

POORS PIECE & CLOCKLAND CHARITY

NORTH MARSTON

# Helping Our Community

Registered Charity No 1078582



## ABOUT US

Poors Piece and Clockland Charity is a small charity based in North Marston, Buckinghamshire, with the purposes of serving the residents of our community who may find themselves in need, and contributing towards the maintenance of our historic church building.

## OUR HISTORY

The Charity can trace its origins back to early 17<sup>th</sup> Century, when Clockland is mentioned in an Indenture dated 6<sup>th</sup> December 1616. The first record of tenure for Clockland was in 1708, the tenant being Mr Henry Cheshire. Poor's Allotment was allotted to the Trustees for the Poor in the North Marston Inclosure Act of 1778, and all the separate pieces of Clockland were combined into a single plot at that time as well. The collected rent from

these allotments was used to provide coal and blankets for the poor of the village and also provide funds for the winding and maintenance of the church clock.

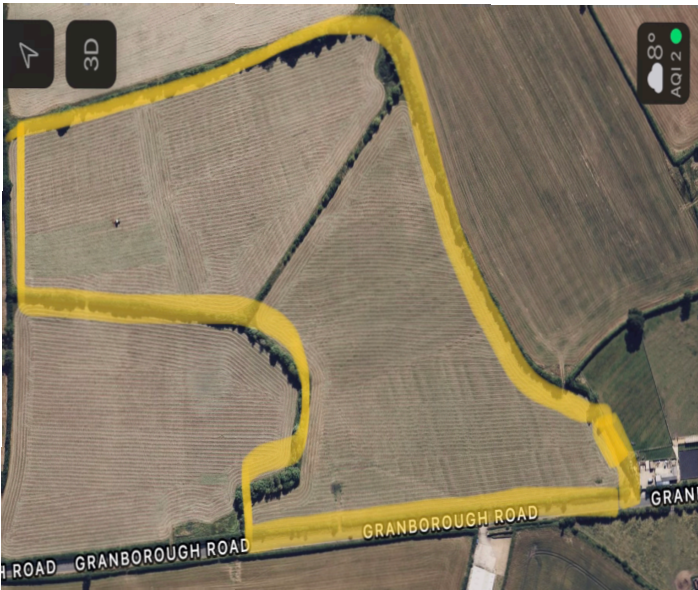
On 17<sup>th</sup> November 1999, the two Charities were joined together to form the Poors Piece & Clockland Charity.

## WHAT DO WE DO?

The Charity owns around 27 acres of land situated off Granborough Road, North Marston. The land is let and the income received from rent is used to help those residents within the parish of North Marston who are in need or experiencing hardship or distress. The charity also continues to contribute towards the maintenance and repair of the fabric of the church and to appropriate causes benefitting the wellbeing of the village community.

In the past, apart from individual grants, we have given grants towards the re-development of the Sportsfield and the refurbishment of the Village Hall; we have paid for a First Aid course for the children at the school and for the defibrillators by the Wesley Centre and the Village Hall. We are committed to using our funds for the benefit of individuals as well as the whole community, to relieve hardship and to help in preserve of our beautiful historic church building.

Our Charity is run by a committee of 7 Trustees, 1 Ex-officio Trustee (the Vicar of North Marston Church), and 6 others who serve for a period of 4 years.



## WHO CAN APPLY FOR A GRANT?

Anyone who is a resident in North Marston, who is in need, or who is experiencing financial hardship or distress is eligible to apply for a grant.

We offer help in the form of small financial grants, or by providing or paying for goods, services or facilities, or by making grants of money to those who can provide these services to the person in need.

In exceptional circumstances, the Trustees may consider a grant for those living outside our village but with a strong connection to our community.

## HOW TO APPLY?

If you are experiencing distress and are wondering if we could help you, please feel free to contact any of our Trustees to talk about your concerns. We treat each enquiry and request for a grant with the utmost confidentiality.

**Further information** on our Grant Making Policy, including a Grant Application Form, can be found on:

**North Marston Parish Council website**  
([www.northmarston.org](http://www.northmarston.org)) or

on **St Mary's Church website**

([www.nmgchurches.co.uk](http://www.nmgchurches.co.uk))

You can also find information about the Charity from:

**Any of the Trustees**

**The Head of North Marston School**

**3WHealth Surgeries**

Once a Grant Application Form has been filled in, please email it to our Secretary, Cynthia Hall, or print it out and hand it to a Trustee.

**We are here for our community, ready to offer help and support to those who face difficult situations.**

## OUR TRUSTEES

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