



2024 ANNUAL PARISH ASSEMBLY
Wednesday, 17th April, 2024

WINGHAM CHARITIES STATEMENT FOR 2023

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: 07976 293 721

Mrs Helen Farbrace, Tel: 720 244

Mrs Kerry Coltham, Tel: 722 189

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

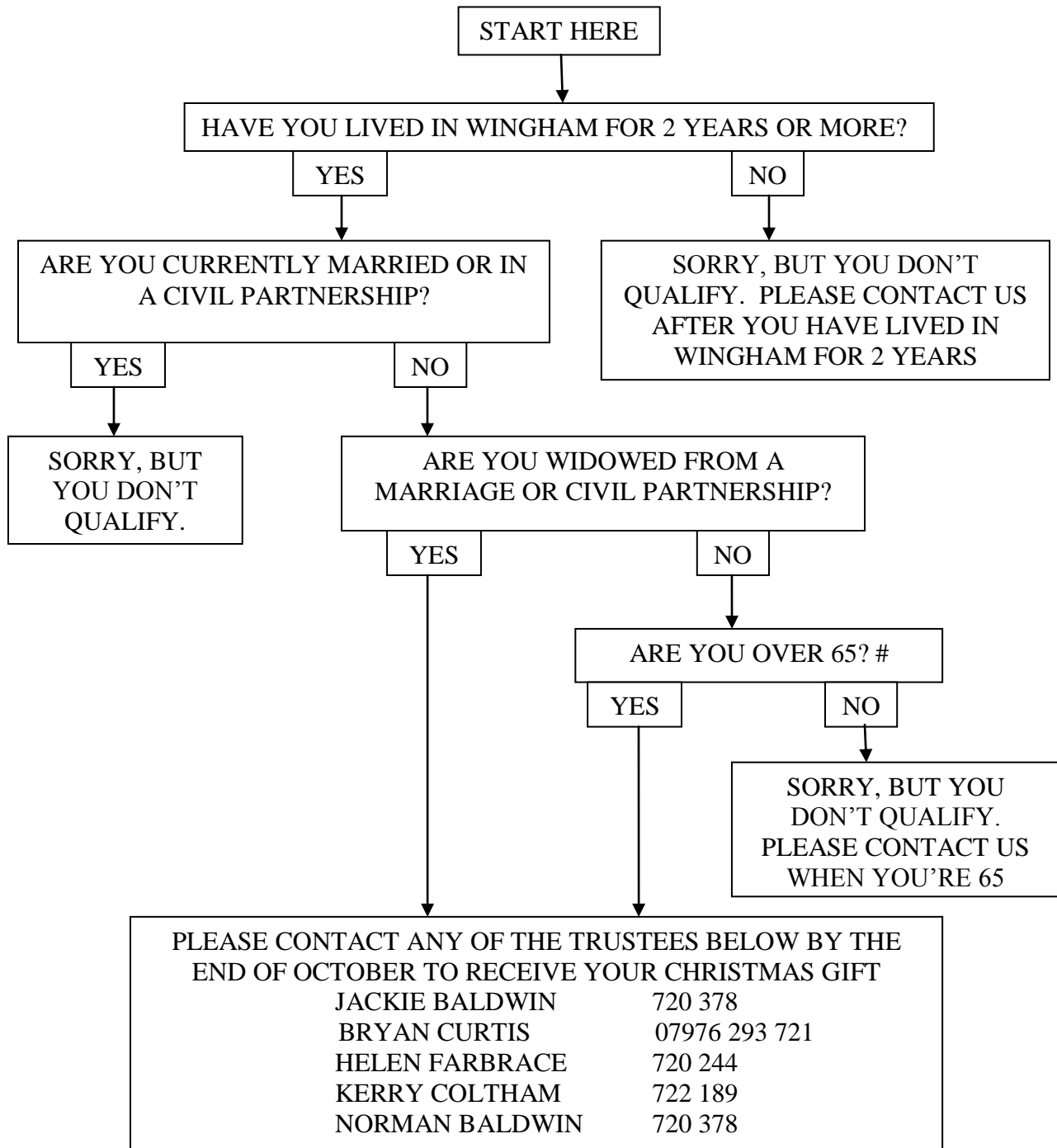
In 2023, the Trustees held 2 meetings and distributed to Wingham residents 86 individual Christmas gifts of money together with a basket of seasonal cakes for the residents of Oakfield House. Mrs Margaret Richards, former Trustee of the Wingham Charities and former Clerk to the Parish Council, passed away in early 2023. Her family kindly nominated donations in her memory to benefit the Wingham Charities, for which the Trustees expressed their grateful thanks. The Trustees are always grateful to receive donations for distribution within the Parish of Wingham.

The qualifying criteria for Wingham residents to receive gifts were unchanged in 2023 and a flow chart (see page 2) was devised to enable residents to determine if they qualify.

A history of the Wingham Charities has been added recently to the Wingham Parish Council website.



**CHECK IF YOU QUALIFY FOR A CHRISTMAS GIFT FROM THE
RUSHBEECHER, RUTTER & WINGHAM FIRE BRIGADE BENEFACTORS**



or have your 65th birthday on or before 31st December this year