

# **A Brief History of the Sheepstor Welfare Charity**

Mrs. Mabel Pennington Breton died on December 16th 1940 in Sussex, she was the widow of the Rev. H.H. Breton, who was Vicar of Sheepstor from 1907- 1922.

She left two legacies of £100 each (this amounted to £90 each after legacy duty had been paid) to be used:

1. For an annual outing of the choir of the Parish of Sheepstor, and
2. For the sick and poor of the Parish of Sheepstor

These legacies were invested to provide a small income. Mr. G. A. Picken was, at that time, Hon. Secretary to the Sheepstor Parochial Church Council, and the records of income and expenditure from 1942 onwards are available for anyone to view.

In 1973 Bill Hopson took over as Secretary for the next 30 years.

In 1979, under instructions from the Charity Commission, the smaller charities were amalgamated and the Sheepstor Welfare Charity was formed to manage the investments, and the terms of reference of the charity were 'to help people in need: the sick and the less well to do of the village of Sheepstor'.

In recent times, the Sheepstor Welfare Charity has decided that it is appropriate to interpret it's Terms of Reference to include people and activities offering a wider support to the community in a way which will benefit the relatively disadvantaged.

The Charity has 5 Trustees. One of them is ex-officio: The Rector, (currently Nick Shutt), two are co-opted by other Trustees (these are currently Peter Legassick and Beverly Mears), two are elected for periods of 4 years (currently Suzanne Scrivener, who is also the secretary/treasurer, and Richard Bayly, who is also the Chair). They meet twice yearly.

The Trustees, between them, try to keep in touch with families in the village, and also some ex-Sheepstor residents and churchgoers, and are able to look widely across the community before making decisions on how to spend income from the investments, but input from the community is very welcome.

The average yearly income for the last five years was £165.

If you are interested in seeing any of the documents or require any further information contact: Sue Scrivener Tel. 01822-854518.