Richard Addison Charitable Trust

Statement of Purpose

In his will, Richard Addison left half his estate to generate an income to be expended by the Council of the Isles of Scilly 'on welfare purposes... in particular for the benefit of the old folks of the islands'. The Council set up an independent charitable trust to administer the funds in 1994.

The trustees welcome any application designed to support or improve the welfare of island residents aged 60 years or over.

Recent grants have included:

- £900 to cover essential moving expenses;
- £600 to Park House for the provision of dinners and presents at Christmas time;
- £500 towards essential house repairs; and
- £200 to purchase assistive equipment.

Contributions have also been made in the past towards the cost of events and activities that enrich the lives of older residents.

Anyone can submit an application using the Trust's application form (which is shared with the Isles of Scilly Charitable Trust).

Grants will not exceed £1,000 unless exceptional circumstances exist.

Applications requesting support for a particular household may be submitted directly by a member of the household in question or by a professional person acting on their behalf.

The trustees reserve the right to request evidence of spend in the form of receipts or a written statement confirming how funds have been used.

Any funds which have not been used for the intended purpose within 12 months of a grant being made must be returned to the Trust.

The trustees will not consider applications where commercial operators will be the principal beneficiaries unless exceptional circumstances exist.

This statement will be reviewed on an annual basis.

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