



Charities in Princes Risborough



During the current crisis the Rotary Club of Princes Risborough continues to help those in need and have recently donated in excess of £9000 to local charitable organisations and schools. However as with many things fundraising activities have been curtailed. If you feel you can donate to enable this continue support please visit justgiving.com/campaign/rotaryclubofprincesrisborough.

The town of Princes Risborough, which includes Monks Risborough, Whiteleaf and Askett, is looked upon by outsiders, and most insiders, as being affluent with little or any hardship. This may be so on the surface, but we know that there are many cases of family and individual hardship lurking below. This has always been the case and so in years gone by wealthy patrons have set up

charitable trusts to assist those in need. These charities are administered by trustees elected to the boards by various institutions, including the Town Council.

In the past, financial aid was given to those known to the parish both in the form of money and goods to enable those in need to have a 'better' life. Recently, and in some cases because

of the COVID-19 pandemic, we have seen the provision of food banks at both the St. Mary's and Elim churches. These have proved a lifeline to less fortunate parishioners who have been furloughed or lost their employment.

A couple of other charities have been issuing vouchers for those in need to use to purchase the essentials for existence in these hard times.

Of course, these charities operate throughout the year and aid those in need on a regular basis, as well as one off occasions.

At Christmas time the charities organise food hampers for families individuals. Last year alone some 35 hampers were delivered to those in need of a bit of extra Christmas cheer.

Princes Risborough War Memorial Trust

Charity No 800300

The present Charitable Trust, providing funds in cases of medical need, was established in 1988, but owes its existence to one originally set up in 1920 when funds had been raised by public subscription to restore and dedicate the Market House as the town's memorial to the fallen in the First World War. The response had been so generous that a balance remained, and the happy decision was taken to use it to provide a house known as Memorial Cottage held in Trust for the local District Nurse until the late 1970s after which it was no longer required for the original purpose. For some years it served as Headquarters for the local division of St. John Ambulance, but that tenancy came to an end in 2002.

With the approval of the Charity Commissioners, the Trust was amended to allow the property to be let or sold and the rent or proceeds of sale to be applied to medical services for the benefit of the local community. There are five Trustees, two of whom are appointed by the Town Council and the remainder by the Trustees themselves.

Aims of the Trust

Princes Risborough War Memorial Trust provides support to any resident of the parish, or exceptionally to adjoining parishes, in relation to medical need, where such support is not otherwise readily available. Examples include:

The provision of a wide range of items such as home safety alarm call systems, items of medical and domestic equipment, and mobility aids.

- Services such as home nursing, help with housework, adaptation of homes for those with disabilities.
- Facilities such as periods of rest or convalescence or the temporary relief of carers, assistance with transport costs.

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Princes Risborough Charity

Charity No 205184

This charity was set up following the amalgamation of several smaller charities that had been operating within the parish, in some cases for many hundreds of years and derives its income from several allotment and field sites around the area.

The land is in the ownership of the Town Council but is administered by several trustees drawn from the parish of Princes Risborough, Longwick and Lacey Green.

The charity receives rents from tenants and holds the money in trust.

There are six trustees elected by the Parish Councils of Princes Risborough, Longwick and Lacey Green.

The trustees meet a few times each year and decide where the money is to be spent to the benefit of those who are in need in the parish.

Aims of the charity

Princes Risborough Charity provides support to individuals, organisations, children/young people and the elderly who require financial or practical support as indicated below:

- Christmas Hampers for the elderly and vulnerable or for those with disabilities.
- Food vouchers for those suffering due to loss of employment and this year those affected by COVID-19.
- School uniforms for children attending local schools whose parents find it hard to budget for them.
- Provision of money to Food Banks.

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Monks Risborough Parochial Charities

The Monks Risborough Parochial Charities, registered with the Charity Commission in 1938, is the amalgam of three much older charities, namely:

The Recreation Ground, 1737

The Poor's Allotment, 1895

The Charity of the Unknown Donor, 1899

The combined charity administers approximately 35 acres of various pieces of land within the ancient Parish of Monks Risborough. The oldest of the original charities land (now used as the cricket ground at Whiteleaf) was given in 1737 "for the purposes of recreation and exercise". Other land consists in part of allotments which were created in the 19th century to assist people who were affected by the land enclosures. The income from these earlier charities was originally used to provide stockings, clothing, fuel (coal) and medical aid to the poor of the Parish, although this definition has been relaxed/updated by the Charity Commission to allow the current Trustees wider discretion in allocating the funds. The current Charity is enabled to make grants to those in need within the Parish, in the form of individuals, organisations, children/young people and the elderly for the prevention or relief of poverty. The Charity maintains a modest income and can offer small grants, which meet the necessary criteria.

Contact for further details - Chairman of Trustees, Cllr Alan Turner, Princes Risborough Town Council.