



2023 ANNUAL PARISH ASSEMBLY
Wednesday, 19th April, 2023

WINGHAM CHARITIES STATEMENT FOR 2022

The original Wingham Charities comprise:

1. The **Rushbeecheer Charity**, which dates from 1663
2. The **Rutter Charity**, which dates from 1865
3. The **Wingham Fire Brigade Fund**, which dates from 1977

In 1971 the Rushbeecheer and Rutter Charities were combined to form the Rushbeecheer & Rutter Charity which is registered with the Charity Commission (charity number 212510).

The Wingham Fire Brigade Fund is registered with the Charity Commission (charity number 274064).

The Current Trustees are:

Mrs Jackie Baldwin (Chair), Tel: 720 378

Mr Bryan Curtis, Tel: 720 821

Mrs Helen Farbrace, Tel: 720 244

Mrs Kerry Coltham, Tel: 722 189

Mr Norman Baldwin (Secretary/ Treasurer), Tel: 720 378

In 2022, the Trustees held 2 meetings and distributed to Wingham residents 89 individual Christmas gifts of money together with a basket of seasonal cakes for the residents of Oakfield House. Mr Jim Greatorex (Trustee since 2007 and Secretary/ Treasurer 2007–2020) resigned in the early part of the year. The remaining Trustees welcomed Mrs Kerry Coltham as a Trustee.

The qualifying criteria for Wingham residents to receive gifts were unchanged in 2022. Approaching Christmas, we distributed small monetary gifts to widows and widowers (of any age) and to single persons over the age of 65, all of whom had been residents of Wingham Parish for a minimum of 2 years. Also a gift of seasonal fare was made to Oakfield House. Additionally, a small contingency fund was reserved throughout the year for those in acute financial difficulty.
