

FILKINS & BROUGHTON POGGS

THE VILLAGE CHARITIES

VILLAGE CENTRE – FILKINS

A Village Centre for the perpetual use and benefit of the inhabitants of the village of Filkins in such manner and subject to such conditions and restrictions as the Council may from time to time determine.

Deed dated 28th December 1935
Main Charity 272660

The land and the buildings of Filkins Village Centre were given to the village by Sir Stafford Cripps, who made his home in Filkins shortly after the First World War, around 1935. His benevolence is commemorated in a wooden plaque just inside the front door of the Centre.

The Village Centre Trust manages the building which accommodates the village shop and post office and three dwellings, all of which generate rental income. The property also includes the swimming pool and its changing rooms, a children's playground, a grassed games playing space and the village bowling green. The trustees are the incumbent members of Filkins and Broughton Poggs Parish Council. The day-to-day running of the swimming pool and bowling green is in the hands of their respective club committees

THE HERVEY TRUST

Deeds up to 1820 of William Hervey of Bradwell Grove, Oxfordshire
Suffolk Record Office Reference 1781.

William Hervey of Bradwell Grove, a wealthy merchant with interests in sugar plantations in Jamaica and extensive land and property holdings in West Oxfordshire, gave the land for and built and endowed a school at Filkins in 1837. The freehold was conveyed to trustees in 1855, the same year as Hervey gave more land for the construction of St Peter's Church in Filkins. The land which is now the Paddock and the plot on which the village hall now stands was also part of the Hervey Trust's gift to Filkins. Hervey's remaining properties in Holwell, Bradwell Grove, Signet, Filkins Downs, Oxleaze, Eastleach, Bradwell, Kencot, Alvscote and Shilton were sold to William Fox in the 1880's, although Hervey himself had died in 1863. Squire Fox followed Hervey's example as a local philanthropist, setting up the parish reading room in Filkins in 1899 (see below).

CHARITY OF WILLIAM HENRY FOX FOR A PARISH ROOM

Provision of a Parish Room in the parish of Filkins

Founded by first codicil to will 14th June 1921
Main Charity 201736

The trustees and managers of the Fox Trust are the two churchwardens and the priest-in-charge of the parish of Broughton-cum-Filkins. In addition to two rooms currently used by the local amateur dramatic society for property and wardrobe purposes, the Trust's property consists of cottages, from which rents are derived, and outbuildings close by the Paddock and Village Hall.

FILKINS AND BROUGHTON POGGS RELIEF IN NEED CHARITY

To relieve either generally or individually persons resident in the parish of Filkins and Broughton Poggs who are in conditions of need, hardship or distress.

Scheme of the 29th October 1976
Main Charity 253033

Known locally as the Coal Charity and managed by a small group of local trustees. See Poor's Allotments below.

POOR'S ALLOTMENTS

The official name of this charity is the Broadwell Fund, having been changed a few years ago from Poor's Allotments. Earlier it was known locally as Poor's Furze Ground. The dedication is to the relief of poverty.

Main Charity 253725
Broadwell and Filkins Inclosure Act 1776 and a scheme of 22nd January 1970.

Six acres of land between Filkins and Broadwell belonging to the Brooks family of Witney in was awarded at enclosure in 1776 to a charitable body, with half of the income specified for the benefit of Filkins. By the later nineteenth century the rent was sufficient to fund a coal charity. Later on, in addition to funds and endowments for village institutes and reading rooms in Filkins, Kencot and Clanfield in the first few years of the twentieth century, Mrs Amelia Carter also left a coal charity. In 1947 this was combined with the Poor's coal fund and a third, for Broughton Poggs, was added in 1976.

THE CARTER INSTITUTE

The provision and maintenance of a village hall for use of the inhabitants of the parish of Filkins and Broughton Poggs and the neighbourhood.

Scheme of the 2nd July 1982
Main Charity 223336

Mrs Amelia Carter, said to have been born in nearby Kencot and possibly related to the Carter family who developed what became the town of Carterton, left endowments for the provision of temperance institutes for recreation and reading room facilities for young men in Kencot, Clanfield, Bampton and Filkins. Her will was approved in 1902, but the Filkins Carter Institute – the Village Hall – was eventually completed in 1914.

There are currently twelve trustees, of which four are elected annually and the remainder are delegated by organizations who are regular users of the hall's facilities. The trustees constitute a management committee, which elects its principal officers at an annual general meeting to which the public are invited to attend.

JEAN M HAYES-PALMER MEMORIAL FUND

For the benefit of the village of Filkins

Will proved in the High Court of Justice on 1st September 1983
Main Charity 1078985

On the bequest of the late Colonel Hayes-Palmer, who had lived for many years in Filkins, some of the proceeds of his estate upon his death were invested for the benefit of the village of Filkins. The trustees are not local residents but are informed by the parish council of needs and requests for financial assistance within the terms of the trust.

FILKINS AND BROUGHTON POGGS WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

To enable women to take an effective part in rural life and development

Model Constitution and Rules (already lodged)
Main Charity 1018358

The Women's Institute is, of course, a prominent national institution. Filkins and Broughton WI is affiliated to the Oxfordshire Federation of Women's Institutes, and was originally founded in 1919.

SWINFORD MUSEUM

A public museum for the exhibition of the collection of objects or articles of antiquity or public interest and also for the exhibition of objects or articles of antiquity or public interest found in or connected with the parishes of Filkins and Broughton Poggs and of objects of everyday use in former times.

Conveyance and Trust Deed dated 8th November 1979
Main Charity 280623

The Swinford Museum is managed by four trustees and opens regularly to visitors at weekends throughout the summer or by arrangement.

FIVE ALLS DAY CENTRE

The promotion of any charitable purpose for the benefit of elderly people living in the area of the Broadshire and Shill Valley parishes in the county of Oxfordshire

Constitution adopted on 14th November 1995

Main Charity 1057106

The Day Centre now meets weekly in the Village Hall, where social facilities are organized and meals are prepared and served to a number of elderly residents of Filkins and the surrounding area.

VALE WOOD - THE WOODLAND TRUST

The Woodland trust is the UK's leading conservation charity dedicated to the protection of our native woodland heritage.

Vale Wood is a small 0.28 hectare woodland on the edge of the village of Filkins, opposite the local nursery school. The land, which was an area of calcareous grassland, was given to the Trust to plant up in 1979/80 largely to offset the decline in the number of trees in the local landscape as a result of Dutch Elm Disease. It was planted with oak, ash, sweet chestnut, small-leaved lime, hornbeam, alder, birch and hawthorn.

THE ERNEST COOK TRUST

The Ernest Cook Trust is a charitable body charged with the dual role of maintaining the estates given to it by Ernest Cook, and all that they stand for, and giving money to support educational and research projects. Many of the schemes it supports relate to the countryside and environmental and architectural conservation, and are all educational in emphasis. The Trust owns 21,500 acres of land in six counties in Southern England and is based in Fairford in Gloucestershire. It also owns offices and industrial property, both in historic buildings in town centres, where it can combine sympathetic management with economic usage, and in the new employment areas essential for the country's prosperity.

Registered Charity No. 313497 Incorporated under the Charities Act 1993

The Trust owns and administers land and buildings in and around Filkins which were formerly part of the estate of the Cripps family and taken into trust following the bequest of Sir John Cripps. Sir Stafford Cripps, Sir John's father, had bought Goodfellows in Filkins in 1919 and added to the estate in subsequent years by purchasing several surrounding farms.
