

# **The Willingham British School Trust**

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## Annual Report for the year ending 6<sup>th</sup> April 2017.

Willingham British School Trust is a registered charity which awards educational grants to benefit the young people of the village through individual or institutional applications.

The Trustees are pleased to report another busy and successful year. They meet three times a year, every April, October and January, in the Baptist Church. The support provided by the Baptist Church in helping the Trustees conduct their business is gratefully acknowledged. Reports of the Trust's meetings and dates of meetings of the Trustees continue to be placed in the Willingham News. Interest in the Trust's activities remains strong.

Support for Willingham Primary School and Cottenham Village College has continued to be an important priority for the Trustees. Of the funds awarded by the Trustees during 2016-2017 approximately three quarters has been given to support applications from these two institutions. The Primary School has requested and received funding primarily to support the development of the Mathematics curriculum in the School. Cottenham Village College received a grant for the purchase of textbooks to be used in its GCSE course for Religion, Philosophy and Ethics.

Individual grants have been given to support the costs of University undergraduate programmes for a range of subjects including Languages, Politics and Economics and Construction Management. The Trustees have also funded one application to support a further education programme at Cambridge Regional College. One travel grant to contribute to the costs of a Girl Guide organised trip to Fiji has also been made.

No applications for support of apprenticeships have been made during the past year. Community groups working in the village with its young people have also made no applications for funding in 2016-2017.

School and individual budgets remain restricted and the demands upon the Trust's funds have increased, particularly for support of our Primary School and Cottenham Village College. The amount awarded for individual applications has been reviewed during the past year and uplifted from £250.00 to £300.00. It is hoped to maintain this level of award for individuals in future years, always subject to there being adequate income from the

Trust's investments. Potential applicants are always advised to approach any of the Trustees with early enquiries so that the appropriateness of any funding request can be given proper consideration.

The Trustees will continue to provide positive support in the coming year for educational activity which will help to enrich and support the life of young people from Willingham.

Ray Croucher  
Hon. Secretary