

Annual Report March 2018
for
The United Charities of Heath and Reach
(Charity number 200098)
Known locally as The Allotment Trustees

The two pieces of land named as Old Chapel Close and Copt Hill Poor's Land were granted to parishioners over the centuries to generate an income in order to alleviate poverty in the parish.

There were two different charities managing the land and these charities were 'united' in 1911, hence the title United Charities.

Five United Charities Trustees are appointed by the Parish Council every four years to coincide with the tenure of Parish Councillors.

The current trustees are Anna Inns (Chairman), Ian McCullough, Daniel O'Brien, Rev. Noel McGeeney and Sara Clarkson.

All financial reports for the year ending 30th November 2017 have been filed with The Charities Commission.

The main expense of the charity is that of maintaining the land which includes grass cutting and hedge cutting.

Income is derived from allotment rents and a grant from Natural England for environmental stewardship of the land, although we are unsure about the future of this grant.

The Charity has approximately £1,000 each year to grant to those in need within the village.

During 2017 The United Charities have supported villagers and quarterly luncheons for those living alone.

We welcome applications for support from villagers, which are treated in the strictest confidence.