2026 ANNUAL PARISH ASSEMBLY
Wednesday, 22nd April, 2026

WINGHAM CHARITIES STATEMENT FOR 2025

The original Wingham Charities comprise:

1. The **Rushbeecher 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 Rushbeecher and Rutter Charities were combined to form the Rushbeecher & 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 2025, the Trustees held 2 meetings and distributed to 78 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 in 2025 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 a Christmas gift were unchanged in 2025 and a flow chart (published on the Wingham Parish Council website) enables residents to determine if they qualify.

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

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