

## **Hilgay United Charities (The Feoffees) - Annual Report 2020**

Hilgay Feoffee Charity was founded by the will of the Reverend Nicholas Spencer in 1701 and was regulated by a scheme of the Charity Commissioners in 1871.

Originally operating as two separate charities, it is now run as one consolidated entity – **Hilgay United Charities (No. 208898)**. Its annual returns can be found online at: [www.charitycommission.gov.uk](http://www.charitycommission.gov.uk)

The income of the Charity is derived from land rents, the hire of moorings on the River Wissey and funds invested in the Charities Official Investment Fund. No external fund-raising is carried out. The Charity is tasked with the following:

- The maintenance and insurance of all Charity land and property in good order
- The provision of grants to both village schools to purchase additional items such as books, computers and play equipment
- The provision of Apprenticeship Grants to local young people to purchase books or equipment for further education and training
- Providing assistance to local residents with fuel costs in the winter months
- The provision and maintenance of the Village Halls at Hilgay and Ten Mile Bank
- Providing occasional grants for projects that benefit the local community

In the last 10 years, The Charity has made grants totalling over £80,000.

In 2020, substantial grants were made to equip both village schools with new laptop computers; grants were provided to assist young people in apprenticeships and further education; a number of residents received help with winter fuel costs and grants were made to local organisations including Hilgay Silver Band for refurbishment of their practice room.

The Trustees wish to thank the volunteers and management committee who give freely of their time to manage both village halls for the benefit of the community.

The Charity operates solely within the Parish of Hilgay with Ten Mile Bank. Its work is overseen by a body of Trustees who meet three times a year. There are currently six Trustees from Hilgay and three from Ten Mile Bank. Three of the Trustees are also Parish Councillors. The Charity is administered by the Clerk - Mr Anthony Hall. The current Chairman is Mr Brian Charlesworth of Wood Hall, Hilgay and the Vice-Chairman is Mr Colin Wills of Ten Mile Bank.

**AJ Hall, Clerk to The Charity**

**1<sup>st</sup> March 2021**