

The Nancy Potter Trust

The Trust has only given out a few donations this year. In a large part this is because the Trust will no longer exist after 2019 and we don't want the remaining funds to dribble away. A decision was taken in 2014 to close the Trust and that decision was repeated in 2016. The trustees would like to leave some legacy in Clyst St George to honour the name of the founder of the Trust. We have spent a great deal of time trying to follow up one idea that involves the Village Hall and it would have been our hope that this project would have been progressed by now.

On a positive note there will soon be a tasteful bench erected in the Churchyard bearing the Nancy Potter Trust name and there are several ways in which the Estuary League of Friends' new Hub at Topsham is bearing the name of the Nancy Potter Trust including an interesting history of the family. We are very grateful to the Estuary League of Friends for all that they have done to ensure that the benefactor's name will be honoured and not forgotten.

Another project is at the Woodbury Surgery where we gave monies to be used to improve facilities there. This was something very close to Tony Charles' heart as he felt that he had been so very well supported by his doctors in the final months of his life and the trustees have honoured his wishes. Tony Charles was, as most of you will know, our previous Chairman.

It is very important that the trustees find a viable project to honour the name of the benefactor as soon as possible. Before we embarked on discussions with the Village Hall Committee we looked at the ideas of a playground and a sensory garden as well as other suggestions but each of those ideas came up against problems, mainly of long term administration. However we are determined to use the money to keep the name of the benefactor in some way remembered in the Village of Clyst St George if at all possible.

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