

Charities for the Needy Report

At various times between 1616 and 1923 twelve kind and generous parishioners left money in their wills to found charities for the relief of poverty among the residents of Ipswich. These small charities were amalgamated in 1967 and are now administered by a group of Trustees to include the Vicar, churchwarden, two I.B.C councillors and two people nominated by the church. The current clerk, Jean Grierson, receives grant requests from social workers and housing officers etc. for items such as children's clothes, children's activity courses and washing machines. Grants are paid out of the yearly dividends of the invested bequests. In 2025 a total of 15 individuals and families were helped with grants ranging from £25 to £200.

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