

## COSTESSEY PAROCHIAL CHARITY

The charity has its origins in the will of John Hyrne who died in 1689. He bequeathed the profits of ten acres of land to be used for the benefit of the parish. In due course this became the John Hyrne (Easter) Charity when the money was distributed to the poor.

Other land became available under an Enclosure Award in the 19th century to be used as 'allotments for the labouring poor'. These are our allotments now, some 50 in total. Another piece of land, granted in the Tithe Awards of 1849, is rented to a local farmer. The income from these plots of land continues to provide the funds from which grants are made to people in need. We have a large waiting list for the allotments!

Costessey is a large and rapidly developing community, some of whose inhabitants need help. Recipients include the elderly, children, the unemployed, those who are physically or mentally ill or whose family circumstances have brought hardship.

Our resources are limited, but we have managed to assist where we can. We liaise with other charities when and where we can.

The charity is registered with the Charities Commission (No. 1077070) and is administered through Trustees from education, business, churches and youth in the local community. There are four trustees for the Charity all of whom are unpaid.

We must thank Richard Rymarz, our Chairman who has retired through ill health. Our new Trustees are Alastair Kerridge and Stewart Blackburn who join Les Eve and myself on the trustee committee.

Patrick O'Connor

Secretary

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