

# Jane Higginson Charity

registered charity no 242737

## Annual Report for the year 2024

### History

The charity was founded following a bequest by Mrs Jane Higginson in 1707. The original will allowed for small donations to be made to Ludlow, Ellesmere and Hanmer Parishes. The current scheme gives the area of benefit as the poor and needy in the ancient parishes of Whitchurch (including Ash and Tilstock), Ludlow, Ellesmere and Hanmer. The charity owns land at Eastwick, Tybroughton, Whitchurch.

### The Land

In 2012 the Trustees sold the buildings they owned at Eastwick Farm, Tybroughton, Whitchurch and re-invested the proceeds in COIF Investment Units. In 2024 a small field was sold to the present owner of Eastwick Farmhouse for £75,000 and the proceeds re-invested, together with an additional £50,000 surplus income, in COIF Investment Units. The farm land has been tenanted by Mr Mottershead and Mr Barnett (who has informally sublet his tenancy to Mr Mottershead). In 2024 a total of £15,307.75 rent was received plus £7,785.25 outstanding from 2023.

### Trustees

The current Trustees are as follows:

Rev C Precious (Chair)	Ex officio	Rector of Whitchurch Fauls and Tilstock
Fr J Dussek	Ex officio	Vicar of Hanmer
Mr C Smith		Nominated by Whitchurch Town Council
Cllr W Kay Council		Nominated by Whitchurch Rural Parish
Mr P Harris	Co-opted	
Mrs J Reeves	Co-opted	

### The Clerk to the Trustees

Mrs J Rylands

### Meetings

The Trustees met on four occasions during 2024 on 11 March, 15 July, 17 September and 18 November

#### Income and Expenditure

The total gross income during 2024 was £52,431.30. Total amount of charitable gifts was £21,496.64 and other running expenses of £5,921.68

## **Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of the Jane Higginson Charity, Whitchurch, Shropshire**

I report on the accounts for the Year Ended 31<sup>st</sup> December, 2024, which are attached to this report.

### **Respective responsibilities of the Trustees and the Independent Examiner:**

The Trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under Section 144(2) of the Charities Act of 2011 (the 2011 Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

- Examine the accounts under section 145 of the 2011 Act;
- Follow the procedures laid down in the General Directions given by the Charity Commissioners section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act; and
- State whether any particular matters have come to my attention.


### **Basis of the Independent Examiner's Statement:**

My examination was carried out in accordance with the General Directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the Clerk to the Trustees and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from the Clerk to the Trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in a full audit, and consequently I do not express an audit opinion on the accounts.


### **Independent Examiners Statement:**

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# Receipts and Payments

1 January 2024 - 31 December 2024

Information as at: 31.12.24

	<u>Income</u>	<u>2023</u>	<u>Line</u>		<u>Expenditure</u>	<u>2023</u>
Rental Income	103,913.57	7,785	1	Land costs	-	
Wayleave	121.91	121	2	Insurances	-	388
			3	Salary	2,277.40	2,185
COIF Investment Units interest	23,395.82	28,482	4	Office expenses	71.44	49
			5	Legal/professional fees	1,828.42	1,230
			6	Audit fee	26.00	26
			7	Charitable gifts	21,496.64	24,526
			8	Water supply to troughs	1,718.42	636
			9	Investment	125,000.00	
	<u>127,431.30</u>	<u>36,388</u>	10		<u>152,418.32</u>	<u>29,040</u>
<b>Balances</b>	Brought forward			Carried forward	<b>47,586.28</b>	
	<u><b>72,573.30</b></u>		11		<u><b>47,586.28</b></u>	
	<u><b>200,004.60</b></u>		12		<u><b>200,004.60</b></u>	

<u>Reconciliation</u>		NatWest current account as at:	30.12.24	52,943.28
		Less unrepresented cheques (see list below) -		5,357.00
		Plus cash banked after statement or unbanked at:		<u>47,586.28</u>
		Balance carried forward		<u><u>47,586.28</u></u>
<b>Cheques unrepresented at bank statement date</b>				
<u>Date</u>	<u>Cheq No</u>	<u>Payee</u>		
04.09.24	1428	Brownlow Community Centre	-	37.00
08.12.24	1494	Mrs M J Fisher	-	70.00
08.12.24	1495	Mrs J Healey	-	70.00
08.12.24	1498	Ms C Lewis	-	70.00
08.12.24	1501	Mrs A Plummer	-	70.00
08.12.24	1502	Mr & Mrs R Purcell	-	100.00
08.12.24	1503	Mrs N Saywell	-	70.00
08.12.24	1507	Mr & Mrs R Smith	-	100.00
08.12.24	1509	Mrs R Snell	-	70.00
08.12.24	1510	Mrs S Taylor	-	70.00
08.12.24	1511	Mr & Mrs E M Vaughan	-	100.00
08.12.24	1513	Mr M Craig	-	70.00
08.12.24	1514	Mr G Huxley	-	70.00
08.12.24	1515	Mrs W Smith	-	70.00
08.12.24	1516	Mr R Holmes	-	70.00
28.12.24	1526	SYA	-	2,000.00
28.12.24	1527	CAB	-	2,250.00
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<u>Assets</u>		NatWest current account	47,586.28
		COIF Income Units opening value	1,037,486.08
		sale/purchase	125,000.00
	30.06.24	Value adjustment	25,059.87
	31.12.24	Value adjustment	-2,831.41
		COIF closing value	1,184,714.54
		<b>Total liquid assets</b>	1,232,300.82
(Valued at between £6,500 and £10,000 per acre - using the mean £8,250)		<b>Fixed assets (land)</b>	801,487.50
97.15 acres		<b>Total assets</b>	<u><u>2,033,788.32</u></u>

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