

## EDUCATIONAL AWARDS from THE RADNAGE CHARITY

The trustees of The Radnage Charity (registered name since September 2024) plan to provide financial awards to children of Radnage residents.

The Charity traces its origins to the Poor Laws passed in the late 16<sup>th</sup> century during the reign of Queen Elizabeth I and established by order of King Charles I in 1631.

With the benefit of endowments of money and land this ancient foundation has the charitable objective of spending all its income (from land rents and investments) in three ways:

- supporting children and young people in education up to the age of 25
- assisting those in need, hardship, distress or poor health
- contributing to the upkeep of the 12<sup>th</sup> century church of St Mary the Virgin, Radnage.

In meeting the charity's educational aims, trustees wish to ensure that its funds are used to benefit the village's young who may not otherwise be able to enjoy the opportunities they deserve.

By realising some of its land assets the charity has greatly increased the income available for distribution. The trustees have determined on expansion of its grant-making to local children and young people and are able to expand the scope for assistance as outlined below. There are two possibilities, grants or bursaries depending on need and circumstances.

### Grants

The initial application process is simple. The child or older student – with help from parents if needed – should apply in writing, setting out the educational purpose for which a contribution could make all the difference. This should be emailed to [charity.clerk@radnage.net](mailto:charity.clerk@radnage.net). The trustees meet 4 times a year – February, June, September and December when applications are discussed. It is helpful if submissions are made in good time for these meetings.

Educational grants have regularly added to the village school's resources in various ways not otherwise funded and have been made individually (and in confidence) to numerous schoolchildren and students in further and higher education. Grants have contributed to facilitate the purchase of books and computers and supported costs associated with courses, camps, sporting events and overseas travel.

### Bursaries

Bursaries are offered as a long-term educational support based on various criteria of need. Awards may be directed towards young people for whom it would not be possible to access aspects of their further education without additional financial support.

Bursaries may also be awarded for children or young people, who have proven abilities, be it academic or extra curricula the pursuit of which is placing a strain on the parents' financial resources.

Any award will be subject to annual review. The likely range of financial support will be from a maximum of £2500 per year for each application for a maximum of 3 years. The Trustees will be guided by compassionate or other relevant considerations.

A bursary application form can be downloaded from the Radnage website <http://www.radnage.net/village-life/the-radnage-charity> or supplied on request to the clerk [charity.clerk@radnage.net](mailto:charity.clerk@radnage.net). Reports may be required to support the application for example from the applicant's current school.

The application and supplementary information should be returned by the end of November (unless information of a course/place is not available by then) preceding entry in the following autumn. The trustees will intend to interview selected candidates well before that, in February or March.

Funds are waiting to be awarded. Asking for support is not asking for charity! It is the charity itself that is asking families to apply.

Parents, do encourage your children to take this initiative as an investment in their own future and gain the satisfaction of making a personal contribution to achieving their individual ambitions.

If you would like to discuss the application process or require any clarification please speak to Lindsay Wilcox on 07831 579384.