

## **Report from the Wainwright Trust to Rushbury Parish Council**

### **Monday 27 April 2020**

The Wainwright Trust\* exists to help with the external maintenance and upkeep of Rushbury School's original building, playground, garden and outbuildings. It also provides funds for services not normally provided by the local authority. Historically, and in the days before state benefits, the trust provided some support for parishioners in need. In more recent times, this role is rarely needed although an annual notice in the parish magazine (usually in one of the spring or summer editions) reminds parishioners of the trust's charitable aims and contact details.

The current chair of the trust is Martin Pye. There are five trustees: William Hotchkiss, Andrew Henderson, Anna Child, Liz Welsh and Martin Pye. There is one vacancy due to Rev Nancy Cleaton's retirement at the end of 2019. Trustees hope that her successor will be willing to become a trustee.

Most of the trust's income comes from the lease of the original school buildings and grounds to Shropshire Council.

During the 2019/20 financial year, trustees have considered matters relating to repairs and maintenance, land ownership and boundaries, the provision of school meals, the renewal of the lease to Shropshire Council and other matters pertinent to education in the parish. The trust provided funds to purchase new reading books for the school. Trustees held their annual general meeting on Tuesday 7 January 2020.

The most recently audited accounts are from the 2018/19 financial year:

#### **\*Rushbury Charity**

Opening balance at 01/04/18: 00.00

Income: £179.48

Outgoings: £179.48

Closing balance at 31/03/19: 00.00

#### **\*Wainwright Charity**

Opening balance at 01/04/18: £7,333.24

Income: £12,549.48

Outgoings: £10,472.60

Closing balance at 31/03/19: £9,410.12

**Value of investment holdings = £7906.40**

Financial statements, and other information about the work of the trust, can be viewed on the Charity Commission's website. Minutes of meetings are available to be viewed on request. To do so, please contact the chair.

*\*There are actually two separate charities: The Jones and Wainwright Educational Foundation and the Rushbury Charity. Both charities share the same trustees and, to most extents and purposes, operate as one organisation with one bank account. However, we complete two separate financial returns to the Charity Commission, as required.*