



2025 ANNUAL PARISH ASSEMBLY **Wednesday, 23rd April, 2025**

WINGHAM CHARITIES STATEMENT FOR 2024

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: 01227 720 378

Mr Bryan Curtis, Tel: 07976 293 721

Mrs Helen Farbrace, Tel: 01227 720 244

Mrs Kerry Coltham, Tel: 01227 722 189

Mr Norman Baldwin (Secretary/ Treasurer), Tel: 01227 720 378

In 2024, the Trustees held 2 meetings and distributed to 86 individual Wingham residents Christmas gifts of money together with a basket of seasonal cakes for the residents of Oakfield House. The Trustees gratefully received donations for distribution within the Parish of Wingham, to supplement the interest from investments provided by our past benefactors.

The qualifying criteria for Wingham residents to receive gifts were unchanged in 2024 and a flow chart (now published on the Wingham Parish Council website) had been devised to enable residents to determine if they qualify.

A history of the Wingham Charities had been added to the Wingham Parish Council website in 2024.
