

## Richard Humfrey Charity

The Charity is unique to Boughton, Richard Humfrey was believed to be a wealthy retired London merchant who lived locally and left land and tenements in his will, dated 1547, for the benefit of the people of Boughton. The finances were administered by the Rector and freeholders and distributed to the “ poor and needy “ of the village for several hundred years.

Since 1866 the Charity has been regulated by the Charity Commission, and the Educational Foundation came into existence in 1919. Funds realised from the sale of the land and tenements were invested by the Trustees for future use.

Today the two parts of the Charity are administered by Trustees who may be Church officials, nominees of the Parish Council or Northampton County Council and co-opted members of the community. They meet twice a year in the Church Rooms, once for the AGM in March to elect officers and approve accounts and again in November to allocate funds to the Church, the school and to senior citizens or students who reside in Boughton.

In 2024 the Charities supported one local resident with a Christmas cash payment and one student who received a grant from the Education Foundation for text books and computer equipment. Boughton Primary School also received funding for transport coaches for the whole school to see the Christmas Panto at the Deco Theatre.

The Charity will also contribute funds to repair the Church Tower which is in need of restoration.

The Trustees of the Richard Humfrey Charity are ever mindful of the needs of the residents, students, the School and the Church communities in the Parish of Boughton to continue in the spirit of the original aims of the Charity set up over five centuries ago.

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