189



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01 Concerts in the Park (Sunday)

02 Good Hope Hospital – Children's Outpatients

03 Sutton Libraries Reading Challenge



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