

WRITTLE RELIEF-IN-NEED CHARITY (WRiN)

A helping hand for those in short-term financial need in Writtle and Highwood.

Did you know that Writtle and Highwood have their own local charity to help their fellow residents? WRiN is an amalgamation of five charities set up in past centuries by some of Writtle's wealthier residents to help the poor and needy of the Parish which originally included Highwood (and for WRiN purposes still does). Such charities existed before the benefits system and these days often supplement that system, without compromising it, for those who find themselves in unexpected short-term financial need.

In the past 10 years the Trustees have awarded some £5500 in grants to 32 applicants. Assistance has been given towards the cost of furniture, cookers, school trips, nursery fees, unexpectedly high utility bills especially after the winter, floor coverings, funeral costs and more. The grants are modest, but can make all the difference to someone who has nowhere else to turn. Do you, as a relative, friend or neighbour know of someone who might be in such need? Do tell them about WRiN.

The capital of the charity is less than £10,000; the income from it is supplemented by regular and occasional donations. There is nothing shameful in seeking help from a charity that was specifically set up to provide financial assistance long before Central Government became involved. For some applicants the award of a small grant has been a turning point at a difficult time in their lives.

All applications are treated in confidence. If you wish to make an enquiry, please contact the Clerk, Mrs Christine Aldridge on 01245 421524.

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