

DRINKSTONE EDUCATIONAL CHARITY TRUST

Report to be presented at Parish Council AGM - May 2022

The Drinkstone Educational Charity Trust was set up following the closure and sale of Drinkstone School. The money from the sale was used to set up a charity and the interest on that money is used to support Drinkstone residents for educational purposes.

All residents of Drinkstone can apply for funding for broadly educational activities, from university students to mature students, vocational courses to World Challenge trips and much more.

In the year ending 31 December 2021, the Educational Charity had an income of **£2120**, and awarded grants totalling **£1840** for village activities and individual residents.

Restrictions due Covid 19 meant that none of the normal Village activities could take place and hence funding for hiring the Village Hall.

Awards were to individuals, a village resource and a group within the village. These awards were:

- towards the books needed by a university student
- the cost of equipment needed by a student for a GCSE course
- to help a young person with special needs
- partial funding to reprinting of the brochures showing the Drinkstone footpaths
- stationary needed by the Local History Archiving Group

The trustees of the Charity have continued to actively promote the Charity within Drinkstone village to encourage more applications. For example, a summary of each meeting of the trustees is published in the Parish Magazine, periodic flyers inserted in the Parish Magazine, promotion on the village 'Jungle Drums' and a section for the Charity on the village website.