

# Highmoor Educational Charity

## Trustees Report for the period from April 5<sup>th</sup> 2025 - April 5<sup>st</sup> 2026

The charity was established under a Charity Commission scheme dated 22nd January 1982. The capital of the fund arose from a one-third share in the proceeds of the sale of the Church of England school serving the parish of Highmoor at that time.

### Objectives

Under the terms of the trust deed governing the charity the trustees are to apply the net income of the charity:

- a) to promoting in such ways as they think fit the education of persons under the age of 25 who are resident in the parish of Highmoor and who need financial assistance in accordance with the principles and doctrines of the Church of England.
- b) in or towards providing such special benefits of any kind not normally provided by the local education authority for any school in the maintained sector attended by children resident in the parish, provided trustees have regard to the principles of the Church of England; and
- c) for the benefit of any Sunday school in Highmoor.

### Parochial Restructuring

On 1st June 2012 a pastoral measure combining the parish of Highmoor with the parish of Nettlebed was approved and the parish church of St Paul was closed. Based on consultation with the Oxford Diocesan Office the trustees are of the opinion that the trust continues in its existing form. Eligible beneficiaries remain the young people resident in the historical Ecclesiastical Parish of Highmoor.

### Management

**The charity is managed by trustees.**

- Mrs Judith Anne de Vere Stacpoole – Resident of Highmoor – a Co-optative Managing Trustee appointed 2<sup>nd</sup> May 2017
- Mrs Catherine Clarke – Resident of Highmoor - a Co-optative Managing Trustee and Treasurer appointed 26 March 2021
- Mr John Thompson – Church Warden of Nettlebed Church- ex-officio Managing Trustee appointed March 2023.
- Mrs Debbie Warren- Price – Resident of Highmoor – a Co- optative Managing Trustee appointed in May 2023
- Mrs Caroline Ahanchian – Resident of Highmoor – a Co- optative Managing Trustee appointed in May 2023

## **Review of the year from April 6<sup>th</sup> 2025 – April 5<sup>th</sup> 2026**

The trustees actively seek opportunities to assist children of the parish within the objects of the charity. The Trustees have advertised in the Stoke Row News, on the Highmoor Facebook Page, and have delivered fliers to new residents in the village

The Trustees meet twice this year in April and September, meetings are usually around the beginning times of each school term, all grant applications are received by email, enabling the Trustees to respond quickly. To date we have not refused a grant application.

The charity's investments are held by CCLA (Oxford) and CCLA (London) the Trustees had hoped to transfer our CCLA Oxford investments to our CCLA London investments, but we were not able to do this.

Our Current Account is held by Lloyds Bank, who introduced a monthly Maintenance Fee of £4.25 in July 2025.

### **Grants**

Grants awarded from April 5<sup>th</sup>, 2025, to April 6<sup>th</sup>, 2026, went to Nettlebed Primary School for Audio equipment for use in the school hall, and another grant towards playground equipment. Pages Orchard Gardening Club was also awarded a grant.

Total Grants awarded: £2,788.

### **Income and dividends**

The value of our investments with CCLA on 31<sup>st</sup> December 2025 Oxford: £74,231.12  
London: £31,680.75

The total annual dividends arising from the Charity's investments from April 6<sup>th</sup> 2025 to April 5<sup>th</sup> 2026 was £3,097.

We have £12,250.48 in our active account with dividends being paid quarterly in February, May, August and November, and a monthly Maintenance Fee of £4.25 debited from our Lloyds Business Account.

**Approved by the Trustees and signed on their behalf by:**

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**Chairperson**

**Mrs Judi de Vere Stacpoole**