

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 have identified two spending priorities:

1. Financial support to address particular cases of hardship, in particular to support or improve the welfare of people in need on the islands aged 60 or over

Applications for people in need may be submitted directly by the individual(s) in question or by another person (e.g. a professional) acting on their behalf.

Applications for people in need aged under 60 should be directed to the Isles of Scilly Charitable Trust rather than the Richard Addison Charitable Trust.

2. Financial support for on-island activities or events that will enrich the lives of local residents, in particular for the benefit of people aged 60 or over.

The trustees will not usually consider applications to support a commercial undertaking.

Applications for activities or events where people aged under 60 will be the principal beneficiaries should be directed to the Isles of Scilly Charitable Trust rather than the Richard Addison Charitable Trust.

General provisions

The Trust welcomes applications falling within the scope of its two spending priorities.

Anyone can submit an application using the Trust's application form.

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

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.

This statement will be reviewed on an annual basis.

Last reviewed: July 2025