

TRUSTEES:

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| Mr Mark John Hunter | Trustee/Chairman |
| Lady Neill DL | Trustee |
| Ms Victoria Rebecca Ferres | Trustee |
| Mr Michael George Gornall | Trustee |
| Mr David Geoffrey Kirk | Trustee |

ADVISORS:

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| Mrs Rosemarie Sharp | Solicitor |
| Mr David Smith | Property Agent |
| Brewin Dolphin | Financial Advisers |
| W H Prior & Co. | Accountants |
| Yorkshire Bank plc | Bankers |
| Gill Brown Langford & Teasdale | Property Advisers |
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ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICES:

4 Priory Place, Doncaster, DN1 1BP

J W CHAPMAN EARLESMERE TRUST

Charity Number: 223002

Governed by a Scheme made on the 17th October 2000

OBJECTS:

The object of the Charity is for the relief of persons resident in the Borough of Doncaster who are in need, hardship or distress.

The Trustees may fulfil their objects by: -

- a) Making grants to persons in need
- b) Providing or paying for goods, services or facilities for persons in need
- c) Making grants of money to other persons and bodies to provide goods, services or facilities to those in need

ADMINISTRATION:

The Trust currently operates with five appointed Trustees and a Chairperson is elected from that body annually. Full meetings of the Trustees are held quarterly at which time the general business and administration of the Trust is discussed. Distribution meetings which are attended by not less than two Trustees together with the Trust visitor are held each month to deal with individual applications.

The Trustees are elected by the members of the Charity Board with appointments and re-appointments being decided on an annual basis.

The Trustees have the power to appoint New Trustees on an interim basis until the next AGM.

CHAIRPERSONS REPORT

Financial Year 2015-2016

I am pleased to be able to report on behalf of myself and fellow Trustees that we have maintained a steady flow of income, made progress in the rationalisation of the property portfolio and most importantly fulfilled the objectives of the Charity Scheme meeting once again the growing demands of the sections of the Doncaster Community who have applied for assistance on the grounds of hardship and distress.

The Trustees have in their management of the Trust and their own involvement in the local community continued to be made aware that there is a growing need for the support which the Trust provides to the local community. Poverty is still prevalent, and families, single, young and elderly alike all report the exhaustion of funds and the inability to meet the cost of housing essentials such as cookers, beds, bedding, clothing and in an extraordinary number of cases carpeting. Food banks continue to be a feature within the area and the Trust has once again this year provided grant funding to "Fairshare Yorkshire" which was gratefully received and from the feedback clearly provided real aid within the community. There continues to be a greater percentage of applications from the younger end of the community who face housing issues, lack of clothing and general support in solving the issues of daily living which on the whole the older community appears to have engaged with and one way or another resolved. What is evident from the applications from the older community is that they face difficulty because of a lack of savings and consequently have difficulty in replacing worn out items. We have seen an increasing number of domestic abuse case applications from mothers fleeing and having to set up new homes with little or no resources and there is a growing asylum population in the area equally in need. From this it is clear that the Trustees face diverse demands from the Community which through the application of individual awards and larger grants to charities such as Barnado's, Prince's Trust, Doncaster Housing for Young People and SAFE@LAST they have sought to meet.

The Trust can of course only meet these demands if they ensure that they maintain a strong flow of income to support the work and distributions and this continues to be achieved through careful management of the asset portfolio which includes a broad range of assets. These are kept under the close scrutiny of the Trustees with the aid of their various specialist advisors. Brewin Dolphin have managed the investment portfolio, producing an average return of 4% over the period, and the Property portfolio has been managed by appropriate agencies under the watchful eye of the Trustees and Jordans Solicitors. This year the Trustees have moved forward again in their overriding plan to remove from the portfolio old rental properties with decreasing values, rents and increasing maintenance costs with more modern units. It is hoped that early in the next financial year we will see the disposal of three such properties that have become a burden on the Trust with the acquisition of suitable replacements.

The distribution of funds as individual grants brings with it substantial logistical problems as the Trustees endeavour to ensure that only genuine applicants with real need and hardship benefit. They continue to engage a Visitor who visits two thirds of the applications every month, providing a full report to the Trustees who consider the same on a bi monthly basis. Goods are then acquired and delivered or in the case of clothing grants shopping trips arranged and supervised with the assistance of the local community of Social workers and the Staff at Jordans, without whose assistance this would not be possible, and for whose help we are most grateful. Every effort is made

to ensure that the help afforded is delivered as quickly as possible and that it is in a form that provides real assistance.

The Trustees have remained of the opinion that their priority should still be the provision of individual awards but as in previous years they have, where funds have been available, sought to assist local larger charities who fulfil a similar object within the town. This year a total of £22,910 was paid to Fairshare Yorkshire, Cavendish Cancer Care , Barnado's, Prince's Trust , SAFE@LAST, and Doncaster Housing for Young People and the total sum of £44,634 was paid out for individual awards.

In conclusion, I and my fellow Trustees are satisfied that we have fulfilled our role in conducting the affairs of the Trust in a diligent manner, having prudently managed the financial affairs of the Trust throughout the year ensuring that sufficient income was available to meet the demands made on the Trust and at the same time safeguarding the assets which produce that income We remain confident that our strategy, in both the management of assets and distribution of the funds, remains robust and that the Trust continues to provide real support in the community that it serves.

Financial Report

The Trustees of the Charity present their annual accounts and audited statement for the Financial Year ending 31 March 2016

Trustees Responsibility Statement

The Trustees of the John William Chapman Earlesmere Charitable Trust registered Charity are required to prepare financial statements for each financial year that give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the Charity at the end of the financial year and of movements of funds for that period. The Trustees confirm that suitable accountancy policies have been used throughout in accordance with the statement of recommended practice issued by the Charities Commission. The Trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records and for taking reasonable steps to safeguard the assets of the Charity in order to prevent and detect fraud or other irregularities and in order to comply with the Charities Act 2011 and Charities SORP 2015, they are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the Charity and taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

Risk

The Trustees have carried out a review of the major risks to which the charity may be exposed and have adopted a risk strategy plan in respect of these. The policy will be subject to further review during the coming twelve months

The Trustees are satisfied that there are no serious incidents or other matters which they should have brought to the attention of the Commission and had not done so already.

So far as the Trustees are aware there is no relevant audit information of which the Independent Examiners are unaware and each Trustee has taken all the steps that he or she ought to have taken as a

Trustee in order to make himself or herself aware of any Independent examination information and to establish that the Independent Examiners are aware of that information.

Fixed Assets

Any movement in Fixed Assets is reflected in the Accounts

Events since the Balance Sheet date

No events have occurred since the Balance Sheet date which affect the Charity

Trustees

The Trustees of the Charity who served during the year and up to the date of this Report are set out on Page 2 of this Report

This Report has been prepared in accordance with the Statement of Recommended Practice Accounting and Reporting by Charities (SORP 2015)

This Report was approved by the Trustee Board on the
Day of January 2017 and signed by:-

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Mr Mark John Hunter

On behalf of the Trustees of the John William Chapman Earlesmere Trust