



About our Charity

In 1822 Squire Sparrow donated an acre of land near Mill Farm, Flax Bourton, to provide for the construction of Poor Houses. A terrace of four houses called Bridge Cottages was built on this land.

The last tenant was Emily Derrick who died in 1972. Only a lady of her remarkable character could have endured the delivery of her water in a milk churn and the absence of electricity and sanitation.

The site was sold by auction in 1976 for £5,600, a good price in those days. This money was invested in a Charitable Trust which has become the

'Flax Bourton Relief In Need Charity'
Registered Charity Number 262940

Charity's Aims and Objectives

- To assist local residents in the ecclesiastical Parish of St Michael and All Angels who are in need, hardship or distress. The Trust also allows the Trustees in exceptional circumstances, to extend assistance to people living just outside the Parish
- To provide assistance for general charitable purposes and the relief of poverty

Who can benefit from the Charity?

Any **individual** who is in need, hardship or distress within the Parish, so this includes:

- children and young people
- elderly people and
- people with disabilities

Unfortunately groups or organisations cannot benefit unless all or the majority of its members are in need, hardship or distress

How can individuals benefit?

The Trustees can award grants to pay or part pay for items, services or facilities that help alleviate their needs.

Grants cannot be awarded in respect of requests for assistance that should be provided by statutory services*.

The Trustees may in some cases supplement the amount provided out of public funds.

The Trustees cannot commit to provide long term or regular grants.

**Statutory funding is public money distributed by the government, through a variety of routes, in the form of aid, grants or benefits.*



Examples of assistance that might be awarded to those qualifying for help

- The cost of purchasing essential household items
- Travelling expenses for medical care or visiting
- The cost of special food or medical aids
- Payment of fees for courses or travelling expenses to assist people to earn a living
- The cost of respite or convalescent assistance





How is funding provided?

The amount of grant available for the Trustees to dispense is the amount of interest earned each year on the sums of money deposited and invested by the Charity. This is a modest amount which limits the size and number of grants that can be made.

Who manages the Charity?

The Charity is managed by five honorary Trustees, all of whom are donating their services free.

When do the Trustees Meet?

The Trustees meet half-yearly to consider the business of the Charity and approve grants in accordance with its aims and objectives. Urgent requests for grants can be considered between meetings.

How to apply for a Grant

All applications are treated in confidence and must be made in writing to the Trustees via the Trust Secretary c/o 9 Parson's Mead, Flax Bourton BS48 1UH.

Applications should be made by the person concerned, however, in special circumstances the Trustees may accept third party requests on behalf of the applicant.

If you require any further information about the Charity or advice on applying for a grant, please write to the Trust Secretary.



All grants are made in good faith. Recipients must ensure compliance of all statutory, common law and diversity obligations. The Charity will not be liable for any claim, loss, expense, damage or legal proceedings however arising directly or indirectly in connection with an award

*Helping those in Need,
Hardship or Distress*

