

# Edwards & Hinckesman's Foundation

Registered Charity Number 528320

Report to the Parish Electors' Meeting  
29<sup>th</sup> May 2024, 7.30pm at Neen Savage Parish Hall

## **The current Trustees of this Charity are:**

*Reverend W A Buck (ex officio as Vicar of St Mary's Church, Neen Savage)*  
*Mr Peter Dolphin (appointed by Shropshire Council, June 2021)*  
*Mrs Emma Haywood (appointed by Neen Savage Parish Council, June 2021)*  
*Mr Simon Harris (Shropshire Council, appointed June 2021)*  
*Mr Charles Whitworth (appointed by Neen Savage Parish Council, June 2021)*

## **Summary of activity in 2023-24:**

- (1) **Meetings:** the Trustees met in August 2023 to interview applicants for awards; they met again in March 2024 to review the business of the charity and plan fundraising for 2024-25.
- (2) **Grants:** at the August meeting, grants totalling £3,200 were made to 5 young people of the parish, one of them pursuing post-GCSE studies at College, two of them studying for their undergraduate degree at university, and two for Masters qualifications.
- (3) **Charity Commission:** the Foundation's submissions to the Charity Commission are up to date, including the annual accounts. ([www.charitycommission.gov.uk](http://www.charitycommission.gov.uk) , Charity No. 528320).
- (4) **Finances:** income is generated from an investment in the Charities Official Investment Fund (COIF) managed by CCLA; other income is generated from occasional donations and legacies.
- (5) **Fund-raising:** the Trustees are helping to organise the Open Gardens event in the parish on Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> June (2-6pm) in conjunction with the Church. Nine gardens are being opened, a prize draw will take place, and tea and refreshments will be available towards the end of the afternoon. Details will be in the June edition of the Vital Link.
- (6) **Beneficiary network:** the Trustees are actively seeking different ways to help young parishioners transition from education to employment, and they are always keen to hear from former beneficiaries who might be in a position to offer their time or expertise in advising or mentoring young people of the parish, offering work experience or internships.
- (7) **Key dates:** the deadline for applications this year is Monday 1<sup>st</sup> August (application forms are downloadable from the 'Useful Information' / 'Community Grants' tabs of the Parish Council website ( [www.neensavageparishcouncil.org.uk](http://www.neensavageparishcouncil.org.uk) ) or can be requested via e-mail from the Clerk at [edwardshinckesman@gmail.com](mailto:edwardshinckesman@gmail.com) . Interviews will take place in the Parish Hall in the early evening of Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> August 2024.

**Charles Whitworth, Trustee and Clerk**