Grantchester Village Trust
Report to Village Annual Meeting 2026

Grantchester Village Trust was formed ten years ago when three village charities merged. Our primary aim is to support local people with specific needs, while also funding activities that benefit the wider community. Each year we distribute around £8,000 from our endowments, and we are grateful for additional donations that extend our reach. Half of our endowment income continues to be passed to the church, reflecting the aims of the original charities.

We do not publicise all the help we provide, as confidentiality is important, but we hope our work strengthens the community.

Our income and expenditure are summarised below.

ACCOUNTS FOR YEAR ENDING 31 DECEMBER 2025

	2025	**2024**	**2023**
INCOME DURING YEAR			
From Investments	7,915	7,404	7,240
From Lands	15,095	8,098	11,820
Donations for Social Needs	3,651	1,269	1,109
Gift Aid refunds	0	357	629
Reimbursements	1,956	0	0
TOTAL INCOME	**28,617**	**17,128**	**20,798**
EXPENDITURE DURING YEAR			
Legal and admin	12,719	97	502
Heating Grants	8,000	8,000	6,400
Grants to residents in need	494	994	1980
Supermarket runs	1,560	1,260	1,390
Educational Opportunity Grants	195	1875	2030
Distribution to Grantchester Church	7,702	9,729	7,222
insulation grants	500	0	500
Donations	857	1,428	
TOTAL EXPENDITURE	**32,027**	**23,383**	**20,024**
VALUE OF ASSETS	**2025**	**2024**	**2023**
Investments with COIF Fund Managers	257,370	268,857	262,771
Bank and savings accounts	13,575	16,660	22,493
TOTAL FUNDS	**270,945**	**285,517**	**285,264**

The Trust also owns lands near the village which it rents out to provide an annual income.

Comment on the accounts:

This year we have been able to maintain our activity, but have also had an exciting development, which will strengthen our financial position. We were able to take over the lease for Cocks and Hens Tennis Club, which Trinity College agreed to surrender. This incurred some one-off legal expenses, but we are confident that we will recover these through the increased rental income in coming years.

Heating scheme:
We offer heating grants to elderly and disabled residents with medical needs, as well as to those receiving means-tested benefits. This winter, we supported 40 households with grants of £200.

Home insulation:
Residents can benefit from advice and financial support through a scheme developed with the Parish Council's Climate Action Subcommittee. Oliver Smith and Jonathan Graffy offer informal visits to discuss insulation improvements, drawing on their own retrofit experience (Oliver is also an architect, though no formal services are provided). Grants of up to £500 may be available towards project costs.

Educational bursaries & laptops:
Supporting young people is a key priority. Our bursary programme can help with:

- School clubs and residential trips
- Transport to college
- Books, equipment, and laptops
- Extracurricular activities such as sport and music
- Adult and further education courses

Supermarket trips:
We organise fortnightly supermarket trips for elderly and disabled residents in partnership with Dial-a-Ride. These are coordinated by Lisa Saunders; details are in the parish magazine.

Loan wheelchair:
A wheelchair is available for short-term loan, free of charge. It folds easily and is suitable for outings. It is stored in the kitchen at the Community Rooms on Tabrum Close. To borrow it, contact Lisa Saunders (07375 949612).

Contributing to our work:
The Trust is a registered charity (No. 204586), run by eight trustees, each responsible for an area of activity. New volunteers are always welcome—please get in touch if you would like to be involved. We are also grateful for donations and aim to use all funds effectively.

We are keen to support residents in need. If you know someone who may benefit from our help, including educational bursaries, please encourage them to contact us.

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