

## **Hilgay United Charities (The Feoffees) - Annual Report 2021**

Hilgay Feoffee Charity originates from a donation by Sir John Wray, who was Lord of the Manor of Wood Hall, and other Parish landowners in 1656. It was added to by the will of the Reverend Nicholas Spencer, Rector of Hilgay, in 1701 and was regulated by schemes of the Charity Commissioners in 1871 and 1913. Until 2017 it consisted of two separate registered charities – Hilgay United Charities and the Hilgay Educational Foundation. It is now run as a single consolidated entity – **Hilgay United Charities (No. 208898)**. Its annual returns and accounts can be found on the Charity Commission web site at:

[www.register-of-charities.charitycommission.gov.uk/charity-search/-/charity-details/208898](http://www.register-of-charities.charitycommission.gov.uk/charity-search/-/charity-details/208898)

It is a private charity, responsible only to the Charity Commission. Its income 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.

Its current aims are: 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 individuals to purchase books or equipment for further education and training; donations to local residents to assist with fuel purchase in the winter months; the provision and maintenance of Hilgay and Ten Mile Bank Village Halls and occasional grants for community projects.

In 2021, substantial grants were made to both village schools for books and equipment; grants were provided to several young people in apprenticeships and further education; a number of residents received help with winter fuel costs; a significant contribution was made towards the refurbishment of the Hilgay war memorial and improvements continued at Ten Mile Bank Village Hall.

The Trustees wish to thank the volunteers 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 ten Trustees, who meet three times a year. There are currently six Trustees from Hilgay and four from Ten Mile Bank. Four of the Trustees are also Parish Councillors. In 2021 the charity lost two trustees, Mr Ray Houghton who sadly passed away and Mr Gerald Veal who retired after almost 50 years' service. Two new trustees have been appointed, Mrs Lesley Dent and Mr Peter Mesher.

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> May 2022**