

Alderman Newton (Claybrooke) Report To Parishes 2023/24

Charitable Objects and Operation

Alderman Newton's Educational Foundation provides grants for educational activities, including social and physical training, to young people in need of financial assistance within the parishes as designated by the charity's deed. Awards are made to individuals, local schools and other organisations. The usual place of residence of applicants must be within the parishes of Claybrooke Parva, Claybrooke Magna, Ullesthorpe, Wibtoft and Wigston Parva.

Further information is available on our website: <http://www.aldermannewtonclaybrooke.co.uk>.

Trustees: Mrs Jennifer Benford, Ms Joanna Fyson and Mrs Lesley Hammond (all appointed by St Peter's Church), Mr Brian Fowler (Parish Councils' representative) and Mr William Fantham (appointed by Leicestershire County Council).

Officers: Sarah Harris (Clerk) and Robert Mitchell (Treasurer).

Online banking was set up last year, which has enabled applicants to be paid by direct transfer. This has proved very popular, with the majority of payments now being made by this method, rather than by cheque as in previous years.

Summary of 2023/24 Grant Allocation

The Claybrooke Branch of the Alderman Newton Educational Foundation receives an annual grant from the Foundation's Head Office, usually in July, and this is our sole source of income. The amount received in July 2023 was £4946.

We received a number of applications from both organisations and individuals and made 16 awards totalling £5,050 to support a wide variety of educational activities. Of these, 12 were personal applicants (5 applying for the first time and 7 applying for ongoing assistance) and 4 were from local organisations and groups that provide educational activities.

Of the personal applicants 4 were from Ullesthorpe, 5 from Claybrooke Magna, and 3 from Claybrooke Parva.

Payments Made 2023/24

Grants were made to individuals to cover a wide range of studies, both academic and vocational: from medicine, law, finance and land management to performing arts, chef apprenticeship and sports development. Organisations were awarded grants for a range of activities including resources for Biblical story telling, a KS2 reading scheme, food preparation equipment and to support a Christingle service.

At the Financial Year End claims had been received from all but 6 grantees. Reminders have been issued, and any funds unclaimed by the end of August will be reallocated in the next grant round.