

BARBY TOWNLANDS AND EDUCATION CHARITY

Report for BOPC – AGM 14.4.2025

Barby Townlands and Educational Charity (BTEC) and its Trustees serve to manage and promote the effective stewardship of assets in our custody - principally parcels of land available or the use and enjoyment of parishioners, which include the recreation ground, the village allotments, the Orchard, and the village tennis court).

In addition, Barby Garage, the Sports field and Barby Meadows Woods remain BTEC assets but are subject to separate lease arrangements, from which a modest rental income is received by the charity.

BTEC continues to support a wide range of community organisations, events and local 'good causes' across the Barby and Onley Parish – not only through the awarding of financial grants, but with its Trustees heavily committing their own free time towards these village activities also.

The charity's income stream has declined a little in recent years, principally due to the expiry / cessation of EC agricultural allowances previously received for the land now renamed Barby Meadow Woods, but continues to consider all reasonable requests for funding and grant support received. This are discussed during our regular monthly / quarterly meetings where a grant application form has been completed and received.

Over the last year grants totalling almost £7,000 have been awarded to a variety of local groups and worthy causes, including:

- Forest school and workshop equipment at Barby Meadow Woods
- New picnic benches at Onley village
- Equipment purchases for Barby School Gardening Club
- Contribution towards Barby Church Fete running costs
- Equipment purchases for Barby Church grounds and mowing volunteers
- Contribution towards a new mobility wheelchair for a young B&O Parish resident
- Parish Young Person's grants x 4
- Evergreens / WI annual coach trip
- Equipment purchases for Barby Wildings Pre-school group
- Grant towards supplies for new Barby Arts & Crafts Club
- Donation towards Barby's annual 'Carols around the Christmas Tree

BTEC is always keen to hear from individuals or groups who might be interested in finding out more about our work (and perhaps getting more involved with us), so please don't hesitate to get in touch if you would like to learn more.

Robert Wilson

Chair of Trustees, Barby Townlands and Educational Charity.

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