



## ST. LAWRENCE CHARITABLE FUND

Registered Charity No 800344

### CHAIR'S ANNUAL REPORT FROM JUNE 2019 TO NOVEMBER 2020

This report covers a longer period than usual due to the ongoing disruption to life caused by the Coronavirus pandemic of 2020.

Starting from 22nd June 2019 an entertaining evening was had that included a delicious two course meal followed by a talk. Parishioner Frank Savage OBE provided a powerful insight into his time as Governor of the Island of Montserrat, and the dramatic events that occurred there. The evening raised £1191 for SLCF.

Many thanks to all trustees in organising a successful evening. Particular thanks to Joan Coles for organising the catering.

On October 26th 2019 a quiz took place with a full house raising £983. Thanks to all again in organising a fun evening, and to Arthur Maxted in finding our efficient quiz master.

Saturday 1st February 2020, a spectacular concert was given by some of the students of Bird college in St, Lawrence's Church. It was arranged and led as previously by Julie Stanning, supported by a number of college staff. This popular event raised £1260. Our thanks to Julie for repeating the success of the 2019 concert.

Congratulations to Jeanette Judge on receiving her much deserved long service award from BVSC.

In June 2019 Shirley Mc Keon joined as a trustee, and immediately got involved with fundraising.

Several substantial donations have boosted funds from individual parishioners, as well as other groups through fundraising, also an amount of £16183 from an Estate legacy. All donations are very much appreciated and has allowed continued support to those in need. The total expenditure for the year April 2019 - March 2020 was £19,294. and total income was £47,661. Seventy seven grants were paid out in this financial year.

From March 2020 monthly meetings were moved to ZOOM due to lockdown restrictions in relation to coronavirus pandemic. We continued to receive requests for help and have met these throughout lockdown and will continue to do so. Thanks to Jeanetter Judge for her ongoing work as Welfare officer throughout a difficult time. A mention to Selkent and Albert who have been able to fulfill our requests as before.

Joan Coles has moved to Ireland but has been able to continue as trustee via ZOOM.

Ann Gabajebasia stepped down from post of minutes secretary. We thank her for her valuable and efficient service over the past twenty years, and will continue as a trustee.

Anna Watkins has taken over the role as minutes secretary.

Many thanks to all trustees for their input and hard work making 2019 a successful year for raising funds, and ongoing support during a difficult 2020.

Finally, thanks to Father John for his continued support, and that of the parishioners, benefactors, and those that contribute to fundraising. SLCF would not be able to support those in need and the potential increase in cases to come, and untold hardship caused by the effects of the Coronavirus pandemic. SLCF is in a more healthy position to continue to provide aid.

Teresa Haverty Chair SLCF

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