Jane Higginson Charity

Registered Charity No.242737

Annual Report for the year 2025

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 97.15 acres of land at Eastwick, Tybroughton near Whitchurch.

The land

The land was let under a farm business tenancy on 13 June 2024 for the period 25 March 2024 to 24 March 2030 to Mark and Susannah Mottershead for £170 per acre per annum being £16,515

Trustees

The current Trustees are as follows:

- Rev C Precious (Chair) Ex officio – Rector of Whitchurch
- Rev J Dussek Ex officio – Vicar of Hanmer
- Mr C Smith Nominated – Whitchurch Town Council
- Cllr W Kay Nominated – Whitchurch Rural Parish Council
- Mr P Harris Co-opted

The Clerk to the Trustees

Mrs J Rylands

Meetings

The Trustees met on four occasions during 2025 on 10 March, 21 July, and 10 and 17 November.

Income and Expendiure

The total gross income during 2025 was £49,586.28. Total amount of charitable gifts was £18,540.14 and other running expenses of £3,430.57.

Account transactions (NatWest accounts) 2025

Date	Detail	Ref	NatW curr A/C	COIF div	Way leave	Rent & Property	Ins'nce	Salary	Office	Consult fees	Land	Audit	Charity gifts	Water supply	Total	Rec		
01.01.25	Balance from 2024		47,586.28												47,586.28			
03.01.25	Purcell Butchers	1528	303.14										303.14		303.14			0.00
06.01.25	Balens	1529	398.40				398.40								398.40			0.00
09.01.25	Jane Rylands	1471	636.33					625.00	11.33						636.33	rec		0.00
09.01.25	Jane Rylands	1472	666.15					625.00	41.15						666.15	rec		0.00
12.02.25	CAB	1473	2,250.00										2,250.00		2,250.00	rec		0.00
28.02.25	COIF		8,208.17	8,208.17											8,208.17			0.00
17.03.25	Mottershead		8,257.75			8,257.75									8,257.75			0.00
20.03.25	Wingate Special Childrer	1530	1,100.00										1,100.00		1,100.00	rec		0.00
30.05.25	COIF		8,208.17	8,208.17											8,208.17			0.00
05.06.25	Rotary	1474	1,010.00										1,010.00		1,010.00	rec		0.00
22.06.25	Brownlow	1475	50.00						50.00						50.00	rec		0.00
02.07.25	P Davies	1476	26.00									26.00			26.00	rec		0.00
16.07.25	CAB	1477	2,250.00										2,250.00		2,250.00	rec		0.00
21.07.25	Little Bears Daycare	1478	420.00										420.00		420.00	rec		0.00
15.08.25	Whitchurch Foodbank	1479	700.00										700.00		700.00	rec		0.00
29.08.25	COIF		8,208.17	8,208.17											8,208.17			0.00
21.09.25	Jane Rylands	1480	1,255.29					1,250.00	5.29						1,255.29	rec		0.00
21.09.25	CAB	1481	2,695.00										2,695.00		2,695.00	rec		0.00
30.09.25	Mottershead		8,257.75			8,257.75									8,257.75			0.00
10.10.25	Scottish Power		125.47		125.47										125.47			0.00
28.11.25	COIF		8,494.23	8,494.23											8,494.23			0.00
08.12.25	J Chatterton	1482	115.00										115.00		115.00	rec		0.00
08.12.25	P Collins	1483	75.00										75.00		75.00	rec		0.00
08.12.25	J Evanson	1484	75.00										75.00		75.00	rec		0.00
08.12.25	MJ Fisher	1485	75.00										75.00		75.00			0.00
08.12.25	j Healey	1486	75.00										75.00		75.00			0.00
08.12.25	J Jones	1487	75.00										75.00		75.00	rec		0.00
08.12.25	Mr & Mrs M Kozyra	1488	115.00										115.00		115.00	rec		0.00
08.12.25	C Lewis	1489	75.00										75.00		75.00	rec		0.00

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08.12.25	F Nicholls	1490	75.00										75.00		75.00	rec		0.00
08.12.25	F Pitchford	1431	75.00										75.00		75.00	rec		0.00
08.12.25	A Plummer	1432	75.00										75.00		75.00			0.00
08.12.25	Mr&Mrs R Purcell	1433	115.00										115.00		115.00	rec		0.00
08.12.25	N Saywell	1434	75.00										75.00		75.00	rec		0.00
08.12.25	M Skeats	1435	75.00										75.00		75.00			0.00
08.12.25	L Skipp	1436	75.00										75.00		75.00	rec		0.00
08.12.25	F Small	1437	75.00										75.00		75.00			0.00
08.12.25	Mr&Mrs R Smith	1438	115.00										115.00		115.00	rec		0.00
08.12.25	R Snell	1439	75.00										75.00		75.00			0.00
08.12.25	R Snell - deceased	1439	75.00										75.00		75.00			0.00
08.12.25	M Craig	1440	75.00										75.00		75.00	rec		0.00
08.12.25	G Huxley	1441	75.00										75.00		75.00	rec		0.00
08.12.25	P Pace	1442	75.00										75.00		75.00	rec		0.00
08.12.25	R Holmes	1444	75.00										75.00		75.00			0.00
08.12.25	V Ablitt	1445	75.00										75.00		75.00	rec		0.00
08.12.25	B Smout	1446	75.00										75.00		75.00	rec		0.00
08.12.25	A McGregor	1448	75.00										75.00		75.00	rec		0.00
08.12.25	L Kettle	1449	75.00										75.00		75.00	rec		0.00
08.12.25	N Bratton	1450	75.00										75.00		75.00	rec		0.00
08.12.25	Ellesmere PCC	1451	200.00										200.00		200.00	rec		0.00
08.12.25	Hanmer Consolidated Ch	1452	1,000.00										1,000.00		1,000.00	rec		0.00
08.12.25	Ludlow PCC	1453	800.00										800.00		800.00	rec		0.00
08.12.25	CAB Shropshire	1454	3,337.00										3,337.00		3,337.00	rec		0.00
08.12.25	WJA	1455	600.00										600.00		600.00	rec		0.00
08.12.25	P Evason	1456	75.00										75.00		75.00	rec		0.00
08.12.25	Balens Limited	1457	398.40				398.40								398.40	rec		0.00
08.12.25	C Lewis	1498	70.00										70.00		70.00			0.00
08.12.25	S Taylor	1510	70.00										70.00		70.00			0.00
08.12.25	Mr & Mrs Vaughan	1511	100.00										100.00		100.00			0.00

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08.12.25	R Holmes	1516	70.00										70.00		70.00			0.00
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			75,375.28	33,118.74	125.47	16,515.50	796.80	2,500.00	107.77	0.00	0.00	26.00	18,540.14	0.00	75,375.28			0.00
						49,759.71								21,970.71	75,375.28			

Jane Higginson's Charity
1 January 2025 - 31 December 2025

Receipts and Payments
Information as at: 31.12.25

		Income	*2024*	Line			Expenditure	*2024*
Rental Income		16,515.50	*103,914*	1	Land costs		-	
Wayleave		125.47	*122*	2	Insurances		796.80	
				3	Salary		2,500.00	*2,277*
COIF Investment Units interest		33,118.74	*23,396*	4	Office expenses		107.77	*71*
				5	Legal/professional fees		-	*1,828*
				6	Audit fee		26.00	*26*
				7	Charitable gifts		18,540.14	*21,497*
				8	Water supply to troughs		-	*1,718*
				9	Investment			*125,000*
		49,759.71	*127,431*	10			21,970.71	*152,418*
Balances	Brought forward	**47,586.28**		11		Carried forward	**75,375.28**	
		97,345.99		12			97,345.99	

Reconciliation			NatWest current account as at:	31.12.25		76,125.28
			Less unpresented cheques (see list below)		-	750.00
			Plus cash banked after statement or unbanked at:			
						75,375.28
				Balance carried forward		75,375.28
Cheques unpresented at bank statement date						
Date	Cheq No	Payee				
08.12.25	1432	A Plummer			-	75.00
08.12.25	1434	N Saywell			-	75.00
08.12.25	1435	M Skeats			-	75.00
08.12.25	1437	F Small			-	75.00
08.12.25	1440	M Craig			-	75.00
08.12.25	1444	R Holmes			-	75.00
08.12.25	1456	P Evason			-	75.00
08.12.25	1485	M J Fisher			-	75.00
08.12.25	1486	J Healey			-	75.00
08.12.25	1489	C Lewis			-	75.00
					-	750.00

Assets					
		NatWest current account			75,375.28
		COIF Income Units opening value			1,184,714.54
		sale/purchase			17.10.25
	30.06.25	Value adjustment	-51,309.83		
	31.12.25	Value adjustment	-4,929.45		
		COIF closing value			1,128,475.26
			Total liquid assets		1,203,850.54
(Valued at between £6,500 and £10,000 per acre - using the mean £8,250)			**Fixed assets (land)**		801,487.50
			Total assets		2,005,338.04

Signed..... Clerk to tl

Jane Higginson Charity

Payments report to the meeting on: 10.11.25

Date	Payee	Amount		Details
03.01.25	Purcell Butchers		£303.16	Rotary Christmas Turkey
06.01.25	Balens	£398.40		Insurance
09.01.25	Jane Rylands	£636.33		Salary Q3 2024 plus 11.33
09.01.25	Jane Rylands	£666.15		Salary Q4 2024 plus 41.15
12.02.25	CAB		£2,250.00	Oct - Dec 2024
20.03.25	The Wingate Special Children's Trust		£1,100	20 x 1-2-1 disability sessions
05.06.25	Rotary		£1,010	canal trips
22.06.25	Brownlow	£50.00		room hire
02.07.25	P Davies	£26.00		independent examiner
16.07.25	CAB		£2,250.00	Jan - March 2025
21.07.25	Little Bears Daycare		£420.00	
15.08.25	Whitchurch Foodbank		£700.00	Summer lunches
21.09.25	Jane Rylands	£1,255.29		Jan - June salary and expenses
21.09.25	CAB		£2,695.00	
08.12.25	19 indiv Xmas gifts		£1,585.00	
08.12.25	9 almshouse xmas gifts		£675.00	
08.12.25	3 parish xmas gifts		£2,000.00	
08.12.25	CAB		£3,337.00	
08.12.25	WJA		£600.00	residential
08.12.25	Balens	£398.40		insurance

	Fund transfer	£ -
	Charity distribution	£18,925.16
	Running costs	£3,430.57
		£ 22,355.73

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

I report on the accounts for the **Year Ended 31st December, 2025,** 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:

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention:

1. Which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements
   (a) to keep accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the 2011 Act; or
   (b) to prepare accounts, which accord with these accounting records have not been met; or

2. To which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Signed Paula A Davies

Mrs Paula A Davies
5 Stags Leap
Whitchurch
Shropshire
SY13 1ED

Dated 29/6/26

Jane Higginson's Charity

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1 January 2025 - 31 December 2025

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Balance carried forward			75,375.28

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	Total liquid assets			1,203,850.54
(Valued at between £6,500 and £10,000 per acre - using the mean £8,250)	**Fixed assets (land)**			801,487.50
	Total assets			2,005,338.04

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