

## **Higgs & Cooper Educational Charity of Charlton Kings**

The Scheme was launched in 1976 by the Charity Commissioners from the 2 previously moribund charities of 1904:

The Charlton Kings Educational Foundation  
The Higgs Educational Foundation

### **Charles Cooke Higgs**

At the age of 13 in 1810 he inherited many local properties from Glenfall through to Old Bath Road.

By 1873 he had c 160 acres in Charlton Kings. He built Holy Apostles Church in 1863-66 costing him £7000. He lived in Langton House, now 'The Langton', and died in 1884.

He had established a Night School c 1885, the building of which is now the Scout HQ. He established a Trust in 1880 which derived its income from the 9 acres of land which is now occupied by the Junior School and Glynrosa Road. By 1905 these night classes were moved to the Cheltenham Grammar School and the local buildings let out.

### **Samuel Cooper**

(He of Cooper's Court) In his will of 1729, proved in 1743, he established his charity for the teaching of 6 poor children, the surplus monies to go to provide 40 shillings fuel for the aged and disabled of Charlton Kings who were not receiving parochial collection or pension, plus 10 shillings for their clothing. Coopers charity owned the land on which the nursery school now stands. In 1875 the seven trustees of the Coopers Charity also held the trusteeship of the old parish lands and the two charities merged.

After the Charity Commission reorganised the two separate charities in 1904 it seems that their activities faded out over the early 20<sup>th</sup> century, perhaps because the objects of those charities were both in need of updating. Hence the Charity Commission combined the two charities in 1976 with now more appropriate objectives.

### **The Trustees.**

Nominative Trustees: 2 by Gloucestershire Co. Co.; 2 by Cheltenham Borough Council.

Co-optative Trustees: 5 who shall be persons who through residence, occupation or employment, or otherwise have special knowledge of the Parish of Charlton Kings. i.e. a total of 9 trustees with an additional Clerk.

## **Application of Income**

To any maintained primary or secondary school in Charlton Kings in providing special benefits of any kind not normally provided by the LEA.

In awarding to beneficiaries scholarships, exhibitions, bursaries, maintenance allowances or grants tenable at any secondary school, college of education, university or other institution of further (including professional and technical) education, approved by the trustees.

Travel bursaries in pursuit of beneficiaries' education.

Financial assistance to any charitable organisation in Charlton Kings the objects of which include the advancement of education of members by developing their physical, mental and moral capacities through their leisure time activities.

## **Beneficiaries**

Persons of either sex born or currently resident in the former Charlton Kings civil parish (pre 1973 boundaries of Charlton Kings UDC) and who are under 25 years of age and in need of financial assistance.

## **Investments**

In 2009/10 these amounted to £693,326 and having suffered from the recent fall in the financial markets.

## **Grants**

In 2009/10 these were made to 26 individuals, 2 schools and 2 charitable organisations. The total of these grants was £16,250.

The trustees make grants towards needy pupils on school educational trips, but are reluctant to support visits beyond Europe.

**The Clerk:** Mr M Fry, 7, Branch Hill Rise, Charlton Kings.

**Trustees:** Mr P Ginns, Mrs C Cranna, Mrs J Collins, Dr D Giraldi, Mr M Pigott, Mr M Palmer, Mrs M Fletcher.