CARTWRIGHT, KELSEY AND GODFREY EDUCATIONAL CHARITY

REPORT TO ANNUAL PARISH MEETING 19 APRIL 2021

During the previous year the charity has as usual been able to fund bibles for pupils leaving Ash Primary School as they move to secondary education. The trustees have been pleased to award grants to 5 students moving into higher education to enable them to buy books.

The usual requests for finance towards other educational activities e.g. summer trips for Ash Primary School pupils, and other groups requiring funds for educational projects have not come forward during the periods of lock-down and reduced group activities.

The Trust has much reduced income following FH Browne's leaving the Old School site in The Street. The site has been looked after by the trustees with regular inspections to ensure no significant deterioration of the buildings and no risk to third parties. The insurance of the buildings has been continued.

The trustees have been working towards obtaining planning permission to develop the site and during March 2021 a planning application to sympathetically convert the buildings and site into 5 small dwellings has been submitted to Dover District Council. The trustees are of the opinion that this is the best use of the property and funds raised will enable the trust to secure a regular income from property rental. The process of drawing up plans and arranging surveys has required substantial expenditure.

The funds held in COIF units are considered safe but do not provide significant income.