

**Long Preston and District
Relief In Need Charity
Report of activity in FY2020, given May 2021**

Serving Long Preston, Hellifield, Halton West and Wigglesworth

The Long Preston and District Relief in Need Charity is an old charity dating back to around 1732 when local gentry bequeathed part of their estates to assist the residents of the ancient parish of Long Preston in times of financial need.

The current charity is an amalgamation of these and a number of other small charities that provided the same sort of assistance in an area covering Long Preston, Hellifield, Halton West and Wigglesworth.

In 2020 the charity is managed by 4 trustees, but can have up to 8 trustees:

- One ex-officio trustee, the vicar of Long Preston, Rev Stuart Stobart (Left the Parish part way through 2020 – replacement not yet appointed.)
- One trustee nominated by Long Preston Parish Council, Paul Morley
- One trustee nominated by Hellifield Parish Council, Jimmy Hordern
- One Trustee nominated by Wigglesworth Parish Meeting, Shirley Wales
- Up to three co-opted trustees appointed by the charity's trustees, currently all these posts are vacant.

The aim remains the same today as it did when the first charities were originally created, to help our local residents with small financial grants in times of need. Applications are treated on their own merit as every need is different and may be eased in different ways. With the recent, unprecedented, impact that the COVID-19 Pandemic has had on people's working lives it is anticipated that there may be more applications made in the 2020 year.

Part way through 2020, The Rev. Stuart Stobart left his posting as Vicar for the area and as such his position on the Charity. A replacement has yet to be appointed for the area, but it is assumed that one they are in post they will take up the position of ex-officio trustee and resume Chairing the RIN charity administration.

Our assets are small standing at £4,163.73 of which £3,897.63 is available for awarding grants. In the last financial year, FY2020, three grants was awarded. Two separate grants to one family struggling with Dinner money Payments to Hellifield Primary School and one to a family, again with school dinner money arrears, but who attend Long Preston Primary School.

Jimmy Hordern, HPC nominated Trustee.